

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

April 19, 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, Ginsburg, Nazarian, Meshkaty, Sherman, Linder

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Kahn, Kyriazi

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2012:

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

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

Commissioner Meshkaty arrived at 9:36 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Hamid Omrani invited the commissioners to attend his presentation of his "Beverly Hills 2000 The Proposed Urban Design Project" concept on April 22nd.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Dr. Brian Goldberg from the Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Provided an update on:

1. Anti-bullying activities: thanked Vice Chair Sherman for the invitation to attend screening of the movie "Bully;" contacted PTA Council and BHEF to discuss having their own screening, along with guest speakers, for parents and administrators; addressing the bystander, which the Ambassador Program focuses on, is a priority.
2. Attended MTA planning meeting regarding the Westside extension subway route. Many of the speakers were using disturbing rhetoric such as classic class warfare terminology and stereotypes about Beverly Hills residents and intentions. Those against tunneling under the high school are not necessarily opposed to mass transit or Subway To The Sea.
3. Random drug testing is on the agenda for the high school as a first reading for a board policy. A policy will be created that is constitutional in California.

Report from Sgt. Gregg Mader from the Beverly Hills Police Department

Provided an update on:

1. Noise Ordinance: Per the request of the Commission, provided statistics from 2010 to compare to 2011 after the noise ordinance was amended; confirmed that 2011 does show a marked decrease in calls for service in the same time period.
2. Two Neighborhood Watch meetings are scheduled, May 2 and May 3.
3. Discussions have started for National Night Out scheduled for August 7th.
4. No hate crimes to report.

ADMINISTRATOR

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

1. Design Review Commission thanked the Commission for their concern regarding online information provided; only the elevation, site plans and landscaping are included.
2. Upward Bound House update (flyer provided).
3. Institute For Public Strategies-information on alcohol and drug abuse referrals.
4. Library Teen Zone moved and renovated; now open; "Rulez" include *no bullying*.
5. Library Food For Fines program was successful.
6. CLASP Outreach Team will meet at Good Shepherd during BHPL library renovation.
7. Access cards to City Hall: have new picture taken before June 30 in Human Resources.
8. Chair Linder interviewed in Beverly Hills Weekly.

CHAIR

There was no Mayor's Cabinet meeting this month.

Tab 3. EMBRACE CIVILITY: PARTICIPATION IN BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH:

The Commission discussed potential activities to endorse.

MOTION by Linder, SECONDED by Sherman: Move that the Human Relations Commission commit to a program towards bullying prevention month in October for the City of Beverly Hills and that the ad hoc that had previously been appointed on this issue, Vice Chair Sherman, Commissioner Ginsburg and Chair Linder as alternate, meet during the coming month to provide a workable plan. (6/0)

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

The ad hoc meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 1:00pm to discuss a logo, message and workable plan.

Tab 4. EMBRACE CIVILITY: AWARD UPDATE:

The Commission reviewed the latest nominations, recognition letter, award and discussed consideration of next steps.

MOTION by Ginsburg, SECONDED by Nazarian: Move that the Human Relations Commission select the first recipient of the Civility Award in May and that the presentation be made in June at which time the announcement for the subsequent award will be given in October, relative to bullying. (4/2)

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

MOTION by Sherman, SECONDED by Pease: to amend motion that the Human Relations Commission select the first recipient of the Civility Award in June, as opposed to May, and that the presentation be made in July at which time the announcement for the subsequent award will be given in October, relative to bullying. (3/3)

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

Tab 5. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

1. Invited Communications Department to attend May commission meeting to discuss branding and use of City social networking sites.
2. Commissioners agreed to cancel appearance at Farmer's Market on May 13th and participate only on May 20th. Sign-up list was circulated and only two commissioners indicated they could participate.
3. Editing "Celebrate Heritage and Share your Heritage" drawing/form.

