



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

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 20, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: October 20, 2022 / 9:01 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Nisim led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Freeman read the Human Relations Commission's Civility Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman

Commissioners Absent: Kaiserman

Staff Present: Patricia Acuna; Rachel L. Evans, Enisha Clark, Linda Kyriazi

Commissioner Kaiserman arrived at 9:09 a.m.

**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. Staff requested Tab #3 be moved closer to the 10:15 a.m. time in addition to Tab 6 being moved upon the arrival of guest speakers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 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. (3/0)

AYES: Nisim, Vice Chair Margo, Chair Freeman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Kaiserman  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

### Beverly Hills Police Department

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on the following:

- Halloween Safety Tips.
- Misuse of Fentanyl and the dangers associated with this drug.
- The Police are equipped with Narcan, which is a drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

### Beverly Hills Unified School District

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

- School Administrations are equipped and trained on the Narcan drug.
- Videos have been shown to the students regarding the Fentanyl crisis.
- The middle school has been organizing multi-cultural days which includes dancing, cooking along with community members attending.
- October 19, 2022 was Bullying Awareness Day so students wore orange in unity.

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 3. 2022 Annual Great ShakeOut

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, reviewed with the Commission the annual Great ShakeOut where the City of Beverly Hills joins the State of California in participating in the Great California Shakeout drill taking place on October 20, 2022 at 10:20 a.m.

- The Commission, along with staff, participated in the Great ShakeOut.
- The Commission asked for updated information on best practices during an earthquake.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 4. Civility Month

October is Civility Month and Chair Freeman thanked the ad hoc committee Vice Chair Margo and Commissioner Kaiserman for organizing the October 23, 2022 Day of Giving where donations are being collected at the City's Farmers' Market.

### 5. Embrace Civility Award

The 2022 Embrace Civility Award recipient will be announced and recognized at the November 1, 2022 City Council Meeting.

**6. Mental Health Awareness**

Josh Goldman, Grants Manager for Our House Grief Support Center, provided an overview of their grief support services available to the community. Our House is a Beverly Hills Community Assistance Grant recipient.

**7. Beverly Hills Unified School District Engagement Project**  
Tabled.

**8. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative**

Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, reminded the public if they come across someone who needs outreach services to please contact the Beverly Hills Outreach Team at 310-487-0313.

- The City's Ambassadors are located in the Business Triangle and South Beverly Drive area in addition to being reached at 424-302-1487.
- The City is still working on a centralize number.

**9. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative**

Chair Freeman updated the Commission on the next Critical Conversations series which will be centered around Woman's Rights and will be more of a panel conversation with attendees.

- Commissioner Nisim informed the Commission that speakers are being considered in addition to coordinating the best date.

**10. Kindness Matters**

Chair Freeman acknowledged Enisha Clark, Human Services Specialist, wishing her a happy birthday in addition to thanking her for her contributions to the Commission with her civility and diplomacy.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**11. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

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

- Trend of new transients entering the business triangle continues to increase. The majority of these individuals are camping in the parking structures which explains the increase in the camping statistic. Outreach services are offered to these individuals.
- The month of September had nine referrals to the Outreach Team.
- Hospitality interactions have increased for the month.
- Chair Freeman requested a yearly comparison chart.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**12. Chair Report**

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
  - Reviewed
- b) Review Commission Meeting dates
  - Reviewed

- c) Good and Welfare. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
  - Chair Freeman commended Mayor Bosse along with City Council for all of their work with the news on Iran that was voice at the last City Council Meeting. The Human Relations Commission has an anti-hate statement and encourages the public to revisit it.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**13. Administrator's Report**

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

- Beverly Hills Art Show
- Business with Bosse
- Live with Lili
- Next Night Street Festival with Teen Halloween
- Reel Conversations at the Library, Beverly Hills Public Library Movie Discussion Series
- Fall Funtastic Harvest Festival
- Doggy Daze 90210

**14. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items**

- Reviewed

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

October 20, 2022 at 10:14 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 17th day of November, 2022

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Noelle Freeman, Chair