



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

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

October 26, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: September 28, 2015 / 4:09 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chair Lurie, Schwartz, Nazarian, Ross  
Commissioners Absent: Demeter.

Staff Present: P. Mottice Muller, A. Tarazon, K. Kearney,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Tony Sokol.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Dr. Brian P. Jacks, MD of New Brain Institute attended to discuss treatment of major depressive disorders offered at the institute located in Beverly Hills.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Commission Calendar
- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Notes – September 21, 2015

Action: Received and filed.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Consideration of the Action Minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2015.

Motion: MOVED by Schwartz, SECONDED by Nazarian to approve the action minutes of the July 27, 2015 Health and Safety Commission meeting with changes made.

Action: Approved (4/0).

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Chair Lurie went over the Mayor's Cabinet meeting highlights held on September 21, 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. Chair Lurie nominated Tony and Barbara Sokol. They have worked for many years with various organizations, including Operation Smile, traveling throughout the world to provide facial reconstruction surgery to children with facial deformities.

### **2. HOVERBOARDS**

Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney provided a brief report on hoverboards. The Police Department has had no reported injuries of Segways or hoverboards within the past 6 months; as a result, the consensus of the Commission was that hoverboards did not pose a significant public health and safety issue within the City.

Mark Elliot, Organizer of Better Bike, submitted a letter to the H&S Commission discouraging regulation of hoverboards at this time.

### **3. HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION STANDARDIZATION**

Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney provided an explanation of the Chair and Vice Chair Appointment for the 2016 calendar year.

All the City Commissions underwent a standardization process within the last year, and Ordinance No. 15-O-2673, adopted by the Council on February 3, 2015, amended the City's Municipal Code regarding Commissions' structure, absentee policy, and Chair/Vice Chair rotations.

As a result of these changes, the Chair and Vice Chair positions no longer go through the election process, as in the past. Therefore, the upcoming Chair will be Ms. Lisa Kay Schwartz, and the upcoming Vice Chair will be Dr. Daniel Nazarian. Previously, the Commission voted on changing Chair and Vice Chair terms' start and end date from the fiscal year to the calendar year. As a result, terms will start on January 1 and end December 31, 2016.

Should all the re-appointments of the three Commissioners proceed, the following will be the seniority rotational line as of January 1, 2016:

1. Chair Lisa Kay Schwartz
2. Vice Chair Daniel Nazarian, DMD
3. Commissioner Myra Demeter, Ph.D.
4. Commissioner Gary B. Ross
5. Commissioner Myra B. Lurie

### **4. HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION PLANNING FOR 2016**

Director Muller provided an array of background information and timeline to identify work plan items, areas of focus and interest for 2016. It has been the practice of the Commission that the Commission Chair names an Area of Focus for their term and that they provide suggestions and seek input on other Areas of Interest the Commission may want to cover or highlight in the coming year.

This format was designed by the previous Commissioners to establish a map or guideline for the Commission to follow that provides a clear direction and focus and allows the Chair to highlight a specific topic.

The Commission agreed to discuss and approve 2016 Focus and Interest Areas and be able to develop a work plan item at the December meeting.

**5. DANGERSTOPPERS**

The *Dangerstoppers: Walk the Walk* episode was presented to the Commission at the request of Commissioner Ross, focusing on the dangers of distracted walking and texting.

**6. ALL COMMISSIONER WORKSHOP**

Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney discussed details on the upcoming Citywide Commissioner Workshop event on December 5, 2015. The workshop will provide commissioners with Commission training.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management reminded the Commission about the upcoming CERT business course on November 5, 2015. Vice Chair Schwartz and Commissioner Nazarian volunteered to support and attend the event.

**COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSION**

Chair Lurie requested an update from the Beverly Hills Unified School District regarding closure of the schools' playing fields.

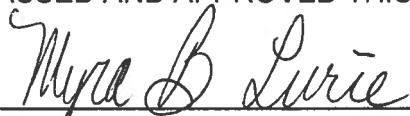
Chair Lurie also requested more information on local flu clinics, including those offered at Cedars-Sinai hospital.

Commissioner Ross reminded everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: October 26, 2015 / 5:33 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

  
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Myra B. Lurie, Chair