



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

November 15, 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 9:33 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 OCTOBER 18, 2012:

MOTION by Nazarian, SECONDED by Pease to approve as presented (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Linder, Nazarian, Ginsburg, Sherman

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

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

- Budget cuts the District is anticipating due to the passing of Proposition 30. Working to keep cuts away from the classroom and keep class sizes small.
- Incidents of anti-Muslim activity at Hawthorne School's 7th grade. Following up with the principal today.

Sergeant Max Subin, the Commission's new liaison from the Beverly Hills Police Department provided an update on:

1. Information he provides via social media: Facebook, Twitter and Nixle, which is the best way to push information out that is relevant to the community in addition to crime prevention tips. Twitter & Facebook accounts are www.twitter.com/beverlyhillspd and www.facebook.com/beverlyhillspd
2. A suspicious package incident in front of the Chanel store on Rodeo Drive.

ADMINISTRATOR

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

1. Met with a Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) candidate, along with Chair Sherman, to discuss Commission charge and involvement with BHPD.
2. Wallenberg item pushed back to City Council's late December or January meeting.
3. The City will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday November 22 and 23.
4. Children's Library renovation will start during Thanksgiving holiday but won't be complete until end of December.
5. December 11 Human Services is scheduled to meet with Team Beverly Hills.
6. January 30 Homeless Count, 8pm – 1am.
7. Beverly Hills Centennial Celebration; visit their website for the list of planned events and how to sign up to volunteer: <http://www.beverlyhills.org/exploring/centennialcelebration/>

CHAIR

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

Tab 3. EMBRACE CIVILITY: BULLYING PREVENTION VIDEO COMPETITION:

Administrator Latta updated the Commission on the progress to-date of the bullying prevention video competition, which has garnered a number of media placements.

The Health and Safety Commission requested that a speaker from the Commission discuss the bullying prevention video competition at their Monday, November 19 meeting.

Tab 4. MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE:

City Clerk Byron Pope provided an overview of the election process. The scheduled election dates were provided to the Commission for information on the target dates that will guide the roll-out plan of the Election Civility Statement:

March 5, 2013 is our local city council election. We are currently in the nomination/filing period, November 13 – December 7. The candidates sign The Code of Fair Campaign Practices and receive the Commission's Election Civility Statement which will also be included in the mailed sample ballot.

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

Administrator Latta reviewed with the Commission the draft schedule for the promotion of the second Embrace Civility Award scheduled for June 2013.

Tab 6. INTRODUCTION OF THE PANHANDLING INITIATIVE:

The Commission viewed the power-point presentation of the panhandling public awareness program, *Positive Change, not Spare Change*, that Administrator Latta and Special Assistant to the City Manager, Wendy Hughes, presented to City Council on November 13. The campaign is designed to provide meaningful help to people in need and discourage direct giving to panhandlers by redirecting compassionate giving to agencies and non-profits than can make a real difference in people's lives. Panhandling is legal; aggressive panhandling is not. Social services are available.

Tab 7. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION 2011 HATE CRIME REPORT:

The 2011 Hate Crime report was provided for review by the Commission.

Tab 8. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

1. December, brief update from the Community Charitable Foundation.
2. Work plan review.

CALENDAR FOR 2012-13 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

No changes.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. Commissioner Nazarian requested revisiting Celebrate Your Heritage week to promote diversity in our community.
2. Vice Chair Ginsburg requested reviewing the past motion that the Commission actively pursue the possibility of requesting that all chairs of commissions, committees or groups that gather under the aegis of the City include in their opening statements a review of the civility policy that has been adopted by the City.

3. Commissioner Pease requested discussing options for Nowruz.
4. Chair Sherman requested looking more at scamming in the community aimed at seniors.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chair Sherman wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.