



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

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

Monday, November 26, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: November 26, 2018 / 4:02 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Schwartz, Nazarian, and Lurie, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Gabrielle Ressa

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Trisha Bodaghi, Marilyn Weinger, and Arnie Weinger spoke to the Commission regarding the Kids Are 1<sup>st</sup> program and handed out pamphlets.

Dr. Arlene Barro spoke to the Commission regarding conquering stress.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the agenda was approved. BHUSD provided a report, as they were able to provide a staff member to present. The agenda has been updated.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular meeting on October 22, 2018.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Ross, SECONDED by Commissioner Nazarian to approve the minutes with changes (4-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Lurie (due to absence at the October 22, 2018 meeting)

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District -  
Chris Hertz, Director of School Safety, presented to the Commission that the school reconfiguration is moving forward and Share911, a system to facilitate communications during a crisis, is now live in three schools. Chris shared the benefits of having cameras in schools and also mentioned Raptor, the screening system which identifies school visitor information. Chris relayed the schools support for the Ambassador Program. Chris highlighted the laws that were passed regarding tactical responses in schools. Finally, the Commission was invited to attend the Welcome Ceremony for the new School Board members Rachelle Marcus and Tristen Walker-Shuman.

Commissioner Lurie inquired if there are different procedures for an outside intruder as opposed to an armed student. Chris relayed that there are steps in place such as calling 911, alarms, hiding, and barricading. Also inquired was whether there was an option to make windows bullet resistant. Chris stated he would find out more information.

- Beverly Hills Police Department –  
There was no report from the Beverly Hills Police Department this month.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 1. Health and Safety Recognition Program – Sandy Pressman

Commissioner Myra Lurie honored Sandy Pressman. Sandy is a dedicated individual involved in many community service and philanthropy based groups including the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills, LA Philharmonic, Cedars-Sinai Advisory Council of the Arts, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Grand Park Foundation Board, Street Symphony, and many others. Additionally, she is a former Fine Arts Commissioner and a current Design Review Commissioner for Beverly Hills.

### 2. Disaster Preparedness

Meena Janmohamed, Management Analyst, addressed the Commission about making a kit, making a plan, and being informed. A kit should be able to sustain oneself and family for 7-14 days and contain food, water, extra clothing, hygiene supplies, medication, N95 masks, copies of important documents, portable phone charges, flashlights, and an AM radio. A kit should be kept at home, in the car, and at work. Individuals should make a 15-minute plan, practice evacuation drills, have an out of state contact, and identify internal/external locations. For important details visit [www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness/](http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness/) or call 310-285-2100. Sign up for text alerts by texting BEVHILLS to 888777 and BEVHILLSPD to 888777. During a disaster, refer to the Beverly Hills Disaster Hotline at 310-550-4680, 1500 AM radio, TV channels 10 and 25, and the City of Beverly Hills Twitter and Facebook pages. The Commission expressed the importance of keeping one's car filled with gasoline, having a manual way to open residential gates if electricity is out, keeping glasses and comfortable shoes in the car, having cash available (small bills), and taking pictures/videos of one's home to document belongings and uploading those files to websites.

### **3. Smoking Update**

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of the Office of Resilience, relayed to the Commission that the flyer for the Cedars-Sinai smoking cessation program has been released and that a vendor was chosen to create an outreach and signage campaign. Additionally mentioned, effective December 21, 2018 retailers will not be able to sell flavored tobacco. On January 1, 2019, smoking will be prohibited in multi-unit dwelling rental units including owner occupied units. Cindy Owens, Policy & Management Analyst, addressed the Commission regarding the FDA ruling that limits the sales of sweet flavored electronic cigarette products.

Chair Demeter passed out articles regarding smoking regulations. The Chair expressed the need for enforcement and more signage. Kris Zagya, Operations Manager for Block By Block, spoke to the Commission regarding how the Ambassador program assists with the anti-smoking initiatives. If anyone witnesses a smoking violation, they are encouraged to contact the ambassadors. The ambassadors will approach the individual diplomatically and find out the person's name, inform them of the ordinance and potential consequences, and often take a picture. After three documentations of the same individual, the case is turned over to Code Enforcement. The Commission suggested the idea of varying ambassador schedules and routes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Water Rate Notices**

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, spoke to the Commission about the water rate notices that were mailed out to all Beverly Hills residents. The City is considering the Proposed Rate Adjustments to accomplish restructuring rates based on the cost-of-service to each customer, protecting water supply through the addition of a water reliability charge, and stabilizing water operations through the authorization of revenue stabilization rates. There will be Town Hall meetings on November 29, 2018 and January 10, 2019 prior to the January 15, 2018 meeting where City Council will hold a public hearing. More information is available at [www.beverlyhills.org/waterrates](http://www.beverlyhills.org/waterrates).

### **5. 2019 Health and Safety Commission Meeting Dates**

The Commission had previously agreed on all 2019 meeting dates except April. With the concurrence of the Commission, they voted to have the meeting on April 22, 2019.

### **6. 2019 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the 2019 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program schedule was approved.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

- None

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report – Chair Demeter wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and upcoming holiday season and congratulated the new School Board members.
- Commissioner items - Commissioner Lurie mentioned the importance of active shooter trainings. Vice Chair Ross reminded the Commission about the annual Vahagn Setian Memorial Run on December 2 to raise awareness against drunk and distracted driving.

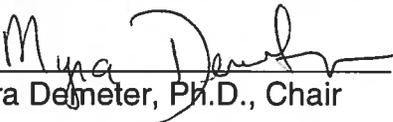
### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report – Pamela Mottice-Muller mentioned that Dona Norris will attend the January meeting to provide information on texting 911 and relayed that the City has some active shooter trainings and to remember to "Run, Hide, Fight."
- Upcoming events
- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights from October 15, 2019
- Information only items
  - a) Commission Calendar
  - b) County of Los Angeles Public Health Article – PrEP
  - c) County of Los Angeles Public Health Article – Flea-Borne Typhus Outbreak
  - d) City of Beverly Hills – Teen Driver Safety
  - e) BOLD Holidays Schedule

### ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 26, 2018 / 6:03 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY of DECEMBER, 2018

  
Myra Demeter, Ph.D., Chair