



City of Beverly Hills

Health and Safety Commission Regular Meeting

**May 18, 2009
4:00 PM
City Hall Room 280-A**

***Enhancing the Health and Safety of
Our Community***

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**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
AGENDA**

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 18, 2009

4:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

- Consideration of minutes of March 23, 2009 - REVISED
- Consideration of minutes of April 27, 2009

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

At this time, 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.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – No report, meeting will take place on May 26th.
- Other items of interest.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Report from Myra Lurie, Beverly Hills School District Board Member
- Information Only:
 - a) Commission Calendar
- Other Items

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation on Islamic Terrorism - Detective Ebrahim Ashabi of the Long Beach Police Department
2. Community Outreach

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' brief responses to public comments, questions for clarification, brief announcements, and brief reports on activities.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Requests for information, provision of references, and directions to place items on future Agendas.

J. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A**

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 2009

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Setian, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Vice Chair Landau,
Chair Seidel

Commissioners Absent: Millan

Guests: Myra Lurie

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, T. Taylor

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kopeikin.

Commissioner Millan arrived at 4:05 PM.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Judelson, SECONDED by Landau to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 23, 2009 (7/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: None

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – March 11, 2009.

Chair Seidel reported that the Public Works Commission noted that California is in a state of water emergency, where a voluntary 5% cutback in water usage is in effect, and a 5% mandatory cutback may take place. Residents are encouraged to reduce their water usage as much as possible.

The Design Review Commission is developing an award for design of a home. It was suggested that the Health and Safety Commission look at how DRC develops this award to use it as a model to develop an award for Health and Safety.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER:

- In following up on the incident at Beverly Vista School where an individual was observed taking photos of a student, the arrest of the individual has led to a conviction.
- The Police Department and the BHUSD came to an agreement on installing a fence at the high school. The fencing will allow some screening of the students, but still allow for police to be able to see into the school yards.
- The Annex Building at Horace Mann School will be torn down.
- A new entrance building will be built at the High School which will allow for confining access points to the school.
- Following City Council directive, Ms. Lurie invited members of the Commission to volunteer to serve as a liaison to the School District's Measure E Facility Advisory Committee. Commissioner Millan volunteered. This item will be further discussed at the April 27th meeting.
- A parent evening will be held on March 31st focusing on cyber security.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- Pandemic Flu: Stopping the Spread of Germs Flyer – a few comments were given on making some changes to the flyer. The requested changes will be made.
- April Disaster Preparedness Employee Pledge Drive –An example of the prize that will be given to the employees who participate was given out to Commissioners.
- Beverly Hills CPR News March 2009 – no comment.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department Brush Clearance Program Information Brochure – no comment.
- Commission Calendar – no comment.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- a) Sustainability Plan – Environmental and Public Health Section
Director Mottice Muller explained that Commissioner Judelson's comments on the Environmental and Public Health section of the Sustainable City Plan Draft have been passed on to Community Development.
- b) Teen Advisory Committee – Director Mottice Muller noted that the Teen Advisory Committee is happy to help the Commission with any projects if requested.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION ON UNITE PROGRAM BY COMMANDER THERESA TAYLOR

UNITE is an acronym for "Unified Network of Interoperable Technology Enhancements". The goal of this program is to make Beverly Hills a safer place. The anticipated total project cost would be \$59M once fully developed. The City has invested approximately \$22M to date. This is in the form of infrastructure including but not limited to, the Municipal Area Network, Radio System, CCTV, ALPR.

The program includes an interoperable radios system, allowing public safety to communicate with each other as well as neighboring agencies.

There are sixty-two CCTV cameras at critical infrastructure sites as well as on Rodeo Drive and at Hawthorne School. The Police Department has seven cars equipped with ALPR (Automated License Plate Recognition), which scans license plates and compares them to a database of stolen cars, cars with warrants, etc. ALPR scans about 3,500 cars per day, resulting in many stolen cars being identified and recovered.

The Federal Department of Homeland Security and the State of California Emergency Management agency have formed a partnership with the City of Beverly Hills in the form of a five-year MOU which will bring more technology to the City.

