



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

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 27, 2016  
4:00 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: June 27, 2016 / 4:04 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, Mark Cuneo, Kurt  
Haefs, David Hillyer, Meena Janmohamed

**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 with changes made.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consideration of May 23, 2016 Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Demeter, SECONDED by  
Commissioner Ross 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 – Chris Hertz, Director of Student Services/Special Projects**

Chris Hertz, Director of Student Services/Special Projects, provided an update on construction sites at El Rodeo, Beverly Hills High, and Horace Mann schools. The school district is working to enhance physical security on all school campuses and at the District office. He also provided information on a new health class added as a Beverly Hills High School graduation requirement and update on proposed El Rodeo school safety plan initiative.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

- None.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Health and Safety Recognition Program**

Chair Schwartz nominated Rob Karlin, owner of Los Angeles Funeral Service, licensed Funeral Director and friends of former Health and Safety Commissioner Karen Setian. Mr. Karlin was honored for his work with Karen Setian's family during their time of need and participation in the annual "Every 15 Minutes" program.

Vice-Chair Nazarian nominated Dr. Carmen Bertoni a geneticist, an associate Professor at UCLA, and a member of The Neuromuscular Disease Foundation (NDF)'s Scientific Advisory Committee. Dr. Bertoni was honored for her work with NDF to advance research, treatments and therapies in the quest for a cure for GNE Myopathy (HIBM).

NDF is a nonprofit public charity dedicated to funding clinical research, creating awareness, education and prevention and genetic screenings for neuromuscular diseases, including GNEM, and to serving its patient population and their families with advocacy at every level.

2. **Health and Safety Observances**

The Health and Safety Observances for each month will provide information on groups and organizations to raise awareness of an issue or commemorate a group or event.

For the month of June, information on Cystic Fibrosis and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was provided.

3. **Major Projects Update**

Mark Cuneo, City Engineer, provided an informative presentation on the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction and Westside Purple Line Extension projects.

The work on the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction will include reconstruction on deteriorating roadway, widening of the roadway, and replacing sidewalks. Improvements also included are upgrades to access ramps to ADA standards, new LED street lights, and landscaping. Tentative construction will begin in September 2016 and duration of 540 calendar days. Purple Line Extension work is in the pre-construction utility relocation activities phase. Work is currently being completed in the Wilshire/La Cienega area.

The Commission received the report and no action was taken on this item.

4. **Water Quality Update**

David Hillyer, Water Quality Specialist from the Public Works department discussed the City's water quality and water treatment plant. The current water quality report was distributed to the Commission for review.

Commissioners asked questions and thanked Mr. Hillyer for his report.

5. **Police Department Update**

Police Sergeant Kurt Haefs, Community Police Liaison, discussed the National Night Out event to be held on August 2, 2016. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes partnership between citizens and the men and women who protect them. The City of Beverly Hills' Fifth Annual National Night Out (NNO) Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. The event will be held on Rexford Drive in front of the Library and the Fire Department.

He also provided information on the current "Coffee with a Cop" series held in the community and decrease in residential burglaries.

Sergeant Haefs also gave an update on filming short videos with the Commissioners on safety issues.

6. **National Night Out**

Meena Janmohamed, Intern to Pamela Mottice-Muller, discussed the upcoming National Night Out event and Health and Safety Commission booth.

Commissioners were asked to share their ideas and provide any suggestions regarding materials that should be ordered and/or provided. The Commission theme for this year is "Be Aware! Be Aware! Be Aware!" with a focus on encouraging residents to be more involved in the Neighborhood Watch program, encouraging the community to sign up for the City's notifications/communications tools, and making people aware of the negative impacts of distracted driving and texting while walking.

Commissioners provided feedback and agreed to attend and help out at the event.

7. **Disaster Ready: Beverly Hills Disaster Preparedness Certification for Businesses Program**

This item was moved to the July 25, 2016 meeting.

8. **Mosquito-borne Diseases**

Meena Janmohamed, Intern to Pamela Mottice-Muller, provided information on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) public relations toolkit to help prevent mosquito bites. Warmer months bring greater risk of mosquito-borne diseases. An informational Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) pamphlet on Zika Virus disease was also provided.

## PROJECT UPDATES

None.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- **Chair's Report**

Chair Schwartz congratulated new Councilmember Kathy Reims on her appointment and wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

- **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – May 2, 2016**

The Mayor's Cabinet meeting notes were provided for review.

- **Other Items**

Commissioner Demeter congratulated Human Services Administrator Jim Latta on the recent Livability Award awarded to the City's ambassador program at the US Conference of Mayors held in June. She also encouraged safety during 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, including pet safety. Dr. Demeter also reminded everyone about keeping children and pets safe in cars during high temperatures.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- **Director's Report**

a) Director Muller reported on the successful Woofstock event held on June 26, 2016. She also reported on how to report an outage and where to find current outages online. Ms. Muller encouraged the community to continue to conserve energy during summer months and reminded everyone that the City has cooling stations located at the library and Roxbury Park community center.

- **Upcoming events**

a) National Night Out event on August 2, 2016

- **Information only items**

- a) Commission Calendar
- b) Press Release – Public Health Report Calls for a Parks Prescription
- c) Press Release – Public Health Applauds FDA for Sodium Reduction

- **Other items**

a) None

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 27, 2016 / 6:24 p.m.

~~PASSED~~ AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY of JULY, 2016

  
Lisa Kay Schwartz, Chair