



City of Beverly Hills

**Health and Safety Commission
Regular Meeting**

**June 28, 2010
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

June 28, 2010
4:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

- Consideration of minutes of May 17, 2010.

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 – June 9, 2010.
- Other items of interest.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Report from Myra Lurie, Beverly Hills School District Board Member
- Information Only:
- Other Items:
 - Amended General Plan

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation: Recipient of Employee Emergency Management Excellence Award
2. Public Health Advisory: Mumps Cases on the Rise in Los Angeles
3. Community Health and Safety Awards
4. Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal – Viviana Franco
5. Earthquake Pledge Drive Raffle
6. Tobacco Retailer Regulatory Permit Program
7. Hazardous Pesticides and Herbicides
8. Status of Health and Safety Week
9. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

May 17, 2010
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Millan, Kopeikin

Staff: P. Mottice Muller, K. Ryan, M. Roach

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Setian.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Aronberg, SECONDED by Landau to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 26, 2010, with minor change, (5/0)

Ayes: Judelson, Seidel, Landau, Aronberg, Setian

Noes: None

Absent: Millan, Kopeikin

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING – May 12, 2010

Chair Seidel reported the following items at the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting:

- recent Neighborhood Watch Meetings and items covered in the meetings,
- the Health and Safety Commission's progress on the Tobacco Regulation issue,
- recent DWI Checkpoints in the City,
- Fire Service Day,
- employee and community pledge drive status, and
- gas shut-off wrenches were distributed to those at the meeting who didn't already have one, and Chair Seidel gave a demonstration on how to use them.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Chair Seidel stated that the BHUSD Facilities Advisory Committee does not have much activity right now. This will be explained in Myra Lurie's report below.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

- The Facilities Advisory Committee does not have much activity since the bond is currently at a standstill, and this Committee's purpose is to give input on projects. Work should begin as soon as the school district's newly hired Facilities Director starts his appointment this week.

- There were two incidents in the past week where an adult attempted to lure an elementary school student into a car. It is believed that the same suspect was involved in both incidents. The school district took this opportunity to remind children and parents about “stranger danger”.
- The “Every 15 Minutes” program will take place next week at the High School.
- As a result of budget cuts, there will no longer be SRO’s at the schools.
- Ms. Lurie will head up the new school “Green Team” program, which will focus on the use of pesticides and utilization of solar power, including green initiatives.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- a) Commission Calendar – *no comment*
- b) “Every 15 Minutes” Program on May 25th - The schedule for the event was reviewed.
- Other Items - *none*

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY MANAGER JEFF KOLIN

Commissioners introduced themselves to Mr. Kolin, providing their backgrounds and individual expertise as it pertains to health and safety. Some of the Commission’s goals and accomplishments were shared.

Mr. Kolin explained his professional and personal background to the Commission. The Commission thanked Mr. Kolin for taking the time to come to the meeting.

2. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO REGULATE TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS IN BEVERLY HILLS

Senior Management Analyst, Megan Roach, presented a draft Power Point presentation to the Commission which will be modified and presented to the City Council on June 3rd when the Commission gives its recommendation regarding the proposal to regulate tobacco sales to minors in the city.

In reference to non-compliance of a tobacco license, the City Attorney advises that criminal prosecution is too costly, and Municipal Code prosecution is recommended because it functions as an effective deterrent.

The question arose about whether or not a fine can be combined with suspension of a license in the ordinance. The City Attorney will be consulted on this matter.

City Building Official George Chavez stated that any violation of the Municipal Code is considered a misdemeanor, and that he recommends that the ordinance call for an administrative penalty process for those in non-compliance.

Commissioners were given the option of the tobacco retailer permit cost of \$204.42, where all tobacco retailers in the city would have an annual compliance check, or \$111.58, where half of all tobacco retailers in the city would have an annual compliance check. After considering both options, consensus among the Commissioners was that the higher permit amount is better to ensure an effective level of enforcement.

All Commissioners also agreed that the process for non-compliance should be as follows:

- 1st violation – fine (if possible)
- 2nd violation – 10 day license suspension
- 3rd violation – 30 day license suspension
- 4th violation – 90 day license suspension

At the City Council Study Session on June 3rd, the Commission will receive guidance from the Council on the following:

1. If the permit option is the proper approach for the regulation of tobacco sales to minors
2. An appropriate fine amount for the first violation
3. Cost of the annual permit

After receiving guidance on these items from the Council, staff will draft an ordinance (with input from the local tobacco retailers) to bring to a future Commission meeting for discussion.

All Commissioners agreed that they prefer that the tobacco ordinance would start with a two-year pilot program.

Some changes to the draft power point presentation were suggested by Commissioners. Staff will incorporate these changes to the presentation, and a version of will be emailed to Commissioners. A dry run of the presentation will be scheduled with Chair Seidel prior to the June 3rd meeting.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – *This item was tabled to the June meeting.*

4. HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES & HERBICIDES

Upcoming meeting agendas were reviewed to find an appropriate meeting date to discuss this item further. Commissioners agreed that the July meeting was the most appropriate time for this discussion. All Commissioners agreed that this is an important issue that should be studied further. Chair Seidel noted that the Commission should be mindful that the Recreation and Parks division will soon put out an RFP to contract out work in the parks, and this item should be looked at in timeframe that concurs with the RFP. Director Mottice Muller will suggest to the Director of Community Services to include language in the RFP that bidders should consider green options and avoid environmental hazards.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This _____ of _____, 2010

David Seidel, Chair



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commission
FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
DATE: June 28, 2010
SUBJECT: Presentation: Recipient of Employee Emergency Management Excellence Award

This year, the City's Office of Emergency Management created the Employee Emergency Management Award to recognize employees who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's emergency management efforts. The award is similar to the Community Health and Safety Awards created by the Health and Safety Commission. The Employee Emergency Management Award will be given once a year to a deserving City employee. Employees will nominate recipients and the Employee Emergency Management Committee will chose each year's award winner. The Commission will be asked to present the award to the winner.

Larry Sakurai, Senior Planner Community Development, was nominated by his peers to receive the 2010, and the first, Employee Emergency Management Excellence Award. The Emergency Management Committee voted for Mr. Sakurai to receive the award above other nominees.

Mr. Sakurai has worked for the City for almost 30 years and has always been extremely dedicated to emergency management. He has shown exceptional dedication as the EOC Planning and Intelligence Section Chief by holding regular meetings and training to ensure his team is ready. He has made a significant contribution as one of the first Employee Emergency Response Team members serving in the capacity of either Building Director or Floor Warden for over 15 years. He was an integral part of the implementation of this program and even appears as a lead in the training video.