Tab 6. COMMUNITY DISASTER SUMMIT MEETING:

Invitation to local stakeholders to participate in the City of Beverly Hills Community Disaster Summit on April 30th from 8:30am to Noon.

Tab 7. VIDEOTAPING OF FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS:

New City requirement that all City Commission meetings be videotaped and posted on the City website.

CALENDAR FOR 2012-13 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

Commissioner Meshkaty will be absent for the May meeting.
Commissioner Nazarian will be absent for the July meeting.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

None.

ADJOURN

Chair Linder adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2012
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Potter, Pressman and Vice Chair Chalom
Commissioners Absent: Shepard, Chair Smooke
Staff: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker

B. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by, SECONDED by to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2012 with one correction.

Ayes: Commissioners Friedman, Potter, Pressman, Vice Chair Chalom

Noes: None

Absent: Shepard, Smooke

CARRIED. 4/0

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON There was no MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING for April, 2012

Other Items: none

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY-*no comment*

- a) The Fine Art Fund is reported at \$985,955.11.
- b) Discussion postponed to Tab 7 of this packet
- c) Chair Smooke, Commissioner Friedman and Staff met with Pastor Worth, of the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. He was amenable to the move and looks forward to the learning opportunities the proximity of Roxy Paine's *Erratic* sculpture will present to the Day Care Center in the Church.
- d) The Joel Shapiro replacement Covenant is being fine tuned by the City Attorney's Office.
- e) An update on the agreement with Rosa Lowinger's company for the Restoration and Conservation of the Beverly Hills Fine Art Collection was provided.

OTHER ITEMS:

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

3. PRESENTATION BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BEVERLY HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Kathi Rothner, Vice President, and Barbara Linder, Immediate Past President, of

the Friends of the Beverly Hills Library, presented to the Commission the concept of The Enchanted Woods reading room, which will be an integral part of the newly remodeled Children's Library when complete in the Spring/Summer of 2013. This room will be painted by a muralist, depicting characters reminiscent of the classic illustrations from children's books from the 18th and 19th centuries. Ms. Rothner and Ms. Linder presented to the Fine Art Commission the concept of participating in this project as a sponsor, if there was a desire on the part of the Commission to do so. The Commission will discuss when there is a more complete representation of the Commission in attendance; this is a proposal about which a larger percentage of the Commission needs to contribute.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING FOR *UNTITLED*, AND *THE HYMN OF LIFE*

Two bids have come in for this project; Staff is waiting for the 3rd bid. This discussion and vote will be tabled until the May meeting of the Fine Art Commission.

5. PROPOSED INSTALLATION SITE FOR JOAN BROWN'S *CENTER OBELISK*

Discussion ensued with regard to the proposed location of Joan Brown's *Center Obelisk*. The Fine Art Commissioners feel the proposed location, in a flower bed just to the left of the Rexford Drive entrance of the Library, is still the most viable location, notwithstanding the concerns expressed by the Liaison regarding the potential visual conflict with the Millard Sheets mural, and not being able to walk around the entire sculpture for optimum exposure to the piece. Council Liaison will be re-approached with this recommendation.

6. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ART ORDINANCE

The Commissioners began to discuss the proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance and determined a Special Meeting was advisable in order to concentrate solely on the revisions as well as to allow more of the Commissioners to be present for the discussion.

7. CONSIDERATION OF MILLARD SHEETS MURAL PLACEMENT

Staff presented photos with the two potential locations of the Millard Sheets mural; in order to complete the structural engineering report the firm will need the final choice of where on the façade it will be installed.

Motion: Commissioner Potter moved to place the Millard Sheets mural per Option 1 as presented by the structural engineering firm in the packet, being centered over the entrance and the exit of the Civic Center Parking structure.

Commissioner Pressman seconded the Motion

Ayes: Commissioners Friedman, Vice Chair Chalom

Noes: none

Absent: Shepard, Chair Smooke

Carried: 4/0

G. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Vice Chair Chalom adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.