



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**

June 15, 2023
9:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: June 15, 2023 / 9:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Amanda Stern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Kaiserman 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, Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna,
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.

Via Zoom, David Gingold commented on the Ambassadors and requested their coverage be extended to Olympic Boulevard on an as needed basis. Ruth and Omolara Odofin commented on the Police Department.

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 May 18, 2023.

MOTION by Kraushaar, SECONDED by Vice Chair Margo to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 18, 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 crime statistics and response times from prior months
- June 14th Coffee with the Cops had a successful turnout
- July 10-14, 2023, Summer Camp for ages 10 -12, is booked to capacity
- August 1, 2023 is National Night Out
- September 7 – October 26, 2023 is Citizen's Academy

Beverly Hills School District

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

- Thanked the Commission for their Mission of Civility and Anti-Hate in addition to celebrating Pride Month.
- A panel has been organized to address issues of bullying in the school district.
- Summer School has begun and is mainly virtual.
- Middle School will soon have the Bulldog Wellness Center.
- Submitting proposals for the Golden Bell Awards from the California School Board Association.

STATUS REPORTS

2. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program

Ambassador Manager Jonathon Hunter will provide a monthly update.

- Ambassador Manager Jonathon Hunter relayed to the Commission a number of success stories of Ambassadors providing safety escorting and hospitality services.
- Chair Freeman requested a group photo of the Ambassadors so the Commission can identify them by name.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Music Forward

The City of Beverly Hills partnered with Music Forward Foundation to kickoff the Concerts on Canon series with a special Pride Night with featured LGBTQ+ Emerging Artist, Leopold Nunan & Kymistry. A representative of Music Forward Foundation will provide a presentation to highlight the work of the foundation.

- Adrian Flores, Director of Marketing for Music Forward Foundation, informed the Commission on the work they provide.
- Music Forward programs provide information, tools, access and opportunities to high-school and college-aged young people. The programs help break the barriers of gender, poverty and race and are designed to spark discovery, chart careers and define pathways to success in the music industry.
- Information can be located at their website: <https://musicforwardfoundation.org/>

CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. Anti-Hate Initiative

a) Update on Anti-Hate Initiative

- Commissioner Nisim provided an update on the scheduled meetings that include the City of West Hollywood and Los Angeles to understand what their focus is along with their experiences.

- The State's Commission on Hate has brought up new analytics for the numbers on different hate crimes throughout the State of California.
 - Chair Freeman advise the Commission to review the summary of the Anti-Hate Summary that was provided.
 - b) Event Review: Critical Conversations – Jewish American Heritage Month
 - Staff review the successful Critical Conversations event that was held on May 31, 2023 titled: *The Jewish Contribution to the American Fabric of Life*.
5. Mental Health Awareness
- a) Program Review: Mindfulness Mondays
 - All the past programs can be viewed at: beverlyhills.org/mindfulnessmondays
 - b) Day of Wellness Update
 - Chair Freeman update the Commission on the Day of Wellness Event scheduled for September 10, 2023 and includes both the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Health & Safety Commission. The concept was approved by the City Council Ad Hoc and will move forward to City Council at a July 2023 meeting.
 - c) Chair's Mental Health Challenge
 - Chair Freeman shared with the Commission statistics about an increase in mental health issues in our youth during the time of Covid. Cutting back on social media has been suggested.
6. Community Assistance Grant Funding (CAGF)
- Enisha Clark, Human Services Outreach Manager, provided an update on the Community Services 2023 – 2024 Grant Fund.
- At the June 6, 2023 City Council Meeting, staff presented the joint ad hoc recommendations for CAGF Funding for 2023 – 2024; all the recommendations were approved.
 - Staff thanked the Ad Hoc members for their hard work reviewing applications and making recommendations during this process.
7. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative
- a) Advocacy & Community Education Update

Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the coordinated homeless outreach efforts including the latest developments of the San Vicente Inside Safe Operation.

 - Staff noticed fencing, along with nursery trees being planted in the San Vicente median.
 - Los Angeles Mayor Bass has housed another 40 people in the Chatsworth area.
 - 310-285-2468 Hotline which is answered 24/7.
 - If the issue is an immediate threat or danger, dial 911.
 - b) Unhoused Liaison Meeting & Draft Unhoused Plan Update
 - June 22, 2023 at 11am is staff's Liaison meeting regarding the Unhoused where staff will be providing updates on enhanced services for the Unhoused.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Beverly Hills Reads!

Vice Chair Margo provided an update on the Beverly Hills Reads! Project scheduled for Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 11am in City Hall where author Bonnie Garmus will speak and take questions from a live audience via Zoom about her book, *Lessons in Chemistry*.

- The Beverly Hills Public Library will be offering three sessions for teens to discuss the selected book during their Teen Book Club.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Administrator's Report

Christopher Paulson, Human Services Administrator, provided updates on the following Community Services Events:

- Make Music Day Beverly Hills: June 21, 2023, Various locations
- 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: July 9, August, 6 and September 10, 2023, tours Art in Civic Center Campus
- Concerts on Canon, every Thursday through August 24, 2023, Beverly Canon Gardens

Community Services Event Calendar

- Reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

10. Chair Report

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- 2023 Commission Work Plan – Revised
- Ad Hoc Committees
- Review Commission Meeting dates

MOTION by Chair Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim for the Human Relations Commission to go dark in August 2023. (5/0)

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED

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

- Staff thanked Vice Chair Margo for assisting at last Sunday's Farmers' Market by agreeing to be a judge at their Piesta pie baking event.

11. Kindness Matters

ADJOURNMENT

June 15, 2023 at 10:03 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 20th day of July, 2023



Noelle Freeman, Chair