



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**

September 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: September 21, 2023 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Pam Kraushaar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Freeman read the Civility Statement

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Kraushaar, Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman
Commissioners Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Christopher Paulson, Enisha Clark, Patty Acuna, Stephanie Harris, Matthew Brown 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 July 20, 2023.

MOTION by Nisim, SECONDED by Kaiserman to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023 as presented. (5/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Police Department

Lieutenant Evans provided an update:

- Reviewed the statistics for the months of July & August, 2023
- Provided an update on the mental health evaluation team (MHET). A Los Angeles County clinician has joined the team with an additional one joining October 16, 2023.
- Their Explorer Program is open for youths and offers career enhancing hands on experience.
- The Police Department will have a booth at the City's Next Night event being held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 4pm – 9pm.
- Wednesday, September 27, 2023 is the Beverly Hills Police Gala being held at the Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills.
- Wednesday, October 4, 2023, is the next Coffee with the Cops gathering being held at the Starbucks on South Beverly Drive between 8am – 10am.
- The Beverly Hills Police and Fire joined West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, LA County Fire, LA City Fire, Los Angeles Police in thanking the first responders of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center whose tireless work continues to keep the community safe. This will continue to be a monthly event.

Beverly Hills School District

Beverly Hills Board of Education member, Dr. Amanda Stern, provided an update on the following:

- The Beverly Hills Unified high school team were instructed on the signs of depression.
- The BHUSD Board was treated to a tour of El Rodeo Elementary School since the school has been offline due to construction. Staff felt it was stunning as original features were kept.
- The District is involved in the Not Today Cancer run to support pediatric Cancer. The annual 5k run is being held on October 15, 2023 and will tour the streets of Beverly Hills.

STATUS REPORTS

2. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Ambassador Manager Jonathon Hunter will provide a monthly update and introduce Ambassador Debra Harris who is being recognized for Above & Beyond job performance.

- Jonathon Hunter, Ambassador Manager, provided the monthly highlights of referrals to the Outreach Team.
- Ambassador Debra Harris, who is celebrating her one-year anniversary with the Ambassador Program, was presented with the Human Relations Commission's Above & Beyond Award for her outstanding job performance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Embrace Civility Month & Award

Enisha Clark, Human Services Outreach Manager, reviewed the process in nominating and selecting the Embrace Civility Award winner. The criteria to nominate a group or individual in the Community in any or all of the following:

- Acts as a role model of positive behavior
- Takes a stand in support of respect and responsible actions
- Promotes positive neighbor to neighbor relations

The Commissioners proceed to relay their top three choices. A tally was created with a 1st and 2nd place selected.

The vote was tallied with the following agreed up conclusion:

- First Place is Nominee #1
- Second Place is Nominee #21
- Third Place is Nominee #15
- The 2023 Embrace Civility Award winner will be announced and presented at the October 17, 2023 City Council meeting.

4. Beverly Hills Reads! – Event Recap

Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, provided an update on the successful Beverly Hills Reads! event that was held on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at City Hall which included the survey results.

5. Mental Health Awareness

a. Day of Wellness – Event Recap

- Enisha Clark, Human Services Outreach Manager, reviewed the Commission's successful first Day of Wellness event that was held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at Roxbury Park and Community Center.
- The Community Survey with Feedback was reviewed for future events.
- The sessions that Beverly Hills Cable-TV recorded will be airing on Beverly Hills Television. The schedule can be located online.

b. Chair's Mental Health Challenge

- Chair Freeman commented on the questions she was asked about their Day of Wellness and the Senior Health Fair.
- Chair Freeman additionally wanted to comment on what mental health is as our physical benchmarks are discussed but not our mental ones. The two factors that play a role in our mental health are Agency & Gratitude and identifying them.

6. Anti-Hate Initiative

Commissioner Nisim provided a short update.

- The ad hoc provided an update regarding their research and discovery phase.
- Commissioners attended the Commission Meeting for the California State Commission on Hate.
- The State's Commission has created California vs. Hate as an online resource to encourage people to report hate crimes either online or via a hotline: 1-833-8NO-HATE.
- The ad hoc will additionally be addressing the increase in hate crimes during election years, which will be coming up in 2024, and how they affect mental health
- November 12–18, 2023 is United Against Hate Week. The ad hoc will be returning to the October Commission meeting with some ideas for that November week.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

7. Administrator's Report

a) National Night Out Recap

- Staff reviewed National Night and shared photos of the Commission at their booth.

b) Community Services Events:

- The Great Outdoors At Greystone, Saturday September 23, 2023, 11am – 4pm
Greystone Mansion & Gardens

c) Community Services Event Calendar

- Reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair Report

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
 - Reviewed
 - National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15 for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans.
- b) 2023 Commission Work Plan – Revised
- 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

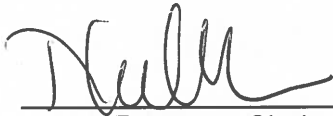
9. Kindness Matters

- Chair Freeman acknowledged and honored Vice Chair Erica Felsenthal from the Health & Safety Commission for her kindness in addition to her generosity.

ADJOURNMENT

September 21, 2023 at 10:25 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 19th day of October, 2023



Noelle Freeman, Chair

