



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280-A

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 25, 2016
4:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: April 25, 2016 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Demeter, Ross, Lurie, Vice Chair Nazarian,
Chair Schwartz
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Adrienne Tarazon, Assistant City Manager
George Chavez, Sergeant Kurt Haefs, Sergeant Gregg Madder

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Speakers: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consideration of March 28, 2016 Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ross, SECONDED by Vice-Chair Nazarian to adopt the minutes (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Demeter, Ross, Lurie, Vice Chair Nazarian,
Chair Schwartz

NOES: None.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- **Beverly Hills School District - Isabel Hacker, Board Member**

Isabel Hacker, Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board Member and Health and Safety Commission Liaison, attended to discuss a variety of health and safety related issues, including information on security items and site recommendations made by the site council specifically for El Rodeo school.

Ms. Hacker reported that the site council had met and made recommendations for the school board to pursue, including the need for security guards during construction, continued use of Beverly Hills Police Department officers, and illuminating crosswalks. The report was for discussion at the meeting and not for voting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Health and Safety Recognition Program**

For the month of April, Chair Schwartz nominated Mr. Kurt Schmalzbach, who has worked for the Beverly Hills Unified School District since 2005 and is currently a math teacher at Beverly Hills High School. Chair Schwartz commended Mr. Schmalzbach for his role in helping save the life of a student.

2. **Introduction of Assistant City Manager**

Recently appointed Assistant City Manager George Chavez was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Chavez explained his role as Assistant City Manager while he is also currently serving as Director of Public Works. He provided a summary of his background with the City and gave an update on Public Works Services safety and preparedness related accomplishments and projects.

3. **Presentation from Southern California Edison**

Diane Forte, Governmental Affairs for Southern California Edison (SCE), presented on a variety of topics such as disaster preparation, electrical safety, status of projects in Beverly Hills, and the potential 14 summer days of outages while the Gas company's facility is restricted. Edison is doing many things to avoid outages such as contracting with gas sources outside of California. Customers are encouraged to conserve whenever possible, especially when asked.

Ms. Forte also reported on the many upgrades to the SCE system in Beverly Hills.

4. **Police Department Update**

Sergeants Haefs and Madder attended to provide information on the Neighborhood Watch program and distracted driving/texting while walking.

Sergeant Haefs reported on the well-attended recent town hall meeting focusing on home safety after the recent rise in residential burglaries.

Chair Schwartz asked the Police Department for their support in working together with the Commission to hold a town hall meeting to conduct outreach on these safety issues and the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Sergeant Madder explained distracted driving citations, including cell phone citations which amount to 10,000 citations a year. He also discussed traffic complaints and distracted pedestrians.

Commissioners thanked the lieutenants for their reports and asked follow-up questions.

5. **Distracted Driving and Texting while Walking Outreach**

Chair Schwartz and the commission discussed outreach options and opportunities for this year's safe city messages on:

- Encouraging residents to be more involved in the Neighborhood Watch program,
- Encouraging the Community to sign up for City's notifications/communications tools, and
- Making people aware of the negative impacts of distracted driving and texting while walking.

Commissioners were requested to recommend outreach opportunities in which the Commission can lead and participate. Various venues to communicate these messages were discussed. A discussion occurred on the possibility of having a Health and Safety related event and other programs to highlight crime prevention, distracted driving / walking and Neighborhood Watch.

Director Muller will ask Sergeant Haefs to return to the May meeting to continue the dialogue.

6. **Health and Safety Observances**

A selection of Health and Safety observance months, weeks, and days was provided to the commission. The Commission agreed to commemorate the observance by hosting a speaker at a beginning of future meetings highlighting the observances.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

• **Chair's Report**

Chair Schwartz reported on her attendance at school PTA meetings to speak about the Neighborhood Watch and Nixle programs.

Chair Schwartz attended the town hall meeting held on April 13, 2016 and thanked the Beverly Hills Police Department for hosting the event. Chair Schwartz also attended the Traffic & Parking commission and reported on the items discussed, including red light camera violations abuse for electric charging

at City parking facilities. She also attended the Taxi Franchise meeting, reporting discussion on taxi drivers asking for dual permitting with Los Angeles

- **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – January 27, 2016**

Commissioners reviewed the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting notes for April 4, 2016.

- **Other Items**

Commissioner Lurie reported on the successful Earth Day event held on April 17, 2016 at the Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Demeter read an article from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety regarding distracted driving.

Vice Chair Nazarian read the BHPD advisory warning residents about a recent fraudulent water company attempting to gain entry into homes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- **Director's Report**

Director Muller provided a Los Angeles County Department of Public Health news release regarding an ordinance adopted by the LA City Council on January 26, 2016 requiring all sports stadiums in Los Angeles to be tobacco-free, including Dodger Stadium.

- **Upcoming events**

- a) Ribbon Cutting Event for Bike Share Program – Tuesday, May 10
- b) Public Works Services Day – Sunday, May 15

- **Information only items**

- a) Commission Calendar
- b) County of LA Public Health press release – *It Feels like a Homerun to Breathe Fresh Air*

- **Other items**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: April 25, 2016 / 6:09 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY of MAY, 2016



Lisa Kay Schwartz, Chair