

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 20, 2011**

**10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall**

**455 N. Rexford Drive**

**Conference Room 280-A**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Pease, Meshkaty, Yousem, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian

Absent: None

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of December 16, 2010

MOVED by Yousem, SECONDED by Linder to approve as presented (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Yousem, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Meshkaty, Nazarian

CARRIED

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

DW Koa Creech, a Beverly Hills resident, addressed the Commission about an alleged incident involving the Beverly Hills Police Department on December 31, 2010.

**CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**HRC LIAISON**

- ♦ Dr. Brian Goldberg of the Beverly Hills Unified School District was not present.
- ♦ Captain Ed Kreins was not present.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Staff updated the commissioners on the following items:

1. Human Services referrals
2. January Beverly Hills Homeless Collaboration meeting
3. Human Services Division video presented to Commission at meeting
4. Team Beverly Hills presentation January 13, 2011

5. State budget proposal recommends major reductions in Medi-Cal, CALWORKS and Department of Developmental Services. The proposal would reduce funds to the Beverly Hills Library by approximately \$190,000.
6. Director of Community Services update
7. Community Assistance Grant Fund application period begins February 1, 2011
8. Beverly Hills Library renovation project scheduled to begin in late summer of 2011
9. Save-the-Date:
  - Winter Shelter Program open December 1, 2010 through March 15, 2011
  - HRC Public Service Announcement taping 1/19/11 and 1/20/11
  - 2011 Homeless Count, January 26, 2011

**CHAIR**

- ◆ Chair Nazarian gave a report on the Mayor's Cabinet meeting.

**Tab 3. TOPICS OF PRIOR INTEREST AND GUIDELINES FOR REVISING ESTABLISHED WORKPLANS:**

Commissioners discussed the possibility of tying up the loose ends on the Election and General Civility Statements and moving on to other projects. These items include civility bookmarks, a civility plaque to be placed outside of the Council Chamber, as well as a potential involvement in Woofstock 2011. The Commission also sought out a recommendation from the City Council liaisons on what direction it should take next.

MOVED by Ginsburg, SECONDED by Meshkaty that the Human Relations Commission adopt the work plan as recommended, including Woofstock 2011, youth and adult sports and library activities, as well as a prepared editorial response, consideration of awards and civility postage stamps. (7/0)

An ad hoc committee will meet to make recommendations for all civility related ideas including: civility postage stamps, bookmarks with civility quotes, a plan to disseminate the civility statement to the youth and adult community sports organizations and draft a commentary about the creation of the Civility Statement.

AYES: Pease, Meshkaty, Yousem, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

**Tab 4. EMBRACING CIVILITY BEYOND THE MARCH 8, 2011 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:**

Commissioners watched a short video of footage taken from the 2010 Woofstock event and discussed the possibility of having a booth at this year's event in order to

disseminate the General Civility Statement to the attendees. Commissioners had mixed feelings about the idea. While the common feeling was that it was a great opportunity to gain exposure, some commissioners were unsure if it was an appropriate venue with the right audience for them to promote the Civility Statement.

MOVED by Yousem, SECONDED by Ginsburg that the Human Relations Commission hosts a booth at Woofstock and distributes "It's Your Dooty" signs. (5/2)

The idea is to promote the Civility Statement by tying in the subject of residents cleaning up after their pets into the concept of neighbor-to-neighbor civility.

An ad hoc committee consisting of commissioners Yousem, Sherman and Vice Chairperson Linder was formed to discuss the details of the Commission's involvement in Woofstock 2011.

AYES: Pease, Meshkaty, Yousem, Ginsburg, Linder

NOES: Sherman, Nazarian

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

#### **Tab 5. 2011 HOMELESS COUNT (HC11):**

Staff spoke about their role in the upcoming HC11 homeless count and invited the Commission to participate.

#### **Tab 6. CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM:**

Ann Kellogg and members of the Chiron Center, Inc. Crisis Response Team presented the basic details of their program, which exists to assist those going through a traumatic experience.

#### **Tab 7. CALENDAR FOR 2011 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:**

The Commission was provided with upcoming meeting dates. Staff recorded planned absences, if any, on the calendar.

#### **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Note: Commissioner Ginsburg left the meeting at 12:27 pm.

Commissioner Meshkaty would like to have the Civility Statement printed on either cover of the next Community Services brochure.

Some commissioners voiced concerns about the process of hearing Police Department complaints from the public, and feel that it needs to be refined.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Yousem to adjourn meeting at 12:40 p.m. (6/0)

AYES: Pease, Meshkaty, Yousem, Sherman, Linder, Nazarian

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ginsburg

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Nazarian, Chairperson