Examples of other programs which UNITE may bring to the City of Beverly Hills are: COPLINK (real-time information used as a visualizer for developing response strategies for field situations and criminal investigations), Reality Vision (real-time video stream of the disaster to EOC to aid in making decisions), Coco Communications (interoperable voice, data and image software), Critical Infrastructure Inspection Management System (aerial photographs, geographic coordinates and inspections of critical infrastructure sites), Multi-band Portable Radio, Virtual USA (Google Earth-like technology merged with other types of maps, and Portal (real time information on disasters). The goal is to bring all of these items to the City this year.

Commissioner Judelson asked if the UNITE program has any bioterrorism detection equipment aspects. Commander Taylor responded that there is not.

2. EMERGENCY KITS FOR SALE ON SHOPBH.COM

Commissioners were shown examples of fanny pack kits. The Commissioners then had a discussion about selling these kits and larger backpacks on the ShopBH .com website, the Commission decided that the City should not get involved in selling these kits since there are plenty of vendors already selling such items, but that the kits may be good prizes to be given at the upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings.

3. REPORT FROM HEALTH & SAFETY WEEK COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Commission discussed possible speakers to have during Health and Safety Week. Commissioners will use their own sources to try to get speakers to speak at events.

The Commissioners chose a motto for Health and Safety Week: "Beverly Hills: Be Healthy! Be Safe!"

4. COMMISSIONERS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PRESENTATION

The draft PowerPoint presentation to be used at the Neighborhood Watch meetings was given to Commissioners. The presentation was discussed and changes were noted. Chair Seidel gave a dry run of the presentation.

Commissioners will attend each Neighborhood Watch meeting to encourage residents to become involved and to be healthy and safe.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Judelson noted that she attended an anti-bioterrorism seminar that she found to be beneficial.

Commissioner Setian provided staff with literature regarding leaf blowers, which will be included in next month's packet.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This _____ day of _____, 2009

David Seidel, Chair

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

City Hall Room 280-A

MINUTES

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 2009

4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Vice Chair Landau, Chair Seidel

Commissioners Absent: None

Guests: Myra Lurie

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, K. Lichtig, S. Berman, Officer D. Chase, Deputy Fire Chief M. Embrey

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Judelson.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Landau, SECONDED by Aronberg to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 23, 2009 (7/0), pending confirmation of one fact in the minutes.

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: None

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – No April meeting.
- Other items of interest.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER:

- The school district is taking a proactive approach to the current H1N1 flu situation by making mass notification calls to all students' homes. BHUSD is also providing information to all students and their families on the virus and reinforcing basic hygiene such as covering nose and mouth coughing and sneezing, hand washing, and staying home when sick as not to infect others.
- Measure E is progressing and a meeting on this was held last Friday.
- The Horace Mann annex building will be demolished as soon as the students leave for summer break.

- The security issues at the High School are still being reviewed as to find an option to make a single access point at the school.
- Beverly Vista School now has the screening fabric on fences to obscure vision into the school yard to deter predators.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- a) Leaf Blowers – Information submitted by Commissioner Setian – no comment.
- b) New Council Liaisons to the Health and Safety Committee – Chair Seidel suggested that a meeting with the Council Liaisons should take place to familiarize the new council liaison to the Commission.
- c) Fire Service Day Flyer – no comment.
- d) Breakfast in Beverly Hills Flyer – no comment.
- e) Beverly Hills CPR News April 2009 – no comment.
- f) CERT Letter – no comment.
- g) Earthquake Threat Assessment Map – City of Beverly Hills – no comment.
- h) Seasonal Outlook for Southern California – no comment.

OTHER ITEMS

Assistant City Manager Katie Lichtig gave a presentation on the budget and proposed cuts. Chair Seidel pointed out that the Health and Safety Commission would participate in any discussion or ad hoc meetings to help with current budget issues.