Staff requests the Commission recognize him at the Commission meeting by presenting him with a gift of appreciation. His name will be placed on a perpetual wall plaque to be displayed in the Emergency Operation Center.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

To: Health and Safety Commission
From: Jessica Barcellona, Office of Emergency Management Intern
Date: June 28, 2010
Subject: Public Health Advisory: Mumps Cases on the Rise in Los Angeles
Attachments: L.A. County Public Health Advisory: Mumps, May 11, 2010
L.A. County Press Release: Pertussis, May 17, 2010
Bikur Cholim Press Release: Mumps on the Rise, May 17, 2010
Beverly Hills Courier: Mumps article, June 2010
LA Times: California says whooping cough is at epidemic levels

INTRODUCTION

City of Beverly Hills Mayor Delshad received information from the Bikur Cholim Jewish Healthcare Foundation regarding the recent increase of mumps cases in the Los Angeles Jewish Community. Mayor Delshad has requested that the Commission study this issue and report back to the City Council.

DISCUSSION

The L.A. County Department of Public Health recently issued advisories regarding the increase in cases of mumps in the County. The orthodox Jewish community was particularly impacted by the increase of this highly contagious disease. According to Jonathan Fielding, L.A. County Director of Public Health, six cases of the mumps have been confirmed as of May 17, 2010. This is compared to seven confirmed cases in all of 2009. Articles in the Beverly Hills Courier, L.A. Times and press releases from the L.A. County Department of Public Health have raised community awareness about this issue.

Mumps is not the only vaccine-preventable disease that is on the rise in L.A. County. Most notably, there have been increases in cases of whooping cough (pertussis) this year. In the first six months of 2010, two infants died due to whooping cough. This is compared to an average of zero to one whooping cough deaths per year in L.A. County.

Safe and effective vaccines which prevent disease are available for both mumps and whooping cough. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and L.A. County Department of Public Health, among other health professionals, recommend immunizing children against these preventable diseases. However, parents can choose not to immunize their children due to personal or religious beliefs. The issue of childhood vaccinations has

become increasingly controversial in recent years. Conversations with Commissioner Gail Millan and representatives from the L.A. County Department of Public Health revealed that the increase in mumps and whooping cough in L.A. County may be related to individuals choosing to not immunize their children.

Immunizations protect the community and individuals from serious, potentially fatal, communicable diseases. In general, it is recommended that all children receive the MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella and varicella) and DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) immunizations. It is possible for adults who have not been vaccinated or who need booster shots to catch up on their immunizations.

Community members should speak to their personal health care providers regarding concerns about immunizations and to receive vaccines. L.A. County offers assistance for those individuals who do not have a regular health care provider or insurance coverage for vaccines. Interested individuals can get more information by dialing 211 or visiting www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Health and Safety Commission develop a position statement regarding this issue to be shared with Mayor Delshad and the City Council at a future study session.

For example, the Commission's position statement could inform residents about the rise of vaccine-preventable communicable diseases in L.A. County, particularly among the Jewish community. It could encourage City of Beverly Hills residents to immunize their children to protect the safety and health of themselves and the community at large. The statement could further recommend that residents speak with their personal health care providers regarding concerns they have about immunizations and to receive vaccines.

The Commission could ask for additional outreach to be completed by the City now or during the fall flu season.



Public Health News

For Immediate Release:
May 11, 2010

Public Health Advisory: Mumps cases on the rise in LA County

LOS ANGELES - Amid an increasing number of mumps cases reported in Los Angeles County, the Department of Public Health today urged residents to be alert for any sign of the disease in their community and to take steps to protect themselves.

"At least nine cases of mumps have already been reported in Los Angeles County this year, six of which have been confirmed," said Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director of Public Health and Health Officer. "By comparison, seven cases were confirmed countywide in all of 2009, seven in 2008, and five in 2007."

Four of the confirmed cases have occurred in the past two months and may be related to the multi-state mumps outbreak affecting the Hasidic Jewish population that was first seen in this country on the East Coast. Specifically, cases have been detected in congregate settings such as schools, colleges, and community centers.

Mumps is a vaccine-preventable viral illness that is transmitted by coughing and sneezing. Symptoms begin from 12 to 25 days after exposure, and include swelling of salivary glands, fever and inflammation of the testes in teenage and adult males. Up to 20 percent of infected individuals may be asymptomatic, however. Symptoms tend to decrease after one week and usually go away after 10 days, but in some cases the illness can cause severe symptoms that include inflammation of the testicles, meningitis and encephalitis.

"The best protection against the mumps is to make sure that you receive the measles-mumps-rubella vaccination," said Dr. Fielding. "If you develop mumps symptoms, avoid congregate settings where you could spread the disease to others, and contact your doctor immediately."

Unimmunized children under age 19 who do not have health insurance or a regular source of health care can receive low-cost or free mumps vaccine through a Public Health center (during vaccine clinic hours), or through their local community health center.

For information on Public Health vaccine clinics, locate a health center near you by using the Public Health website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/locator.htm#a> or by calling the LA County Information line at 2-1-1. Contact the health center to make a vaccine appointment.

The Department of Public Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of the nearly 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Public Health comprises more than 4,000 employees and has an annual budget exceeding \$750 million. To learn more about Public Health and the work we do, please visit <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov>, visit our YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/lapublichealth>, or follow us on Twitter: LAPublicHealth.

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May 17, 2010

MUMPS ALERT INCREASED MUMPS ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has identified an increased number of mumps cases in the County since the onset of Passover, some of which may be related to the multi-state mumps outbreak affecting Observant Jewish Communities. Specifically, cases have been detected in congregate settings (e.g., schools, colleges, other large gatherings). **At this time, we ask health care providers to report any suspicion of mumps cases immediately** to the Los Angeles County Morbidity Central Reporting Unit at 888-397-3993 (phone) or 888-397-3778 (fax). For cases among residents of the Cities of Long Beach or Pasadena, call the Long Beach City Health Department (562-570-4302) or the Pasadena City Health Department (626-744-6000). Do NOT wait for laboratory confirmation before reporting a suspected case of mumps. Prompt reporting is critical to preventing further transmission of the disease.

Mumps is an acute viral illness that is transmitted by respiratory droplets. The incubation period ranges from 12-25 days. Persons with mumps are considered most infectious from 2 days before to 5 days after onset of symptoms. The classic symptom of mumps is parotitis, either unilateral or bilateral. Other salivary glands can also be affected. Nonspecific symptoms such as myalgia, anorexia, malaise, headache, and low-grade fever may precede parotitis by several days. Symptoms tend to decrease after 1 week and usually resolve after 10 days. As many as 20% of cases are subclinical, but such cases remain contagious. Complications include inflammation of the testicles or ovaries, meningitis, encephalitis, pancreatitis, and deafness.

When assessing a patient for possible mumps, staff should follow standard respiratory droplet precautions and the patient should remain isolated at home for 5 days after onset of parotitis. Since parotitis can be caused by agents other than the mumps virus, it is important to make a laboratory diagnosis of mumps. Acute mumps can be confirmed by the presence of serum mumps IgM, a significant rise in IgG antibody, or detection of mumps virus from buccal specimens by PCR, culture or other methods. Sera should be collected as soon as possible after symptom onset for IgM testing and acute IgG testing. Suspected cases who have previously received one or more doses of MMR vaccine may have an IgM response that is missing, delayed, or transient. Thus, it is important to collect sera 2 weeks later for convalescent IgG testing. The acute IgG and convalescent IgG can then be compared to determine if there is a 4-fold rise in mumps antibody level. If technical assistance is needed, please consult the Los Angeles County Immunization Program Surveillance Unit (213-351-7800).

