



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 27, 2015
4:00 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: July 27, 2015 / 4:06 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Lurie, Schwartz, Demeter, Nazarian, Ross
Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: P. Mottice Muller, A. Tarazon, R. Platamone, K. Kearney, T. Moreno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. George Chavez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Action: There were no oral communications from the audience.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Commission Calendar
- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Notes – June 23, 2015

Action: Received and filed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Consideration of the Action Minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2015.

Motion: MOVED by Demeter, SECONDED by Nazarian to approve the action minutes of the June 22, 2015 Health and Safety Commission meeting with changes made.

Action: Approved (5/0).

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Action: Chair Lurie went over the Mayor's Cabinet meeting highlights held on June 23, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

1. HEALTH AND SAFETY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Health and Safety Recognition Program honors those individuals, businesses, or groups who have demonstrated leadership in the field of health and safety issues or made a contribution to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission. Commissioner Demeter nominated the Pets Offering Ongoing Care and Healing Program (POOCH) program. Dogs and their owners in the POOCH Program provide a wide range of services throughout Cedars-Sinai Hospital. Dogs offer heartwarming and supportive experiences to patients and their family members. Director of Volunteer Services Barbara Leanse along with volunteers Mark and Max Friedman attended the meeting to accept the award.

The activities of POOCH volunteers include:

- Gentle play
- Walking with patients
- Visiting patients to provide emotional support
- Visiting family members in the surgical lobby
- Letting patients brush and pet the dog
- Representing Cedars-Sinai in community outreach activities

2. WATER CONSERVATION

Public Works Commissioner Jeff Wolfe attended to speak on water conservation issues. Commissioners asked questions regarding current water meters, obtaining help with how to minimize water usage in homes, and status of re-landscaping incentives.

3. UPDATE ON DISABLED PLACARDS

At the request of Vice Chair Schwartz, Traffic and Parking Commissioner Jeffrey S. Levine attended to speak on the abuse of disabled placards in the City. Commissioner Demeter stated disabled placard abuse not only occurs in the business triangle, but residential areas as well. Parking Services Manager Russell Platamone attended to answer questions on regulation and enforcement of placard use. Mr. Platamone stated the process to regulate abusers was complicated, ongoing and challenging. He stated that the State is coming up with alternatives to reduce the problem. Mr. Levine stated that the City would like to build a grass roots effort with the disabled community in support of placard reform. Vice Chair Schwartz reminded everyone including the community and public that it is illegal to ask someone if they are disabled.

4. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Staff reviewed information on the National Night Out event to be held on August 4, 2015.

5. CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS WEBSITE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION PAGE

Emergency Management Intern Ms. Moreno provided a demonstration of the new additions to the Health and Safety Commission's website on the City's homepage. The Health and Safety Recognition program award past and current honorees have been added to the site along with the Commission's yearly initiatives. The Commission's website can be found at <http://www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/commissions/healthandsafetycommission/>

6. STUDY OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ORDINANCE

The Commission continued to study, review, and provide input on the current Health and Safety Commission ordinance. The Commission wants to ensure the ordinance is reflective of the Commission's current role and responsibilities. Commissioners' recommendations were given to the current ordinance, including updating the Commission's purposes and responsibilities. Staff will continue to incorporate changes and work on the new draft ordinance to present to the City Council liaisons at a future meeting. Commissioner Gary Ross stated he would work with staff to fine tune the ordinance for review at the next meeting.

7. 2015 BIENNIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REPORT – HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

The 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code was given to Commissioners for review and comments or changes. The Commission reviewed with no changes or amendments made.

Motion: MOVED by Schwartz, SECONDED by Lurie to approve the 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code which requires that each local agency adopt a Conflict of interest Code and determine with positions within the agency are subject to the Code.

Action: Approved (5/0).

8. GETS PROGRAM

Commission Secretary Adrienne Tarazon provided information on the Government Emergency Telecommunications System (GETS) program and reminder for this year's drill for the GETS card issued to each Commissioner.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Action: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management reported on the following items:

- Reminder – August Health and Safety Commission meeting will be cancelled.
- The first case of human West Nile Virus had been reported in Los Angeles County. Director Muller advised the Commission and community to take the proper precautions to avoid mosquitos and prevent breeding.

COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSION


Action: Commissioner Ross advised the Commission and community that on July 13, 2015 Governor Brown signed the Healthy Workplace and Healthy Family Act, which requires paid sick leave to all employees in the state of California.

Vice Chair Schwartz encouraged Commissioners to participate and support in the various activities for the Special Olympics athletes. She also thanked the City for hosting the participants and various events.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 27, 2015 / 6:21 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.



Myra B. Lurie, Chair