Director Mottice Muller gave updates on the current H1N1 flu. The most current numbers of cases were given, and it was noted that at this time, there are no reported cases in Los Angeles County. The World Health Organization has raised the pandemic alert level from three to four, meaning that there are small clusters of human to human transmission of the disease. There is a national as well as a local stockpile of antivirals. The Los Angeles DOC is open. Mottice Muller stated that the City's Pandemic Flu Task Force and EOC Section Chiefs met today to review the current situation and to review the City's Pandemic Plan. Also, a meeting will take place tomorrow to review departments' responsibilities in establishing disbursement centers (POD's) for distribution of pharmaceuticals, should they be needed.

The Commission recommended the following:

- Supplement mainstream media information to the community and to employees.
- Increase communications to the community and to employees on good personal hygiene and when to seek medical care, including adding information to our cable TV and AM radio.
- Add information to the Neighborhood Watch Meetings that are currently being held.

Director Mottice Muller responded that the Office of Emergency Management is working with the Communications Office on outreach to the community and to employees.

The Health and Safety Commission felt the City was on the right track in their preparedness mitigation and response plan efforts for now and for the future, if this should progress. OEM will continue to work closely with the Commission, especially the three who are medical professionals.

Commissioner Kopeikin left the meeting at 4:50 PM.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, MAHDI ALUZRI
Assistant City Manager for Economic Sustainability, Mahdi Aluzri was introduced to the Commission by Director Mottice Muller. Mr. Aluzri briefly described his background and his current job responsibilities, as well as his past experience with the City and his work with other Commissions at the City of Beverly Hills.
2. FAMILY OF HEROES – SONIA BERMAN, CPR COORDINATOR, FIRE DEPARTMENT
The first week of June is CPR and AED Awareness Week, during which the American Heart Association hopes to train one million people. Ms. Berman described the Family of Heroes Event, which will take place on June 7, 2009 at the Beverly Hills Fire Department. At the event, fifty families of four people will be trained in CPR. Also, "CPR Anytime, Anywhere" kits will be given to participants. A free dinner will also be provided. Commissioners were asked to assist in getting the word out and handing out flyers to at least ten friends.
3. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING STATUS – OFFICER DONALD CHASE, POLICE DEPARTMENT
At the recent Neighborhood Watch meetings, attendance has been lower than anticipated, but Officer Chase reports that he has received many RSVP's for the upcoming meetings. Lack of information to the public and complacency among residents are also issues that were noted. To increase participation, outreach efforts such as a piece in the Community Newsletter and a mass notification message will be utilized to advertise the meeting to residents. A comment was made that the residents who attended the meetings were very interested in the materials presented. Commissioners stated that the program was going well.
4. DISCUSSION OF BHUSD FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON POSITION
This position on the BHUSD Facility Advisory Committee is strictly a liaison position with no voting privileges and would only be concerned with city-related health and safety issues in relationship to the City's use of the schools under the JPA. The liaison would represent the Health and Safety Commission. Each School Board Member gets to appoint two members to the Committee. Myra Lurie would like Commissioner Millan to serve as one of her appointees. This is a position on the committee with full voting positions. The person in this position would not represent the Commission. Commissioner Millan chose to take the full voting position.
No Commissioners volunteered to fill the liaison position, therefore the Commission voted to have the Commissioners fill this position on a rotating basis.

MOVED by Judelson, SECONDED by Landau to fill the liaison position to the BHUSD Facilities Committee on a rotating basis (6/0).

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: Kopeikin

CARRIED.

5. **HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK: BANNER**

The banner was approved as long as Health & Safety Week wording is removed, and the location of the Expo is added.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Landau attended the Chamber of Commerce's Health, Beauty and Fitness Expo and reported on the many vendors and services that were represented there.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Chair Aronberg requested to have Health and Safety Week Committee meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This _____ day of _____, 2009

David Seidel, Chair

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION CALENDAR

Updated: 5/13/09
** = New Item Added

MAY 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Mon	18	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All
Tue	19	7-8:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Zone 16	Library Auditorium	KS/tb
Wed	20	1-2:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Additional Meeting	Library Auditorium	PL/ez
Wed	20	7-8:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Zone 17	Library Auditorium	**SA/tb
Thu	21	7-8:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Zone 18	Library Auditorium	**GM/ez
Tue	26	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS
Tue	26	7-8:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Zone 19	Library Auditorium	DS/ez
Wed	27	7-8:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Zone 20	Library Auditorium	GM/ez
Thu	28	1-2:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Additional Meeting	Library Auditorium	PL/tb
Thu	28	7-8:30pm	Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Zone 21	Library Auditorium	SA/tb