Any individuals who are traveling, or who might otherwise be at greater risk for exposure to mumps, should ensure that they are immune to mumps. Healthcare providers should check that all patients, both children and adults, have been appropriately vaccinated with 2 doses of the MMR vaccine.

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BIKUR CHOLIM
 JEWISH HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mumps on the Rise in Los Angeles Jewish Community
 Los Angeles – Monday 5/17/10

Bikur Cholim has been monitoring the outbreak of mumps within the East Coast Jewish communities as early as last year, and its potential spread to other Jewish communities in the US. To those familiar with the socialization and frequency of transcontinental flights between these two regions, the spread of mumps to Los Angeles comes as no surprise. While data regarding the source, propagation, and number of mumps cases in Los Angeles is useful for epidemiology studies, the attention of all health officials and physicians is focused on treatment, limiting transmission, and reinforcing the importance of childhood immunizations.

Over recent weeks, several articles have surfaced citing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health publicizing cases of mumps in Los Angeles, particularly within the Jewish community. Efforts are being made to collect data and monitor this as closely as possible. Today, there have been 8 confirmed mumps cases with additional cases under review. From the onset, and as recently as last week, information coming from New York has identified the "Hasidic" population as the group associated with this mumps outbreak. Unfortunately this does not adequately sensitize the entire Jewish community to this threat. While these cases may have in fact begun in a Hasidic setting, it is without question that this has passed beyond these boundaries and significantly spread throughout the observant Jewish community. Bikur Cholim has worked closely with Los Angeles health officials to ensure their language does not solely identify this outbreak as "Hasidic" but rather to include the Jewish community as a whole.

Per the Center for Disease Control (CDC), without vaccines, epidemics of many preventable diseases could return resulting in increased and unnecessary illness, disability, and death among children. There are currently 15 vaccine-preventable diseases including mumps, measles, and rubella (MMR) and adults whom were never vaccinated can receive the MMR vaccine at any age.

The transmission and spreads of mumps is of major concern to public health and Los Angeles physicians are mandated to report all cases of mumps to the Department of Health. Due to its highly communicable nature, children and adults diagnosed with mumps should not attend school or have contact with other individuals during the communicable period.

Bikur Cholim president Rabbi Hershy Ten expressed, "With more parents exercising the "personal belief" exemption and not immunizing their children, the risk of exposure and contracting these diseases increases. The decision not to immunize goes beyond effecting one's own child and family, it directly impacts society. For example, children not immunized for measles and rubella that contract these diseases can place pregnant women, such as teachers and day care providers, and their unborn children at risk."

Mumps is not a Jewish disease nor is it specific to any religious or ethnic group. Childhood immunizations are the single most effective way to protect children and adults from these diseases. Those parents whom are doubtful of the benefits of immunization should speak with their pediatricians. For years now, public health officials have offered low-cost and free vaccinations at LA County clinics which can be found at www.lapublichealth.org. Those exhibiting symptoms such as swollen/tender salivary glands under the ears or jaws on both sides of the face, dry mouth, painful chewing/swallowing, headache, fever, muscle aches etc. should contact their family physician.

Bikur Cholim (www.bikurcholim.net) is working together with health officials to provide information to all schools and organizations within the Los Angeles Jewish community for them to share with their parent bodies and memberships.

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Mumps Cases Reported In Los Angeles—What To Do

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Los Angeles Opera performed *Tarles In America* with the Beverly Vista Concert Choir.

BUSINESS

Suzanne and Don Einhorn and Prince at Le Poach of Brentwood.

FASHION AND LIFESTYLE

The junior members of the Beverly Hills Women's Club hosted a fashion show at the historic clubhouse on Chevy Chase Drive.

HEALTH

It was a day of beauty at the Tipperary Hair Salon here in Beverly Hills as 35 girls battling cancer and other serious illnesses were treated to a "Beauty Makeover and Arts and Crafts Party".

LOCAL NEWS

AFP: US players celebrating their tie with England.

SPORTS

The Girls Under 12, Beverly Hills Pythons All Star Team took second place at the Top Gun Soccer Tournament in San Diego Memorial Day weekend.

LOCAL NEWS

- NBA: Lakers rout Celtics to force game seven
- 'Room 222' Reunion Set For Wednesday in Beverly Hills
- Beverly Hills attorney arrested for attempted drug smuggling to inmates
- 405 Freeway commuters warned of closures tonight and

REAL ESTATE

- Kennedy Wilson Completes Acquisition, Sells Condos
- Courier Honors Beverly Hills Best Real Estate Agent 2009' Contest Winners at Montage BH Residences Reception
- Late BH Architect's Artwork On Display In Pasadena Museum

ASTROLOGY

- HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS (061110)
- HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS (060410)
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FASHION AND LIFESTYLE

- Cute Couture
- Foundation Celebrates Anniversary
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Award Excellence
- Kardashians Do Bebe

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

- The A Team—Action-Packed But Puzzling
- Opera in Beverly Hills
- Cabaret 2010
- BHHS Alums, Friends Collaborate To Create Banana Baby Books And More

LOOK GREAT

- Absorption Makes Dr. Hamilton's New Skin Care Line So Effective
- Dr. Obagi To Debunk Anti-Aging Skin-Care Myths In April 22 Seminar
- Doctor's Prescription For Health Care Reform

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California says whooping cough is at epidemic levels

Five babies have died since January and the number of confirmed cases is four times higher than the same period last year. Health officials urge anyone in contact with infants to be inoculated.

By Kate Linthicum and Rong-Gong Lin II, Los Angeles Times

June 24, 2010

Whooping cough is now at epidemic levels in California and the state could record the highest number of illnesses and death due to the disease in 50 years, the state's top health official said Wednesday.

Reported cases of whooping cough, also known as pertussis, have quadrupled over the same time period last year, said Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health. Five infants — all under 3 months — have died, including two in Los Angeles County and one in San Bernardino County.

Whooping cough is a bacterial disease that infects the respiratory system. There have been 910 confirmed cases of the highly contagious disease in California between Jan. 1 and June 15. During the same time last year, 219 cases were confirmed.

An additional 600 possible cases are being investigated.

L.A. County has reported 148 suspected pertussis cases, said Director of Public Health Jonathan Fielding. He urged infants' relatives and caregivers to get a booster shot.

Newborns are most likely to be infected by their siblings and parents. Fielding urged anyone who has a cough to stay away from infants.

Pertussis can make young infants gravely ill very quickly, and health officials recommend that even those with early symptoms be treated with antibiotics. They also say that doctors should strongly consider hospitalizing ill infants in a facility with access to an intensive care unit.

Although many people may think they are still protected from whooping cough because they received inoculations as a child, immunity can begin fading five years after the immunization.

In May, state health officials warned that physicians often don't make a prompt diagnosis of whooping cough in infants because newborns can have deceptively mild symptoms at first — such as a runny nose

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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

To: Health and Safety Commission
From: Jessica Barcellona, Office of Emergency Management Intern
Date: June 28, 2010
Subject: Community Health and Safety Awards
Attachments: Community Health and Safety Award Nomination Form

INTRODUCTION

The Community Health and Safety Award nomination period is scheduled to begin on August 1 and to conclude on September 30, 2010. Award recipients will be recognized in late 2010.

