



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

**CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 10, 2024 / 09:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Melamed, Galen, Smith, Vice-Chair Friedman,
Chair Lipton

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.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

1. Water and Wastewater Rates Discussion – Director of Public Works, Shana Epstein

Director of Public Works Shana Epstein and Utilities General Manager Rob Welsh provided a briefing about the Beverly Hills Proposed Water Rate Changes. They noted that they came to brief the Commissioners, as they are leaders in the community, and many residents reach out to them with questions. Ms. Epstein shared that a notice regarding proposed water rate changes has been mailed to all Beverly Hills residents. Ms. Epstein explained that the notice is a legal document that shares the highlights and summarizes the proposed changes in water and wastewater rates.

After the presentation, Ms. Epstein answered the Commissioner's questions and encouraged residents to call Public Customer Service at 310-285-2467 if they had any questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

YES: Commissioner Melamed, Galen, Smith, Chair Lipton

ABSTAIN: Vice-Chair Friedman

NOES: None

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion: MOVED by Vice-Chair Friedman, SECONDED by Commissioner Galen to adopt the permits as presented (5-0)

AYES: Commissioners Melamed, Galen, Smith, Vice-Chair Friedman, Chair Lipton

NOES: None

CARRIED

STATUS REPORTS

4. Financial Statements of completed permits for review.

- a) 2022-132 The Regents of the University of California
- b) 2023-006 Beverly Hills Police Officers Benevolent Fund
- c) 2023-041 Harmony Project
- d) 2023-048 UCLA Foundation
- e) 2023-068 Crohn and Colitis Foundation of America
- f) 2023-082 UCLA Foundation
- g) 2023-096 Tower Cancer Research Foundation
- h) 2023-098 Holocaust Museum LA
- i) 2023-114 A Place Called Home
- j) 2023-126 The Junior League of Los Angeles, Inc.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - a) Mayor Cabinet's Meeting
January 8: The Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was cancelled.
- Other items, brief announcements, requests for information, and brief reports on activities

Chair Lipton reminded all about the new web-based financial statements instituted by former Chair Melamed. He asked the Commissioners to note any adjustments or errors that could be improved in the next few months. After that, staff will contact IT to see if adjustments can be incorporated to make financial statement forms more efficient.

All Commissioners welcomed Chair Lipton.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Captain Subin briefed the Commission on the following:

- Captain Subin welcomed Chair Lipton.
- There was nothing to report on the Golden Globes, as no significant traffic issues existed.
- Vanity Fair will occur in March; South Santa Monica Ave. will close for the event.

- PD is looking into new technology to enhance security.
- Captain Subin asked the Commissioners to remind their friends and family to lock their doors and turn their alarms on. These simple things are proven to deter thefts.

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: January 10, 2024 / 9:50 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
This 14th of February 2024



Kevin Lipton, Chair