



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

CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 13, 2023 / 09:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Galen, Smith, Vice-Chair Lipton, Chair Melamed
Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Friedman
Staff Present: Captain Max Subin, Rocio Kershenbaum

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of the regular meeting of November 8, 2023.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Galen, SECONDED by Vice-Chair Lipton to approve the minutes with corrections (4-0).

AYES: Commissioner Galen, Smith, Friedman, Chair Melamed

ABSENT: Commissioner Friedman

NOES: None

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2. Statement of the United States Memorial Museum Exemption from Permits Requirements Review

Vice-Chair Lipton provided an overview of the United States Memorial Museum Exemption statement. The United States Memorial Museum stated that the organization is exempt from permit requirements as it is a federal organization. Commissioners agreed with the exception explanation.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Permit requests within the Normal and 15-day Filing Period – Items are 501(c)(3) organizations

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Smith, SECONDED by Commissioner Galen to adopt the permits as presented (4-0)
AYES: Commissioners Galen, Smith, Vice-Chair Lipton, Chair Melamed
ABSENT: Commissioner Friedman
NOES: None

CARRIED

STATUS REPORTS

4. Financial Statements of completed permits for review.

- a) 2022-133 The Regents of the University of California
- b) 2022-144 The Regents of the University of California
- c) 2023-021 Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund
- d) 2023-088 Children's Chain of Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- e) 2023-111 Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation
- f) 2023-115 Los Angeles Team Mentoring, Inc.
- g) 2023-128 Prager University Foundation

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - a) Mayor Cabinet's Meeting

The Arts and Culture Commission celebrated its 50th Art Show, and applications for Spring are now open. Also, the Greystone Mansion had numerous events in the last couple of months.

The Architectural Commission reviewed and approved facades for Van Cleef & Arpels, Dolce and Gabbana, and US Bank, as well as two residential projects.

The Human Relations Commission celebrated Civility Month in October. The 2023 honorary was the Education Foundation President.

The Health and Safety Commission is offering low-cost fire extinguishers. They are also focusing on the recovery from COVID-19, the mental health aspect of it, and its effect on residents.

The Design Commission reviewed and approved two projects with amendments at 527 North Arden and 503 North Elm.

The Cultural Heritage Commission recommended David Orgell to the City Council to receive a Golden Shield Award.

The Rent Stabilization Commission is reviewing and amending a proactive inspection program.

The Recreation and Parks Commission had several events at the farmers' market. In addition, the 13th Annual Doggie Daze and the Thanksgiving Senior Lunch at Roxbury Park.

Public Works shared that the residents have been very well composting. They are looking at installing two water wells at La Cienega Park. La Nina is coming next year; therefore, they are trying to capture as much water as possible.

The Planning Commission is discussing extended operational hours at the Sixty Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, and L'Ermitage Hotel.

Mayors Report

Mayor Gold is discussing the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee for the World Cup and Olympics and is considering creating a list of jargon used in each Commission.

Good Shepard celebrated its 100th Year, and the City Council was there to celebrate this milestone.

The Golden Globes will be back in Beverly Hills on January 7, 2024, on CBS. Prepare for significant road closures.

Mayor Gold plans to expand the Nurse Practitioner Program through the Fire Department.

The City has been under heightened security since the 10/7 Attacks in Israel. They are being vigilant because of their outspokenness against antisemitism. There is additional security in synagogues and public gatherings.

Mayor Gold thanked all outgoing Chairs, including Chair Melamed, for their service.

- Other items, brief announcements, requests for information, and brief reports on activities

Commissioners thanked Chair Melamed for her hard work and dedication to the Commission as a Chair. Chair Melamed thanked everyone for their kind words.

Chair Melamed shared that the new web-based financial statements are now live and that a communication was sent to all organization contacts to make them aware of the change.

In conjunction with the Charitable Solicitation Commission, the Beverly Hills Police Department posted a note on social media warning the community on how to avoid scams.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Captain Subin briefed the Commission on the following:

- Since the Israel events on October 7, the Police Department has been ensuring they are visible, prepared, and ready if any issues arise.
- Relationships with State, LA County, and Federal partners are instrumental to the effectiveness of intelligence and prosecution.
- Traffic will be affected by the Golden Globes Event. BHPD is prepared, and residents are being contacted electronically, via flyers and word of mouth.
- The PD trailers have been strategically placed throughout the City to ensure visibility and patrolling.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

5. List of Commission Policies
6. List of Organizations That Have Net Proceeds Less Than 50% of Total Receipts from Their Charitable Events
7. Organizations Publicizing Fundraising Events in Beverly Hills Without a Permit
8. Overdue Financial Statements for Solicitations Permitted in 2022
9. Overdue Financial Statements for Solicitations Permitted in 2023
10. Financial Statement Log for 2022, numerical order
11. Financial Statement Log for 2022, alphabetical order
12. Financial Statement Log for 2023, numerical order
13. Financial Statement Log for 2023, alphabetical order

ADJOURNMENT

Date/Time: December 13, 2023 / 9:27 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
This 10th of January 2024



Kevin Lipton, Chair