DISCUSSION

The following is a timeline of activities that should be completed to promote the Community Health and Safety Awards during the nomination and selection process.

August:

- Begin nomination process
- Publicize awards via:
 - City newsletter
 - Website
 - Library
 - Press release
 - Schools
 - Community organizations (Rotary, Chamber of Commerce)

September:

- Continue to publicize nominations
- All nominations due by September 30th

October:

- Ad Hoc Committee meets to review nominations
- Ad Hoc Committee makes recommendation to Commission during October meeting
- Award recipients are notified
 - Plaque
 - Gift certificate to local business
- Commission decides on award

- Certificate of recognition
- Personalized gift (flashlight)
- Order is placed for personalized award for recipients

November:

- Award recipients acknowledged at Commission meeting
- Recognize award recipient
 - City newsletter
 - Website
 - Press release
 - City Council?

FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission's budget includes funding for awards.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission review, provide input and approve the proposed nomination timeline. Outstanding questions related to the timeline and activities include: Will the Ad Hoc Committee or the full Health and Safety Commission review nominations and decide on the award recipient? Will the award recipient be recognized by the City Council as well as the Health and Safety Commission?

Additionally, it is recommended that the Commission decide what the award recipient will receive. The Ad Hoc Committee expressed a preference for awarding a certificate from the Health and Safety Commission and a personalized safety gift, such as a hard hat or flashlight. However, a final decision regarding the award was not reached.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEALTH and SAFETY COMMISSION



BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH and SAFETY AWARDS

WHAT ARE THE BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARDS?

The City of Beverly Hills is made up of dedicated residents, businesses and organizations that serve the community and contribute to the wellbeing of the city. To recognize individuals, businesses or organizations that have made significant efforts towards enhancing community health and safety in Beverly Hills, the Health and Safety Commission has created the *Beverly Hills Community Leadership Award* and the *Beverly Hills Heroic Individual Award*. We will recognize those who have gone above and beyond the usual in their dedication and service to health and safety. We are also looking to honor those who have made a long term commitment to the safety and well being of this community.

AWARD EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Beverly Hills Community Leadership Award - This award recognizes an individual, business, or group who has taken on a significant leadership role in the community which has helped to enhance community health and safety or improved the quality of life in their neighborhood.

Beverly Hills Heroic Individual Award - This award recognizes an individual who has made a significant, heroic contribution at a single event to enhance community health and safety in Beverly Hills.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THESE AWARDS?

The *Beverly Hills Community Health and Safety Awards* will be presented to those who continually demonstrate leadership in the field of health and safety, who make a significant, heroic contribution at a single event, or have consistently contributed to improving the community's health and safety. To be eligible for these awards, the nominee must be a resident of Beverly Hills or have made a positive impact on our City in the areas of health and safety.

WHO CAN MAKE A NOMINATION? HOW ARE AWARD SELECTIONS MADE?

Nominations for the awards can be made by anyone. The deadline for nominations is September 30, 2010. Award nominations will be evaluated by the Health and Safety Commission. The Commission will consider the award criteria above as a part of their review process and award selection. Please complete your nomination form in detail since the Commission will base their decision on the information you provide.

WHEN WILL THE AWARDS BE PRESENTED?

Award recipients will be acknowledged at the Health and Safety Commission monthly meeting in late 2010.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEALTH and SAFETY COMMISSION



BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY HEALTH and SAFETY AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Completed nomination forms must be submitted no later than September 30, 2010.

Please briefly describe the achievements of the nominee and explain why you feel this individual, business or group's efforts have significantly improved community health and safety in Beverly Hills. Provide specific examples using the criteria on the reverse side of this form. Attach additional sheets if needed. All information provided is subject to verification.

Nomination submitted by (print your name): _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please submit your nomination form to the City of Beverly Hills
Office of Emergency Management

On-line: www.beverlyhills.org/hsawards

Mail to: 455 North Rexford Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

E-Mail to: kryan@beverlyhills.org

Fax: 310-247-1953

For additional information please call
Kathy Ryan at 310-285-1080



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commission

FROM: Viviana Franco, Consultant for City of Beverly Hills Hazard Mitigation Plan, Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Emergency Management

DATE: June 28th, 2010

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. City of Beverly Hills Mitigation Strategies
- B. Office of Emergency Management Mitigation Activities

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires all local jurisdictions to submit an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to maintain eligibility for federal Hazard Mitigation Grant funding. The City of Beverly Hills' staff is in the process of updating that strategic document for submission to the City Council.

Mitigation is defined by FEMA as a **preventive measure or action taken to reduce or eliminate long term risk to human life and property from a hazardous event**. The proposed plan details the City's commitment to reduce risk by developing mitigation strategies that are structured to decrease the potential loss of life, property and economic infrastructure when a disaster occurs.

This report provides an update on the progress of the renewal draft plan and an overview of the main components of the plan. The remaining mitigation strategies are currently being developed and will be approved by the staff Steering Committee by the end of June 2010. In addition, we are formally requesting Commissioners to provide comments and input on the plan and mitigation strategies.

BACKGROUND

In October 2004, City Council approved the City of Beverly Hills Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The Plan's mission was to promote sound public policy and programs designed to protect the public, critical facilities, infrastructure, private and public property and the environment from natural and manmade hazards. This was achieved by developing a plan with implementation strategies to guide the City towards creating and maintaining a safer more sustainable community. The development of the plan was a collaborative staff and community effort. As stipulated in the original plan, the plan is to be **renewed every five (5) years**. Currently we are working with several departments to update information in the plan and most importantly include new mitigation strategies to renew the plan with FEMA.

MISSION STATEMENT AND PLAN GOALS

The City of Beverly Hills Hazard Mitigation Plan is to promote sound public policy designed to protect citizens, critical facilities, infrastructure, private and public property and the environment from natural and manmade hazards. This will be achieved by developing and implementing this plan that will guide the City towards creating and building a safer more sustainable community.

To Protect Life, Property, Environment

- Implement activities that assist in protecting lives by making homes, businesses, infrastructure, critical facilities, and other property more resistant to hazards.
- Reduce losses and repetitive damages for chronic hazard events while promoting insurance coverage for catastrophic hazards.
- Encourage preventative measures for existing and new development in areas vulnerable to hazards.

Public Awareness

- Develop and implement education and outreach programs to increase public awareness of the risks associated with hazards.
- Develop and implement education and outreach programs to increase public awareness of the mitigation measures associated with hazards.
- Provide information on tools, partnership opportunities, and funding resources to assist in implementing mitigation activities.

Partnerships and Implementation

- Strengthen communication and coordinate participation among and within public agencies, citizens, non-profit organizations, business, and industry to gain a vested interest in implementation.
- Encourage leadership within public and private sector organizations to prioritize and implement local, county, and regional hazard mitigation activities.
- Assist in the development of the Seismic Safety Element of the General Plan.

