



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

April 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: April 20, 2023 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kraushaar read the Human Relations Commission's Civility Statement and Chair Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Christopher Paulson, Enisha Clark, Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, and Linda Kyriazi

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.
None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. Chair Freeman approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2023.

MOTION by Kraushaar, SECONDED by Nisim to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2023 as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

STATUS REPORTS

2. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Ambassador Manager Johnthor Hunter will provide a monthly update and introduce Ambassador Caleb Edwards who is being recognized for Above & Beyond job performance.

- Ambassador Caleb Edwards was presented with the Human Relations Commission's Above & Beyond Award for his outstanding contributions as an Ambassador to the Community.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF)

Commissioners will review and vote on the CAGF recommendations from the Joint Ad Hoc Committee that met on March 30, 2023.

Chair Freeman reviewed the process with the Commission:

- The Commission is not making recommendations on specific amounts for the submissions but rather a vote for funding and recommendation to City Council.
- After reviewing and discussing the submitted Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF) submissions, the Commission made the following motions:

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Kaiserman to recommend the program proposed by Affordable Living for the Aging, All Saints' Homeless Assistance Program, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Beverly Hills Active Adult Club, Beverly Hills Community Farm and Beverly Hills CPR for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Kraushaar, SECONDED by Kaiserman to recommend the program proposed by Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHEF), Beverly Hills Theatre Guild, Cancer Support Community Los Angeles, Chai Lifeline West Coast, Collins & Katz Family YMCA and ETTA for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Kaiserman, SECONDED by Nisim to recommend the program proposed by Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles and Our House Grief Support Center for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Kraushaar, SECONDED by Kaiserman not to fund the program proposed by GET OUT (& See Dance!) Beverly Hills, Jewish Free Loan Association and Paingo Corporation for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Margo to recommend the program proposed by Mixed eMotion Theatrix for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Kaiserman, SECONDED by Kruashaar to recommend the program proposed by OPICA Adult Day Program & Counseling Center for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Kraushaar, SECONDED by Freeman to recommend the program proposed by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), Saban Community Clinic, Safe Parking LA, Step Up On Second and The Maple Counseling Center for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Margo, SECONDED by Kaiserman to recommend the program proposed by The Miracle Project, Theatre 40, Tower Cancer Research, Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and Westside Food Bank for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

MOTION by Kaiserman, SECONDED by Kraushaar not to fund the program proposed by West Coast Jewish Theatre for funding by City Council. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

- Christopher Paulson, Interim Human Services Administrator, reminded the Commission that the Ad Hoc, along with staff, will be meeting with the Charitable Solicitations Commission on May 10, 2022 to confirm their findings; then will meet with the Human Relations Commissions Liaison City Council members.

4. Mental Health Awareness

a) Mindfulness Mondays

- Chair Freeman informed the Commission that these events would honor the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. This would be a 5-part video series that would air on Beverly Hills Cable-TV. The instructors would be also attending the Day of Wellness and would be participating for free.

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim to approve Mindfulness Mondays video series to honor Mental Health Awareness Month during the month of May. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

b) Day of Wellness

- Chair Freeman updated the Commission on the Day of Wellness Event. Though originally considered for May, because of the busy events during the month, it was agreed to move to September 2023 and to include both the Recreation & Parks and Health & Safety Commissions.

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim to approve the Day of Wellness from the Human Relations Commission in partnership with the Recreation & Parks and Health & Safety Commissions. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

c) Chair's Mental Health Challenge

- Chair Freeman reviewed and shared the daily affirmations she suggested to the Commission as self-care such as a habit-tracker.
- Commissioners Kaiserman and Kraushaar shared their affirmations.

5. Anti-Hate Initiative

a) Critical Conversations

- Chair Freeman provided an update on the Critical Conversations event scheduled for May 31, 2023, for Jewish American Heritage Month.

b) HRC Book Review

- Vice Chair Margo updated the Commission on the Commission's book event.

After a discussion about the Commission's yearly priorities and events, which included consolidating Day of Giving into Kindness Week, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Margo, SECONDED by Freeman to approve a book read with the City in partnership with Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) and Beverly Hills Public Library with a book to be determined, with a possible August or October 2023 date, and moving the Day of Giving to Kindness Week 2024. (5/0)

AYES: Commissioners Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

6. Administrator's Report

Christopher Paulson, Interim Administrator of Human Services, updated the Commission on the following:

- Manager updates
 - The consultants hired to assist the City with the unhoused, are preparing for a City-wide survey.
- Recreation & Parks Commission Priorities
- Community Services Events
 - April 27, 2023: Beverly Hills Celebrates 100 Years of Independence: Greystone Theatre at Greystone Mansion, 5:30pm & 6:30pm
 - May 4 – 7, 2023, MADE in Beverly Hills, various locations
 - May 14, 2023: Jewish American Heritage Celebration, Farmers' Market, 9am – 1pm
 - May 20 & 21, 2023: 50th Anniversary of Beverly Hills Art Show, Beverly Gardens Park
 - May 22, 2023, Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC) Prom, Roxbury Park Community Center, 1pm – 3pm.
- Community Services Events Calendar
 - Reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair Report

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - First meeting with newly installed Mayor Gold. One of his initiatives is People Helping People.
- b) 2023 Commission Work Plan
- c) Ad Hoc Committees
- d) Review Commission Meeting dates
- e) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

8. Kindness Matters

- Chair Freeman acknowledged staff Christopher Paulson for hitting the ground running in his new position and always finding a compromise which is one of Chair Freeman's definitions of Kindness.

ADJOURNMENT

April 20, 2023 at 10:56 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 18th day of May, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noelle', written over a horizontal line.

Noelle Freeman, Chair