



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

October 18, 2012
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, Room 280-A
9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Pease, Linder, Nazarian, Ginsburg, Sherman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Kahn, Kyriazi

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2012:

MOTION by Nazarian, SECONDED by Linder to approve as presented (4/0)

AYES: Pease, Linder, Nazarian, Sherman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ginsburg
ABSTAIN:
CARRIED

Vice Chair Ginsburg arrived at 9:34pm.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Wendy Hughes, the City's National Urban Fellow for this year, informed the Commission of the Panhandling initiative she's working on with staff. She will present her findings at the City Council's November 13 meeting. The Commission requested an update at their next Commission meeting.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Sgt. Gregg Mader from the Beverly Hills Police Department was not present.

Dr. Brian Goldberg from the Beverly Hills Unified School District provided an update on:

- The anti-bullying Ambassador program that El Rodeo School was tested, Principal Hoffman met with the organizers and participants of the program and it was decided the program would not be going forward district wide. It was one tool that was considered; they are seeking a coordinated effort from the community itself not just students and parents.
- One bullying incident occurred regarding a student at El Rodeo School. The Administration staff is working with the family and the student.
- The bystander issue is an area of bullying that the District plans to address. Assemblies are being worked on at the K-8 level addressing how to be an advocate. Horace Mann School does have the Spartan group, middle school students identified as leaders on the campus who people can go to for guidance and help; They are unofficial monitors on the playground and lunch areas. This program is being considered for the other 3 K-8 schools.
- Budget issues: District considering \$6 million in cuts if Proposition 30 does not pass.
- The Board of Education is taking an official position to oppose Measure J.

ADMINISTRATOR

Report from Human Services Administrator James R. Latta, L.C.S.W.

1. All Commission meetings are being recorded and can be viewed at: <http://www.beverlyhills.org/living/beverlyhillstelevision/citymeetings/>.
2. Wallenberg Update. The Commission's comments and suggestions will be presented to City Council during their Study Session on October 23.
3. Revised Library Standards of Behavior Policy, July 18, 2012.
4. Protocol to end the Commission meeting.
5. Human Relations Commission liaisons: Vice Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Brucker.
6. 2013 Homeless Count scheduled for January 30, 2013. A site volunteer position is open.
7. Municipal Election is March 5, 2013.

CHAIR

Chair Sherman gave a brief update on the Mayor's Cabinet meeting.

Tab 3. GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT:

The Commission and staff participated in the *Drop Cover and Hold On* practice drill at 10:18 a.m.

Tab 4. EMBRACE CIVILITY: BULLYING PREVENTION VIDEO COMPETITION AD HOC REPORT:

The Commission viewed the presentation that Chair Sherman and Vice Chair Ginsburg presented to City Council on October 2 regarding October being National Bullying Prevention month.

The schedule, promotion and judging criteria for the Bullying Prevention Video Competition was reviewed and discussed. The Teen Zone in the BH Library has equipment that can be used for creating a video for submission.

Tab 5. EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD PROMOTION PLAN UPDATE FOR 2013:

Tabled until City Clerk's attendance with updated City Council meeting dates.

Tab 6. BEVERLY GARDENS PARK RESTORATION PROJECT:

Director of Community Services, Steve Zoet, provided an update on the Beverly Gardens Park restoration project; Friends of Beverly Gardens Park. This is a citizen-driven fund-raising initiative on the part of Mr. Steve Gordon which is embraced by the community as a historical preservation effort to restore 22 blocks of park. The City is involved as far as making it City compliant as if it were a City project.

Tab 7. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

1. An update on the Community Charitable Foundation will be provided at the November 15 Human Relations Commission meeting.
2. The City Clerk will provide a schedule for the Municipal Election.
3. The panhandling initiative will be reviewed.

CALENDAR FOR 2012-13 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

No changes.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Chair Sherman requested a list, with Dr. Goldberg's input, of suggested names to contact for an anti-bullying subcommittee.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chair Sherman reminded the Commission to speak into their microphones as the meetings are now being recorded.

Commissioner Pease informed the Commission that October 19 is Spirit Day, the annual day in October when millions of Americans wear purple to speak out against bullying and to show their support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth.

Commissioner Ginsburg suggested having a work plan discussion at the December meeting.

ADJOURN

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This _____ day of _____, 2012

Sherman, Chairperson