Emergency Management

- Establish policy to ensure mitigation projects for critical facilities, services, and infrastructure.
- Update current ordinances, make recommendations for City guidelines, codes, and permitting process and establish new ordinances that support mitigation.
- Strengthen emergency operations by increasing collaboration and coordination among departments, public agencies, non-profit organizations, business, and industry.
- Coordinate and integrate natural hazard mitigation activities, where appropriate, with emergency operations plans and procedures.

RISK ASSESSMENT

When completing the original plan in 2004, the Committee utilized a number of resources in assessing which hazards are most likely to occur within the City of Beverly Hills and which events would have the highest probability to cause significant impacts. After considering the

City's event history, the probability of a local occurrence, and the magnitude of each hazard to the City, the Steering Committee and Project Coordinators chose to incorporate the following hazards into the Mitigation Plan and remain the same for the 2010 update:

1. Earthquake
2. Terrorism
3. Fire (including Wildland and Structural Fire)
4. Earth Movement (Landslide/Debris Flow)
5. Flood (including Reservoir Failure)
6. Windstorm

COMMUNITY PROCESS

Public participation is a key component of strategic planning process. Citizen participation offers the residential and business community the opportunity for consideration of their input and concerns as the plan is drafted. The Federal Emergency Management Agency rules require public input during the development of local hazard mitigation plans.

The City of Beverly Hills' Hazard Mitigation Plan includes input from a cross section of local resident and business communities. The Committee determined that it was more efficient and sufficiently representative to enlist the expertise of existing City Commissioners, homeowner group officers and business leaders. The public will be offered opportunities to provide input on the plan via the web and at key public locations. The draft plan has been a collaborative effort with valuable input from all departments and the community.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Draft hazard mitigation strategies are attached. These strategies will be the blueprint for decreasing the potential community losses identified in the draft plan. These strategies are based on existing City programs and resources and the City's ability to expand on and improve these existing tools. Mitigation strategies have already been identified for each hazard. Please provide any comment, input or additions. please advise if you have additional suggestions for a mitigation strategy.

CONCLUSION

A first draft of the Plan will go public via the City's website no later than July 2nd, 2010. The Plan will go to City Council for approval on August 17th, 2010. Please review the draft plan either online via the City's Office of Emergency Management webpage. Therefore, at this time, Staff requests Commissioners to submit input, comments, and questions to be included in the plan no later than August 7th, 2010.

Attachment A. City of Beverly Hills Mitigation Strategies**2010 Mitigation Strategies Overview Chart**

Hazard	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible Department	Timeline			Plan Goals Addressed
			2010	X	X	
Earthquake	1 Reinforce Existing Buildings. Continue to require upgrade of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings to address any structural and nonstructural seismic deficiency of existing buildings	Community Development				To Protect Life, Property, Environment
Earthquake	2 Assistance Programs. Develop assistance programs for senior citizens who own single-family homes to seismically retrofit their homes per current safety standards. Assistance programs should include maintaining lists of approved contractors, outreach to senior citizens and education efforts.	Community Development				Public Awareness Partnerships and Implementation Emergency Management
Earthquake	3 Seismic data collection sampling stations. Work with CalTech to establish more seismic data collection sampling stations inside Beverly Hills. This will significantly improve the accuracy and details of the shakemap (ground acceleration data) which eventually allows better analysis (Virtual Beverly Hills damage assessment), planning and emergency response.	Information Technology				
Fire	4 Code Update. Review and update existing city codes to reflect recommendations set forth by the FireWise assessment and Joint Wild land Interface Task Force.	Community Development, Fire				
Fire	5 Zone 9 (Closed water Pressure Zone) Hillside Fire Protection. Increase water pressure and access to water in case of an emergency in Zone 9 for conflagrations in the vicinity of Coldwater Canyon and areas contiguous to the City and the City of Los Angeles' Franklin Canyon Reservoir. It will also improve distribution of water supply and reduce energy costs at the Monte Cielo pump station for domestic service into Zone 9.	Public Works, Fire				
Fire	6 Wood Roof Public Education DVD. Educate Residents on the potential fire hazard regarding Wood Roofs.	Fire, Building & Safety				
Fire	7 Firewise/Waterwise Mitigation Demonstration Garden. Educate the community on what type of plants are both firewise and waterwise.	Fire, Public Works, Community Services				
Fire			2013	X	X	X

Hazard	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible Department	Timeline	Plan Goals Addressed
Fire	8 Vegetation Management Public Education. Develop public education material to the residents regarding Vegetation Management around their homes	Fire	2013	X X X X
Fire	9 New Development Impacts. Review and revise the Zoning Code to reflect the general plan's policies for permitted uses and development standards. In addition, regulations to address the following areas must be included in the Zoning Code	Community Development	2015	X X X X
Fire	10 Fire Department Access. Design private and public access drives and roadways to preserve and maintain Fire Department access to properties.	Community Development, Fire	2014	X X X X
Fire	11 Evacuation Route. Develop and Educate Residents on a Citywide evacuation route during a disaster	Police, OEM, Fire	2013	X X X X
Fire	12 Firewise Community Board. Evaluate and implement recommendations made by the Firewise Communities Program.	Fire, OEM	2015	X X X X X
Terrorism	13 Critical Infrastructure Assessment. Conduct an analysis and assessment of critical infrastructure areas and how each area interfaces with both cyber and physical components if attacked or compromised. Identify the cascade affect, if any, impacting operations should an attack or compromise occur.	Police	2011	X X X X
Terrorism	14 Network Intrusion Prevention System. Obtain high level security system to prevent cyber terrorist attack on City systems and databases.	Information Technology, Emergency Management	2011	X X X X
Flood	15 Facility Use or Storage of Hazardous Materials. Require that all new facilities storing, using, or otherwise involved with substantial quantities of on-site hazardous materials within flood zones comply with standards of elevation, anchoring, and flood proofing, and that hazardous materials be stored in watertight containers.	Community Development	2014	X X X X
Flood	16 Reservoirs Assessment. Update the City's Urban Water Master Plan (UWMP) and related capital improvement programs, including monitoring its water reservoirs. Adopt state-of-the-art water monitoring systems to remotely monitor the City's water usage, leaks, and ruptures. Continue to implement existing flood mitigation activities and programs.	Public Works		X X
Flood	17 Flood Mitigation Design. Require that new development incorporate sufficient measures to mitigate flood hazards, including the design of onsite drainage systems linking with citywide storm drainage, gradation of the site so that runoff does not impact adjacent properties or structures on the site, and elevation of the structures above any flooding elevation. Research and implement new technologies to prevent trash and debris from entering storm water drains.	Community Development, Public Works	2015	X X X X
Flood	18 Study and Potentially Update Flood Ordinance. Revise code based on new actions and new mitigation efforts.	Community Development , Public Works	2012	X X X X X

