



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008
9:30 a.m.
City Hall
Conference Room 180-A**

ROLL CALL

Present: Sherman, Nazarian, Yousem, Geller, Meshkaty
Absent: Linder, Goldsmith

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of March 20, 2008 approved

MOVED by Geller, SECONDED by Nazarian approved as presented

AYES: Sherman, Nazarian, Yousem, Geller, Meshkaty

ABSENT: Linder, Goldsmith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Beverly Hills Unified School District, Dr. Brian Goldberg reported on Multicultural Events at the various sites.
- Beverly Hills Police Dept., Capt. Mitch McCann reported no hate crimes.
- Interim Administrator, Julie Kahn reported on the volunteer brunch, Beverly Hills Courier article regarding Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, and Ecumenical Roundtable

4. AD HOC/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Civil Discourse Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Nazarian gave a brief introduction to the history of the committee.

MOVED by Nazarian, SECONDED by Geller to accept the Civility Expectations for Beverly Hills Leadership as written.

AYES: Sherman, Nazarian, Yousem, Geller, Meshkaty

NOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

MOVED by Nazarian, SECONDED by Yousem that the Civility Expectations for Beverly Hills Leadership be given to all candidates seeking elected office in Beverly Hills and to be included in all commission application packets and to be distributed to all current elected officials and appointed commissioners of the City of Beverly Hills Furthermore, to be disseminated to the larger community through appropriate communication channels.

AYES: Sherman, Nazarian, Yousem, Geller, Meshkaty

NOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

- Calendar for 2008 Meeting Dates was reviewed. No revisions.

5. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Chair Meshkaty reported on the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:37am



SYNOPSIS
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 180-A
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 28, 2008
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Seidel, Aronberg

Absent: Judelson

Commissioner Judelson arrived at 4:15 p.m.

Guests: Mayor Barry Brucker, Myra Lurie, Cheryl Plotkin, Gayle Gilbert-Hamerling, Byron Nate, Deborah Weintraub, Mike Hakim

Staff: Mottice Muller, Ryan, Friedling, Chancellor, Captain Lessing

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Millan, SECONDED by Kopeikin to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 24, 2008 (6/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg

Noes: None

Absent: Judelson

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mike Hakim addressed the Commission about his idea of "Think Green" which he hopes to implement in the City.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING – April 9, 2008

Chair Aronberg shared with this Commission the following items which were reported by other Commissions at the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting: abuse of handicap parking placards; bi-directional amplifiers in parking structures; evacuation plans for residents; and driver's education programs for seniors were discussed.

Other items of interest.

None.



F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
INFORMATION ONLY:

- a) Rudy Cole's article in March 6-12, 2008 Beverly Hills Weekly: No discussion.
- b) Time Magazine article titled "Citizen Soldiers. The Golden State Enlists its Most Reliable Emergency Responders Ever": No discussion.
- c) LA Times Article titled "California Forecast: Large Quake in Next 30 Years"
- d) Video: So-Cal News piece "BH Health & Safety"
- e) Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast
 - Director Mottice Muller reported on a meeting she attended where information from an earthquake study was presented. Southern California is overdue for a significant earthquake. A major problem that is anticipated to result is lack of water transportation as pipes will be damaged.
- f) Duck and Cover: It's the New Survivalism: No discussion.

G. NEW BUSINESS

A PRESENTATION BY BYRON NATE OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Mr. Nate gave a presentation on four major cancer-related issues: nutrition and physical activity; tobacco and secondhand smoke; cancer prevention and screening; and HPV vaccine and cervical cancer prevention.

PRESENTATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT: MYRA LURIE, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, AND CHERYL PLOTKIN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

Myra Lurie stated that the health and safety of students and staff is the number one priority of the Beverly Hills Unified School District. The many proactive ways in which the school works to ensure the health and safety of students and staff were described.

PRESENTATION BY CHERYL FRIEDLING, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER AND ROBIN CHANCELLOR, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: "MEDIA POLICY"

Ms. Friedling introduced the Commission to Robin Chancellor, who will serve as communication liaison to the Health and Safety Commission. The Communications Office will work with this Commission to maximize outreach and media opportunities.

Mayor Brucker briefly addressed the Commission, stating that he was pleased to see this Commission in action.

REPORT FROM CAPTAIN BRUCE LESSING OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain Lessing reported that 85,000 people have been trained through Beverly Hills' CPR program. Information on brush clearance was mailed to residents who live north of Sunset Boulevard. The most recent CERT class had 29 members, and more classes and refresher classes are being offered. Fire Service Day will take place at Fire Department Headquarters on May 10th. Commissioners as well as others were encouraged to attend this event.



DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: PUBLIC WORKS, SHANA EPSTEIN,
ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES MANAGER

This item was postponed to May 19th's agenda.

NEXT MEETING

Director Mottice Muller briefly previewed items that will be discussed at the May 19th meeting, including development of a mission and vision statement, prioritizing items of interest, and identifying short & long term items of interest.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Judelson apologized for arriving to the meeting late. She also pointed out her satisfaction with the NIMS, SEMS, and ICS training that Health and Safety Commissioners attended in April.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Staff and Commissioners should think of ways to allow for input from the public as to what strategic issues should be explored by this Commission.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Aronberg, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm to May 19th to the Public Works Building, located at 345 Foothill Road.