



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
January 20, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: January 20, 2022 / 9:00 a.m.

Chair Sharp read the Civility Statement.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER:** Rose Kaiserman  
City Clerk Huma Ahmed swore in new Human Relations Commissioner

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Kaiserman, Nisim, Margo, Vice Chair Freeman, Chair Sharp

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuna, Rachel L. Evans, Enisha Clark, 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 Sharp approved the Agenda as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2021.
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 Freeman, SECONDED by Kaiserman to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (5/0)

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

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

### Beverly Hills Police Department

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on the following:

- During the month of December, theft reports were high. A reminder that during the holiday season, do not leave your shopping bags visible in your vehicle.
- Residents may contact the police to keep an eye on the area of their home if they're going to be away for a period of time.
- Police staff continues to meet with Human Services to address the issues of homelessness.
- The Chief of Police, Mark Stainbrook, met with ADL (Anti-Defamation League) because of the events that have occurred nation-wide. ADL has called a press conference on Friday, January 21, 2022, 10:00am at Temple Emanuel which will include police staff.

### Beverly Hills Unified School District

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

- The School District has a great success rate on the early decision admissions to college roster.
- Hawthorne School is organizing a Kids Heart Challenge on in coordination with the American Heart Association.
- The Beverly Hills Fire Department trained desired students at Beverly Vista Middle School with CERT Training.

## PRESENTATIONS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 3. 2022-2023 Human Relations Commission Work Plan

Rachel Evans, Interim Human Services Administrator, presented the Human Relations Commission's 2022-2023 Work Plan for review and adoption. Commissioners were reminded when selecting a new work plan to consider the following questions:

- Is it a function of municipal government?
- Does it fall within the Commission's purview?
- Does it speak directly to the mission?

After reviewing the ongoing Commission programming, Chair Sharp spoke about a proposed new project: Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Engagement Project.

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim to approve the You're Taught to Hate initiative for the Commissions 2022-2023 work plan with a film in partnership with the BHUSD. (5/0)

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

Chair Sharp suggested that George Nicholas attend the next Commission meeting.  
Commissioner Margo suggested a more positive title.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

4. FY 2022-23 Community Assistance Grant Fund (CAGF)  
Rachel Evans, Interim Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the 2022-2023 Community Assistant Grant Fund (CAGF) process.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, February 2, 2022 or submitted by email to [humanservices@beverlyhills.org](mailto:humanservices@beverlyhills.org) by 5pm.

5. 2022 Kindness Week Planning  
Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, updated the Commission on the draft calendar that the Ad Hoc created for Kindness Week which runs from Sunday, February 13, 2022 until Saturday, February 19, 2022.

MOTION by Freeman, SECONDED by Nisim to use the GoBo Projection in addition to the parking lot Sandwich Boards and Banners across the City during Kindness Week. (4/1)  
AYES: Kaiserman, Nisim, Vice Chair Freeman, Chair Sharp  
NOES: Margo  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
PASSED

6. Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative  
Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, updated the Beverly Hills Homeless Initiative with the Commission.
- On January 14, 2022, staff was notified by LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) that the January 2022 Homeless Count has been postponed to February 22-24, 2022. Beverly Hills' count will occur February 23, 2022.
  - At this time, Human Services plans to work with internal staff only due to safety precautions.
  - A reminder to contact the Beverly Hills Outreach Team (BHOT) at 310-487-0313 if their services are requested or the Beverly Hills Ambassadors, who service the business triangle, at 424-302-1487.

7. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awareness Initiative  
Enisha Clark, Interim Clinical Program Coordinator, informed the Commission that the Ad Hoc met on the proposed quarterly speaker series entitled, *Critical Conversations*.
- Vice Chair Freeman updated the Commission on the speaker in addition to the suggested date, time and virtual platform.

**8. Inter-Commission Collaboration: Embrace & Celebrate Culture**

Rachel Evans, Interim Human Services Administrator, updated the Commission on the Inter-Commission Collaboration: *Embrace & Celebrate Culture*:

- From December 2, 2021 through February 2, 2022, the latest pop-up exhibit from the City's Visions of the Future exhibition opened at the City-owned space at 445 N Canon Drive, featuring artwork by artist Kevin Hees.
- This was a partnership of the Arts and Culture Commission, the Human Relations Commission and the Next Beverly Hills Committee.
- Vice Chair Freeman stated that she, along with Commissioner Margo, have received submissions from potential artists from the Next Beverly Hills Committee.

**9. Kindness Recognition**

This Kindness item allows Commissioners the opportunity to highlight Acts of Kindness that have occurred within the City of Beverly Hills.

- Vice Chair Freeman recognized former Commissioner Karen Popovich Levyn who helped create Kindness Week.
- Commissioner Margo recognized Dion Jackson who creates birthday collages for members of the community celebrating their special day and posts them on social media.
- Chair Sharp recognized City employee Enisha Clark for her hard work in addition to her kindness.

**STATUS REPORTS**

**10. Beverly Hills Ambassador Program**

Johnthon Hunter, Beverly Hills Ambassadors Operations Manager, reviewed the latest statistics with the Commission. The changes in statistics from November to December, 2021 were discussed:

- There has been an increase in camping in the City parking structures.
- In December 2021, there was a 19% increase in camping. These individuals were provided outreach and were connected to the appropriate City staff if interested.
- Aggressive panhandling has been occurring in the Canon Drive area. There has been a decrease in passive panhandling.
- Outreach has increased by 178% in addition to 113% more calls for service.
- A housing success story was shared which came from an Ambassador working with the Outreach Team.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**11. Chair Report**

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
  - Reviewed
- b) Review Commission Meeting dates
  - Reviewed
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
  - Vice Chair Freeman welcomed new Commissioner Rose Kaiserman in addition to congratulation Chair Sharp on running her first meeting.
  - Commissioner Margo requested inviting Ali Norman-Franks, who founded the Beverly Hills High School's NormanAid Wellness Center (NAWC), which is one of the nation's

first school based mental health centers, attend a future meeting to discuss what they did for Kindness Week in addition to a future collaboration.

MOTION by Margo, SECONDED by Sharp to invite mental health Director Ali Norman-Franks, from Beverly Hills High School, to come and present and work on a possible future collaboration with the Human Relations Commission in March 2022. (5/0)

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

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

#### 12. Administrator's Report

- Wellness Wednesdays will continue with new programming
- Beverly Hills Library Grab & Go Service – new temporary hours
- Frieze Week in Beverly Hills, launching February 17, 2022

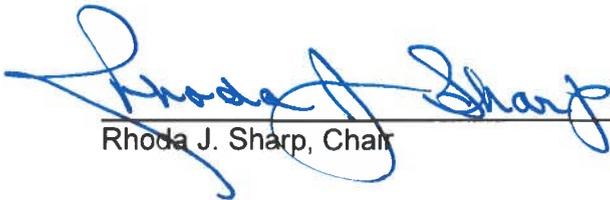
#### 13. Overview of Current and Pending Agenda Items

- Review

### ADJOURNMENT

January 20, 2022 at 10:56 a.m.

Passed and Approved this 17 day of February, 2022



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Rhoda J. Sharp, Chair