Hazard	Mitigation Strategy	Responsible Department	Timeline	Plan Goals Addressed
Landslide	<p>19 View Preservation Regulations. Review view preservation regulations for the Trousdale and Hillside areas, focused on landscaping and plant material issues.</p>	Community Development	2013	X X X X
Landslide	<p>20 Geotechnical Investigation. Conduct additional geotechnical investigation to update the landslide hazard maps in the City of Beverly Hills to improve knowledge of landslide hazard areas and understanding of vulnerability and risk to life and property in hazard-prone areas.</p>	Community Development, Public Works	2013	X X
Windstorm	<p>21 Street Tree Master Plan Phase III. Continue the use of the STMP as a mechanism eliminating structurally defective trees thus eliminating potential damages to lives or property.</p>	Community Services	2015	X X
Multi-Hazard	<p>22 CERT Program Redevelopment. Study cost effective ways to offer CERT program to the community</p>	Fire, Emergency Management	2011	X X X X
Multi-Hazard	<p>23 Emergency Management Exercises. Conduct periodic fire emergency management exercises with City personnel and surrounding jurisdictions.</p>	Emergency Management	Ongoing	X X X
Multi-Hazard	<p>24 Building and Fire Code Updates. Continue to update the City's building and fire codes once every three years, or whenever the State updates the California building and fire codes, to reflect the highest and best available standards for seismic design and performance of buildings and to conform to State requirements.</p>			
Multi-Hazard	<p>25 Interjurisdictional Coordination. Continue to coordinate with and support the Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and their Health & Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) in carrying out inspections, emergency response, enforcement, and site mitigation oversight of hazardous materials and waste</p>	Community Development, Fire	2014	X X X X
Multi-Hazard	<p>26 Joint Effort in Emergency Disaster Management. Ensure that emergency disaster management is the mutual responsibility of all City Departments and a variety of stakeholders, including the Citizen Corp Program, Beverly Hills Unified School District, private schools, local residents, and the business community.</p>	Fire		
Multi-Hazard	<p>27 Disaster Notification/Information Outreach. Educate community on how to seek information during a disaster - examples: website, Telephone Notification System (TNS), Twitter, local access cable channel, hotline number</p>	OEM		X X X X
Multi-Hazard			2011	X X X X X

Attachment B

WORKING DRAFT

EARTHQUAKE

Hazard	Earthquake		
Project Name	Reinforce Existing Buildings		
	Continue to require upgrade of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings to address any structural and nonstructural seismic deficiency of existing buildings. (GP Policy S 5.3)		
	Encourage property owners to reinforce and strengthen "at risk" buildings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings with tuck-under parking that constitutes a "soft-story"; • Wood buildings with short cripple studs under the first floor; • Wood buildings constructed without positive connection from the foundation to the structure; • All pre-1981 on-ductile concrete frame buildings or "soft-story" buildings three stories or more in height; and 		
Strategy	Tilt-up concrete wall buildings. (GP Program 2.4)		
Action Items	Continue implementation of the Hazardous Building Abatement Ordinance		
Coordinating Department	Community Development		
Ideas for Implementation	Develop and implement a program for property owners to reinforce and strengthen other "at risk" buildings in the City to minimize loss of life and property damage in the event of seismic or geologic hazards. (GP Policy S 5.4)		
Timeline/Completion Date	2014		
Total Cost	\$45,000		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund		
Constraints	Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Earthquake		
Project Name	Assistance Programs		
Strategy	Develop assistance programs for senior citizens who own single-family homes to seismically retrofit their homes per current safety standards.		

Action Items	Continue to provide a full range of public services including, building permitting and safety, public safety (fire and police response and prevention), emergency preparedness and disaster response and recovery, hazardous waste response/services, solid waste collection and recycling programs, community services (parks, libraries, and recreational facilities and programs), infrastructure maintenance, human services as well as cultural resources programs within the community. (GP Program 6.1) Maintain lists of approved contractors, outreach to senior citizens and education efforts. (GP Policy S 5.6)		
Coordinating Department	Community Development		
Ideas for Implementation			
Timeline/Completion Date	Program continuation		
Total Cost	\$2015		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund, enterprise funds, grants		
Constraints	Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property	
Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management	

Hazard	Earthquake
Project Name	Seismic data collection sampling stations
Strategy	Work with CalTech to establish more seismic data collection sampling stations inside Beverly Hills. This will significantly improve the accuracy and details of the shakemap (ground acceleration data) which eventually allows better analysis (Virtual Beverly Hills damage assessment), planning and emergency response.
Action Items	Project will be launched only if funding is secured by EOC. Once the sampling stations are established, Caltech will generate detailed shakemaps which will be integrated by IT into the VBH/ UNITE application.
Coordinating Department	IT
Ideas for Implementation	IT has identified the need but do not have plans to fund this project. Caltech has offered for free installation of equipments, once the equipments are purchased. The information can also improve the accuracy of data for adjacent cities.
Timeline/Completion Date	2012
Total Cost	\$100,000
Funding Source(s)	Funding source has not been identified. Project will be launched

	only if funding is secured by EOC.		
Constraints	Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

FIRE

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Code Update		
Strategy	Review and update existing city codes to reflect recommendations set forth by the FireWise assessment and Joint Wild land Interface Task Force.		
Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review existing codes relevant to fire protection and prevention in the wildland interface and in high rise commercial and residential buildings. 2. Rewrite codes to reflect new recommendations 3. Submit new codes for approval 4. Enforce new codes 		
	Community Development, Fire		
Coordinating Department			
Ideas for Implementation	Continue to work on revisions.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2014		
Total Cost	Staff time		
	General fund		
Funding Source(s)			
Constraints	Time		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Zone 9 (Closed water Pressure Zone) Hillside Fire Protection		
Strategy	<p>Increase water pressure and access to water in case of an emergency. The project will increase water supply reliability and capacity in Zone 9 for conflagrations in the vicinity of Coldwater Canyon and areas contiguous to the City and the City of Los Angeles' Franklin Canyon Reservoir. It will also improve distribution of water supply and reduce energy costs at the Monte Cielo pump station for domestic service into Zone 9.</p>		
Action Items	<p>Solidify a water transfer agreement specifically for system integration and supplemental fire protection between the cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles.</p> <p>The City of Los Angeles will design and construct the required capital improvements.</p> <p>The City of Beverly Hills will finance the improvements as part of the terms and conditions of the agreement.</p> <p>In addition, the City of Beverly Hills will design and construct separate water lines for fire hydrants and domestic service in this area.</p>		
Coordinating Department	Public Works, Fire		
Ideas for Implementation	Same as action items.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2015		
Total Cost	\$2.5 - 3 million		
Funding Source(s)	Water Enterprise Fund		
Constraints	Coordination with the City of Los Angeles' Department of Water and Power.		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Wood Roof Public Education DVD		
Strategy	Educate Residents on the potential fire hazard regarding Wood Roofs.		
Action Items	Develop public education DVD to educate the residents on the potential Fire Hazard with Wood Roofs		
Coordinating Department	Fire , Community Development		
Ideas for Implementation	Develop educational resource for the community		
Timeline/Completion Date	2011		
Total Cost	\$10,000		
Funding Source(s)	Grants, General Fund		

