



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**

December 15, 2022
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 15, 2022 / 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Freeman read the Human Relations Commission's Civility Statement

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patricia Acuna; Rachel L. Evans, Enisha Clark, Christopher Paulson, 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 moved up Tab #5 to accommodate presenter.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2022.
2. Resolution of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same.
Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Human Relations Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

MOTION by Nisim, SECONDED by Margo to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (4/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Beverly Hills Police Department

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on the following:

- Friday after Thanksgiving there were no significant incidents.
- Motor vehicles break-ins are down; a reminder not to leave unattended valuables in your vehicles and lock your doors.
- The Golden Globes awards are taking place January 10, 2023 which is considered a large scale event.

Beverly Hills Unified School District

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

- A significant decrease in bullying trends from 2018 to 2022 has been reported.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. FY 2023-24 Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF)

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, provided an update:

- The 2023-24 CAGF application was available online on December 1, 2022 at beverlyhills.org/cagf and the current participants have been notified.
- Applicants can additionally call or email the Human Services office.
- The deadline is January 23, 2023.

4. 2023 Kindness Week Planning

Ad hoc members, Vice Chair Margo and Commissioner Kaiserman provided an update on the proposed schedule:

- Sunday, February 12, 2023, Kindness Week will begin with a booth at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market. At least one cancer charity will be supported.
- Monday, February 13, 2023: 250 cards will be made by the Beverly Hills School District to be distributed at retirement homes. Possibly bring new seniors to attend the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club (BHAAC) senior dance to introduce them to the club.
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Storytime with the Beverly Hills Public Library.
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Be Kind to the Earth. Coordinate a "walk to school" Wednesday.
- Thursday & Friday, February 16 & 17, 2023: *In the Business of Kindness* – coordinated visits to local businesses offering unique specials.
- The draft flyer, which includes a QR code, was reviewed.
- Discussion of additional marketing along with projected budget was discussed.

5. Mental Health Awareness

Dr. Marianne Callahan, Clinical Director from The Maple Counseling Center (TMCC), presented to the Commission the various affordable, accessible, low-fee psychotherapy programs they provide. The Maple Counseling Center has been a long-standing Community Assistance Grant Fund partner and remains an established leader in community mental health as they just celebrated their 50th year in the City of Beverly Hills.

- The past three years these services have been provided via Telehealth due to the pandemic.
- Their offices have relocated to 1945 La Cienega Boulevard in Los Angeles.

6. Beverly Hills Unified School District Engagement Project
Tabled.

7. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative

Enisha Clark, Human Services Specialist, confirmed with the Commission the centralized telephone number 310-285-2468, that spells out BHOT (Beverly Hills Outreach Team). That number is staffed 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, for any homeless issue and assistance.

- A team member will be dispatched to assist with each call by engaging and offering services such as shelters or transportation.
- The 2023 Homeless Count is scheduled for January 25, 2023. Along with, The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), this count will inform the City how many unhoused are camping in the City of Beverly Hills.
- In-house staff will be organizing and conducting the count.

8. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative

Chair Freeman updated the Commission on the next DEI Critical Conversations event which is entitled: The State of Woman's Rights in Modern Society.

- A panel style of speakers is being created with a holding date of February 9, 2023.
- A diverse range of female voices will be represented on the panel.
- Commissioner Nisim would like for the Commission to create something similar along the lines of the anti-hate recommendation to City Council in regards to the bill that California Representative Richard Bloom created for the State of California by identifying existing tools, resources and trainings that have been proven successful in other cities and states where the Commission can work with educating the Community on hate issues.
- Chair Freeman suggested three different areas to address: the 211 County hate hotline, training on how to address and respond to hate, and how does a community come together.
- Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, informed the Commission to include this in their 2023 work plan and priority settings.

9. Kindness Matters

No reports for this month.

STATUS REPORTS

10. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Johnthor Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager, updated the Commission on the following:

- The Ambassador Team had several outreach referrals last month and two of these successful stories were shared with the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair Report

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- b) Review Commission Meeting dates
- c) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
 - Chair Freeman, along with the rest of the Commission, thanked Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, for her service with the Commission in addition to the City of Beverly Hills and shared a video that the Commission created.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

12. Administrator's Report

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, update the Commission on the following:

Menorah Lighting Celebration:

- Monday, December 19, 2022, 6pm – 7pm, Beverly Gardens Park Lily Pond

Business with Bosse:

- Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 5pm – 6:30pm, The Belvedere at The Peninsula Hotel

Live with Lili:

- Monday, January 9, 2023, 7pm – 8pm, City Hall Municipal Gallery

Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, introduced Christopher Paulson, Recreation Services Manager, who will be joining the Human Services Division as Interim Human Services Administrator.

13. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items Reviewed

ADJOURNMENT

December 15, 2022 at 10:37 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 19th day of January, 2023



Noelle Freeman, Chair