JUNE 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Tue	2	7:00pm	**City Council Meeting - When it Rocks Raffle Drawing	Council Chambers	
Mon	8	5:00pm	Health & Safety Council Liaison Meeting	City Hall 4-A	DS, PL
Wed	10	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS

JUNE 2009 Cont'd

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Sun	14	12-4:00pm	**2nd Annual Greystone Family Festival	Greystone Mansion	
Mon	22	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	ALL

JULY 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	8	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS
Mon	27	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	ALL

AUGUST 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	12	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	PL (DS out of town)
Mon	24	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	ALL

SEPTEMBER 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	9	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS
Mon	21	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	ALL

OCTOBER 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	14	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS
Thu	15		**The Great California Shakeout		

OCTOBER 2009 Cont'd

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Mon	26	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All
M-Sat	26-31		Health and Safety Week		

NOVEMBER 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Sun	1	9:00-1:00p	Health and Safety Expo at Farmer's Market	Civic Center Drive	
Wed	11	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS
Mon	23	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All

DECEMBER 2009

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	9	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS
Mon	14	4:00pm	Health and Safety Commission Meeting	City Hall 280-A	All

JANUARY 2010

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	13	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	DS

FEBRUARY 2010

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	10	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	

MARCH 2010

Day	Date	Time	Meeting/Event	Location	Attendees
Wed	10	4:30pm	Mayor's Cabinet Meeting	280-B	



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners
FROM: Kathy Ryan, Commission Secretary
DATE: May 18, 2009
SUBJECT: Presentation by Ebrahim Ashabi – Islamic Terrorism

Lt. Tony Lee and Sgt. Shan Davis will present Detective Ebrahim Ashabi of the Long Beach Police Department. Detective Ashabi will give a presentation to the Commission on Islamic Terrorism.

Below is a short biography on Detective Ashabi:

Detective Ebrahim Ashabi

Detective Ebrahim Ashabi is a 11-year veteran of the Long Beach, California, Police Department where he is presently working in the Office of Counter Terrorism. Detective Ebrahim was born in Iran as a Shiite Muslim. He lived through the Iranian Islamic Revolution of 1978-79 and the Iran – Iraq war. Detective Ebrahim fled from Iran in 1982 across the Iranian border into the Kurdish area of Northern Iraq and then into Turkey. After a few months in Europe, he immigrated to the US, where he lived in New York and Washington D.C. Detective Ashabi moved to Los Angeles in 1990. Ashabi joined the Long Beach Police Department in 1997 after becoming a naturalized American citizen. Detective Ashabi is assigned to the Office of Counter Terrorism and is responsible for collecting, analyzing and investigating criminal intelligence related to international and domestic terrorism, organized crime, and extremist activities. Detective Ebrahim also assists in investigations with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne and is currently working on his Masters degree at California State University, Long Beach. Detective Ebrahim has been involved in training law enforcement officers for the past five years.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Policy and Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners
FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
DATE: May 18, 2009
SUBJECT: Community Outreach

The following Community Outreach has been completed in March, April and May.

- 468 Employees returned the employee pledge cards for "When it Rocks" pledge drive
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings – 13 meetings with 203 attendees
- Other speaking engagements: Rotary, 2 Condo Associations, 2 businesses, mailed information to 22 individuals
- Booth at Farmer's Market
- Booth at Earth Day
- Booth at Woofstock
- Booth at Fire Safety Day

Thank you for your assistance with these events.

At the June 2nd City Council Meeting, we will choose the winner of the Community "When it Rocks...Are You Ready to Roll" pledge raffle drive. Community members were asked to complete the pledge drive and send or email the card back to the City to be entered into the raffle to be held on June 2nd at the City Council Meeting. Please advise your availability to attend the June 2nd meeting at 7:00pm.