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Constraints		Staff Time and Funding	
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Firewise/Waterwise Mitigation Demonstration Garden		
Strategy	Educate the community on what type of plants are both firewise and waterwise.		
Action Items	Improve the current Firewise/Waterwise Garden to expand the plant material and public education material.		
Coordinating Department	Fire, Public Works, Community Services		
Ideas for Implementation	Develop educational resource for the community		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		
Total Cost	\$40,000		
Funding Source(s)	Grants, General Fund		
Constraints	Staff Time and Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Vegetation Management Public Education		
Strategy	Develop public education material to the residents regarding Vegetation Management around their homes		
Action Items	Develop public education materials to educate the residents on vegetation management around their homes.		
Coordinating Department	Fire , Community Development, Public Works		
Ideas for Implementation	Develop educational resource for the community		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		
	\$10,000		
Total Cost	Grants, General Fund		
Funding Source(s)			
Constraints	Staff Time and Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	New Development Impacts		
Strategy	<p>Continue to require property owners to conduct regular maintenance on their properties to reduce the fire danger and maintain a fire-safe landscape. (GP Policy S 3.2)</p>		
Action Items	<p>Review and revise the Zoning Code to reflect the general plan's policies for permitted uses and development standards. In addition, regulations to address the following areas must be included in the Zoning Code (GP Program 2.1):</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Revise and develop requirements and standards pertaining to the location and design of development to protect environmental resources, protect development, and populations from the risks of environmental hazards such as earthquakes, wildfires, and excessive noise.</p> <p>Continue to regulate development for compliance with general plan goals, policies, and development standards, through the development review, and design review processes.</p>		
Coordinating Department	Community Development		
Ideas for	Update Zoning Code and Development Regulations.		
Implementation	Development Review Process.		
Timeline/Completion Date	Phased series of Code amendments and updates through 2015.		
Total Cost	\$100,000		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund, staff time,		
Constraints	Funding, Time, schedule collaboration		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire
Project Name	Fire Department Access
Strategy	<p>Design private and public access drives and roadways to preserve and maintain Fire Department access to properties. (GP Policy S 3.4)</p>
Action Items	Survey available and feasible techniques, and amend the

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		Building Code, Fire Code, and related codes where appropriate, to achieve the General Plan's policy objectives at least once every three years or as required by State law. The City's survey of the Building and Fire Codes shall include the following consideration: Require that new development/redeveloped structures include public and private access drives and roadways designed to maintain adequate Fire Department access to the property such that there will be no reduction of fire protection services below acceptable levels. (GP Program 2.4)	
Coordinating Department		Community Development, Fire	
Ideas for Implementation		Update Building and Fire Codes	
Timeline/Completion Date		2014	
Total Cost		\$150,000	
Funding Source(s)		General Fund	
Constraints		Funding	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Protect Life and Property
	Partnerships and Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Evacuation Route		
Strategy	Develop and Educate Residents on a Citywide evacuation route during a disaster		
Action Items	Develop complete evacuation route and material to educate the public in which route to take during a disaster.		
Coordinating Department	Police, OEM, Fire		
Ideas for Implementation	Develop complete evacuation route and educational resource for the community		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		
Total Cost	\$30,000		
Funding Source(s)	Grants, General Fund		
Constraints	Staff Time and Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	Public Awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Protect Life and Property
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Partnerships and Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Management

Hazard	Fire		
Project Name	Firewise Community Board		
Strategy	Evaluate and implement recommendations made by the Firewise		

		Communities Program.	
Action Items		1. Form community council who will be responsible for enacting the recommendations and shepherding them through the various processes that are required.	
Coordinating Department		Fire , OEM	
Ideas for Implementation		Conduct study	
Timeline/Completion Date		2015	
Total Cost		Staff time	
Plan Goals Addressed			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Protect Life and Property
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Partnerships and Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Management

TERRORISM

Hazard	Terrorism		
Project Name	Critical Infrastructure Assessment		
Strategy	Conduct an analysis and assessment of critical infrastructure areas and how each area interfaces with both cyber and physical components if attacked or compromised. Identify the cascade affect, if any, impacting operations should an attack or compromise occur.		
Action Items	Assess Dept. of Water; City Fiber Network; Police Department HQ and facilities; Fire Department HQ and facilities; Power sub-station(s); and Traffic Management system(s).		
Coordinating Department	Police, Community Development		
Ideas for Implementation	Utilize personnel from our City's IT Department and the Police Department's High Tech Task Force and Tactical Assessment and Deployment Office, to conduct the analysis and assessment. Employ a methodology utilized by the U.S. Secret Service (Critical Systems Protection Initiative – CSPI) for conducting the analysis and assessment.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2011		
Total Cost	TBD (Based on PD and IT staffing levels and availability)		
Funding Source(s)	A grant is preferred in order to reduce the cost to the City for overtime pay or compensatory time. Otherwise, staff time.		
Constraints	Staffing. Acquiring telecommunications, fiber and private sector data as it relates to our Critical Infrastructure areas could require networking with state and federal agencies, resulting in unexpected delays due to potential security clearance requirements associated with obtaining sensitive information.		
Plan Goals Addressed			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Protect Life and Property

X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management
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Hazard	Terrorism		
Project Name	Network Intrusion Prevention System		
Strategy	Obtain high level security system to prevent cyber terrorist attack on City systems. The system will provide the City with the ability to be proactive with respect to network defense.		
Action Items	Purchase and implementation of network intrusion prevention system.		
Coordinating Department	Information Technology		
Ideas for Implementation	Award bid. Present to City Council for approval. Order system. Schedule consultant for onsite installation, configuration, testing and knowledge transfer.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2011		
Total Cost	\$125,000		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund		
Constraints	None		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

FLOOD

Hazard	Flood		
Project Name	Facility Use or Storage of Hazardous Materials		
Strategy	Require that all new facilities storing, using, or otherwise involved with substantial quantities of on-site hazardous materials within flood zones comply with standards of elevation, anchoring, and flood proofing, and that hazardous materials be stored in watertight containers.		
Action Items	Revise and develop requirements and standards pertaining to the location and design of development to protect environmental resources, protect development, and populations from the risks of environmental hazards such as earthquakes, floods, and excessive noise. Continue to implement existing flood mitigation activities and programs		
Coordinating Department	Community Development		
Ideas for Implementation	Update Zoning Code and Development Regulations. Update Building and Fire Codes. Update Water Master Plan.		

