



**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 MINUTES**

July 20, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Freeman read the Civility Statement

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Kraushaar, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman  
Commissioners Absent: Kaiserman  
Staff Present: Christopher Paulson, Patty Acuna, Matt Brown, 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 June 15, 2023.

MOTION by Kraushaar, SECONDED by Nisim to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023 as presented. (4/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kaiserman

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

### Beverly Hills Police Department

Captain Max Subin provided the following update:

- The Beverly Hills Citizen Police Academy Fall 2023 will be accepting applications in August.
- National Night Out 2023 is being held on Tuesday, August 1 from 6pm – 9pm. The 400 block of N. Rexford will be closed off for the event. There will be a K9 Demo so staff requests that you leave your pet at home for their safety and comfort. For more information visit: [beverlyhills.org/NNO](http://beverlyhills.org/NNO)
- Residents are reminded to lock their car doors when left in driveways as 50% of burglaries are unlocked cars.
- The police department offers a vacation watch.
- Crime statistics for the month of June 2023: there has been a slight increase in commercial burglaries and robberies.
- The processes available for filing a complaint against the police were reviewed.

### Beverly Hills School District

The Commission's representative from the School District was unable to attend.

## STATUS REPORTS

### 2. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Ambassador Manager Jonathon Hunter will provide a monthly update.

Jonathon Hunter, Ambassador Manager, along with Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the current staffing of Ambassadors along with their area of coverage.

- With the expansion of duties of the Ambassadors, the team has grown to 16 responding to the needs and requests of Beverly Hills. They are now partnering with both the BHOT and MET Team for unhoused responses.
- They are working with the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) monitoring the after-school program fields.
- The Apricot system is now in place for documentation.
- Three safety escort stories were shared with the Commission.

## PRESENTATIONS

### 3. July is *Parks Make Life Better!*

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, will present the scheduled activities for July. Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, informed the Commission about the history of July being *Parks Make Life Better!* Month in addition to the planned activities:

- National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) celebrates July as Park and Recreation month.
- The July schedule of planned events was reviewed.  
Visit [www.beverlyhills.org/parksmakelifebetter](http://www.beverlyhills.org/parksmakelifebetter) for the complete list of activities and event descriptions.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 4. Anti-Hate Initiative

- a) 2022 Hate Crime in California – report from California Attorney General.  
Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, reviewed the 2022 Hate Crime report in California with the Commission.
  - Unfortunately, there has been an increase in hate crimes in California. This information shows that work still needs to be continued, is valuable and ties in with the work that the Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Freeman and Commissioner Nisim, are working on.
  - Commissioner Nisim reminded the Commission that a number of hate crimes are not reported and one of their goals is to find, share and learn Best Practices in reaction to these situations with our Community and neighboring cities.
  - Commissioner Nisim is working with the City of West Hollywood on sharing ideas and working together.

**5. Mental Health Awareness**

- a) Day of Wellness Update
  - Chair Freeman informed the Commission that the Ad Hoc presented their Day of Wellness event to their City Council liaisons on May 17, 2023 which was fully supported. Staff will be presenting the event to the full City Council on July 25, 2023.
  - Day of Wellness is a collaboration with both the Recreation and Parks and Health & Safety Commissions. The free event is scheduled on September 10, 2023 at Roxbury Park from 10am to 3pm
- b) Chair's Mental Health Challenge
  - Chair Freeman informed the Commission that July is Minority Mental Health Month and highlighted some organizations that are in our Community in addition to being part of our Community Assistant Grant Fund (CAGF) resources: beam.community, thechangingtides.org, colorsyouth.org, bwwla.org, jfsla.org and bienestar.org

**6. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative**

- a) Advocacy & Community Education Update
  - Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, encouraged the community to contact the centralized unhoused hotline number if they encounter someone in need at: 310-285-BHOT (2468)
  - A postcard survey is being mailed out to all residents in Beverly Hills
- b) Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2023 Homeless Count
  - LAHSA announced their Homeless Count for 2023
    - Homelessness is up 9% in Los Angeles County.
    - LAHSA will no longer release individual City data; they will provide the City of Los Angeles and overall county data. Staff has reached out for a meeting.

**7. Beverly Hills Reads!**

- Event flyer and final details for the event on August 27, 2023 will be shared.  
Vice Chair Margo updated the Commission on Beverly Hills Reads! scheduled for Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 11am – noon in City Hall or via Zoom.
- The updated *Beverly Hills Reads!* Lessons in Chemistry, flyer was reviewed.
  - The Commission is partnering with the Beverly Hills Public Library (BHPL) in addition to Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8. Civility Month & Award**

The Embrace Civility Award nomination period was announced and launched at the July 17, 2023 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting. The Commissioners encourage community participation in completing a nomination application. The nomination period closes on Monday, August 21, 2023.

- Nomination forms are available by:
  - Phone: 310-285-1006
  - Online: [beverlyhills.org/embracecivilityaward](https://beverlyhills.org/embracecivilityaward)
  - And submitted to: Human Services – c/o Library Administration, 444 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills CA 90210, or by email to [humanservices@beverlyhills.org](mailto:humanservices@beverlyhills.org)
- The Commission will select the honoree at the September Commission Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**9. Administrator's Report**

a) National Night Out

- 2023 National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 from 6pm – 9pm on the North block of Rexford Drive which will be closed off to traffic.
- The Commissioners will be at the Human Services booth promoting their events in addition to representatives from the outreach teams.

b) Community Services Events:

- Shakespeare By The Sea: The Tragedy of Hamlet, July 26, 2023 Roxbury Park
- Inside the Mansion: July 1 and August 6, 2023, 11am – 3pm
- Beverly Hills Art Walk: August, 6 and September 10, 2023, tours Art in Civic Center Campus
- Concerts on Canon: every Thursday through August 24, 2023, Beverly Canon Gardens
- Beverly Hills Gardening Workshops at Greystone Mansion & Gardens: July 30, August 6, August 12

c) Community Services Event Calendar

- Reviewed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**10. Chair Report**

a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

- Chair Freeman noted that the Architectural and Design Review Commissions are scheduled to be combined.
- The 2022 Water Report has been published.
- The promotion of the *Parks Make Life Better!* events.

b) 2023 Commission Work Plan – Revised

c) Ad Hoc Committees

d) Review Commission Meeting dates

- A reminder that the Commission motioned to go dark in August 2023.

e) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

**11. Kindness Matters**

- Commissioner Nisim shared a story about completing the *Beverly Hills Reads!* book, *Lessons in Chemistry*, on a recent flight and after discussing the book with the flight attendant, passed the book on to her to enjoy.

## ADJOURNMENT

July 20, 2023 at 10:08 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 21st day of September, 2023



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Noelle Freeman, Chair