



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Arts & Culture Commission / Human Relations  
Commission Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Wednesday, August 19, 2020  
3:00 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: August 19, 2020 / 3:00 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councilmember John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Community Services Jenny Rogers, Assistant Director of Community Services Pam Shinault, Human Services Administrator James Latta, Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld, Human Relations Commissioner Annette Saleh, Arts and Culture Vice Chair Deborah Frank, Arts and Culture Commissioner Stephanie Vahn, Clinical Program Coordinator Rachel Evans, Executive Assistant Aida Thau, Management Assistant Linda Kyriazi, Administrative Clerk Jessica Barragan, Torie Zalben, Liana Weston, Lesley Silverman  
Public in attendance: None

**1) PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

**2) DIRECTION ON EMBRACE CULTURE PROGRAM AND INTER-COMMISSION  
COLLABORATION**

Community Services Director Jenny Rogers welcomed all in attendance and introduced Human Relations Commissioner Annette Saleh and Arts & Culture Commission Vice Chair Deborah Frank who spoke on their proposed Inter-Commission Initiative "*Embrace & Celebrate Culture*" which is intended to create greater community awareness, celebrate cultural diversity, and foster a community of loving kindness, belonging, civility and inclusion in Beverly Hills.

a) Proposed Events

- i. Presentation by Torie Zalben and Liana Weston on Art Installation proposed for side of the Wallis

Liaisons agreed for the event at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts to be included as a holiday program as better viewed when it is darker outside. Suggested locating sponsors. Move forward to City Council as a recommendation.

ii. Community Partnership between the City of Beverly Hills & the City of Compton, involving BHUSD & the Beverly Hills PTA and Compton USD & Compton PTA  
Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, updated the liaisons on the proposed community partnership proposed by community member Cynthia Baseman between the BHUSD and the Beverly Hills PTA in collaboration with the Compton Unified School District & the Compton PTA. The PTAs hope to work with younger students on a pen pal exchange program and older students on a digital newspaper / online zine exchange program. The BHUSD's PTA President Rose Kaiserman is waiting to hear back from Compton School District & the Compton PTA President Tonya Craft-Perry prior to moving forward.

iii. Host a forum / talk / lecture via Go To Meeting / Zoom featuring minority leaders

Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld, along with Commissioner Annette Saleh, informed the liaisons of their suggestion to host a lecture series that will feature minority leaders who are experts in the field of diversity, equity and inclusion. Nancy Hunt Coffey, Assistant City Manager, advised Commissioners to lay out the program proposal with more detail. Chair Blumenfeld will present the proposed new initiative at tomorrow's Human Relations Commission.

iv. Presentation by UTA on Beyond 2020 & the ACC's proposed Art is Life: Activate Storefront project

Liaisons agreed to work with United Talent Agency (UTA) as a way to activate empty storefronts and bring artistic energy and economic vitality to the downtown. Move forward to City Council as a recommendation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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