Timeline/Completion Date	2014		
Total Cost	\$25,000		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund, Water Enterprise Fund		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property	
Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management	

Hazard	Flood		
Project Name	Reservoirs Placements		
Strategy	Develop and maintain a program for periodically assessing, monitoring, and maintaining the structural integrity of reservoirs. (GP Policy S 4.5)		
Action Items	Replace five steel tank reservoirs that were identified for seismic retrofit needs. In addition improvements will be made to monitor water levels and quality.		
Coordinating Department	Public Works		
Ideas for Implementation	Continue with work plan.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		
Total Cost	\$9 million		
Funding Source(s)	Water Enterprise Fund		
Constraints	Not being able to maintain the internal resources to continue the programs including personnel.		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	X Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Flood		
Project Name	Flood Mitigation Design		
Strategy	Require that new development incorporate sufficient measures to mitigate flood hazards, including the design of onsite drainage systems linking with citywide storm drainage, gradation of the site so that runoff does not impact adjacent properties or structures on the site, and elevation of the structures above any flooding elevation. (GP Policy S 4.1)Research and implement new technologies to prevent trash and debris from entering storm water drains. (GP Policy S 4.3)		
Action Items	Review the Flood Ordinance for consistency with the general plan and update periodically. (GP Program 2.3)Implement the Storm water Master Plan to maintain and upgrade public storm		

	drains and storage control facilities in conformance with the updated general plan and requirements of the NPDES, including actions to eliminate illegal storm water discharges. (GP Program 3.4) Development Regulations and Ordinances (Flood Control).
Coordinating Department	Community Development, Public Works
Ideas for Implementation	Development Regulations and Ordinances (Flood Control)
Timeline/Completion Date	2015
Total Cost	\$80,000
Funding Source(s)	General Fund, Storm Water Enterprise Fund.
Constraints	Funding
Plan Goals Addressed	
X Public Awareness	X Protect Life and Property
	X Emergency Management

Hazard	Flood		
Project Name	Study and Potentially Update Flood Ordinance		
Description/Strategy	Revise code based on new actions and projects. 1. Remove building requirements in municipal code if no threat is found.		
Action Items			
Coordinating Department	Community Development, Public Works		
Ideas for Implementation	Rewrite ordinance to include above changes.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2012		
Total Cost	Staff time		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund		
Constraints	Time		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property	
X Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management	

LANDSLIDE

Hazard	Landslide		
Project Name	View Preservation Regulations		
Strategy	Review view preservation regulations for the Trousdale and Hillside areas, focused on landscaping and plant material issues 1. Review current view regulations in municipal code 2. Create a memo with recommendations based on findings		
Action Items			
Coordinating Department	Community Development, Public Works		
Ideas for Implementation	Conduct study.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		

Total Cost	Staff time		
Funding Source(s)	Staff time		
Constraints	Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property	
X Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management	

Hazard	Landslide		
Project Name	Geotechnical Investigation		
Strategy	Conduct additional geotechnical investigation to update the landslide hazard maps in the City of Beverly Hills to improve knowledge of landslide hazard areas and understanding of vulnerability and risk to life and property in hazard-prone areas.		
Action Items	1. Select a Geotechnical Consultant to perform the study. 2. Review recommendations and implement sound ones		
Coordinating Department	Community Development, Public Works		
Ideas for Implementation	Write a request for proposals for qualified contractors.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		
Total Cost	\$30,000		
Funding Source(s)	General funds		
Constraints	Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	X Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
	X Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

WINDSTORM

Hazard	Windstorm		
Project Name	Street Tree Master Plan (STMP) Phase III		
Strategy	Continue the use of the STMP as a mechanism eliminating structurally defective trees thus eliminating potential damages to lives or property.		
Action Items	Annual assessment/processing of tree		
Coordinating Department	Community Services		
Ideas for Implementation	Street Tree Master Plan (STMP) Phase III		
Timeline/Completion Date	Ongoing		
Total Cost	\$400,000/year		

Funding Source(s)	Capital Improvement Program (CIP)		
Constraints	Stability of Recreation and Parks fund resources		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

MULTI HAZARD

Hazard	Multi		
Project Name	CERT Program Redevelopment		
Strategy	Study cost effective ways to offer CERT program to the community		
Action Items	Evaluate how to reinstate the CERT program using a variety of cost saving methods, volunteers and on duty fire personnel.		
Coordinating Department	Emergency Management, Fire		
Ideas for Implementation	Work with other public agencies - Cities, County, State- who have developed lower cost programs		
Timeline/Completion Date	2011		
Total Cost	Staff time		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Multi-Hazard		
Project Name	Emergency Management Exercises		
Strategy	Conduct periodic emergency management exercises with City personnel and surrounding jurisdictions. (GP Policy S 2.3)		
Action Items	Collaborate with internal City agencies and adjoining jurisdictions to address planning, development, transportation, residential parking, open space lands and recreational opportunities, educational, energy, water, and resource conservation and other issues that jointly impact their mutual communities of interest. Work with surrounding jurisdictions and agencies to coordinate and test emergency preparedness and response and recovery plans, emphasizing rapid reconstruction of the City following a disaster event. Explore possible joint efforts to share emerging technology, particularly in the area of security and emergency management enhancements. (GP Program 7.1)		
Coordinating Department	Emergency Management		

Ideas for Implementation	Conduct at least one annual citywide disaster exercise		
Timeline/Completion Date	Ongoing		
Total Cost	Staff time		
Funding Source(s)	General fund		
Constraints	Time, schedule collaboration		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Multi Hazard		
Project Name	Building and Fire Codes Updates. (GP Policy S 5.2)		
Strategy	Continue to update the City's building and fire codes once every three years, or whenever the State updates the California building and fire codes, to reflect the highest and best available standards for seismic design and performance of buildings and to conform to State requirements.		
Action Items	Reflect the highest and best available standards for fire safety design. Increase the requirement for brush clearance to increase defensible space around structures in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Incorporate the Fire Wise assessment and Joint Wild land Interface Task Force recommendations into the City's Fire Code. Continue implementation of the Hazardous Building Abatement Ordinance by encouraging property owners to reinforce and strengthen "at risk" buildings.		
Coordinating Department	Community Development		
Ideas for Implementation	Survey available and feasible techniques, and amend the Building Code, Fire Code, and related codes where appropriate, to achieve the General Plan's policy objectives at least once every three years or as required by State law.		
Timeline/Completion Date	2014		
Total Cost	\$100,000		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund		
Constraints	Time, funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Multi-Hazard		
Project Name	Inter-jurisdictional Coordination		

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Strategy	Continue to coordinate with and support the Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and their Health & Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) in carrying out inspections, emergency response, enforcement, and site mitigation oversight of hazardous materials and waste. (GP Policy S 6.1)		
Action Items	Intergovernmental Agreements.		
Coordinating Department	Emergency Management		
Ideas for Implementation	Collaborate with internal City agencies and adjoining jurisdictions to address planning, development, transportation, residential parking, open space lands and recreational opportunities, educational, energy, water, and resource conservation and other issues that jointly impact their mutual communities of interest. The City will also work with surrounding jurisdictions and agencies to coordinate and test emergency preparedness and response and recovery plans, emphasizing rapid reconstruction of the City following a disaster event. This will include exploring possible joint efforts to share emerging technology, particularly in the area of security and emergency management enhancements. (GP Policy 7.1)		
Timeline/Completion Date	Ongoing		
Total Cost	None		
Funding Source(s)	Staff time		
Constraints	Time		
Plan Goals Addressed			
	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management

Hazard	Multi-hazard		
Project Name	Joint Effort in Emergency/ Disaster Management		
Strategy	Ensure that emergency disaster management is the mutual responsibility of all City Departments and a variety of stakeholders, including the Citizen Corp Program, Beverly Hills Unified School District, private schools, local residents, and the business community. (GP Policy S 7.5)		

Action Items	<p>Partner with local private, non-profit, and quasi public organizations and groups, to address their mutual communities of interest to support and enhance programs that benefit the community at large. These groups may include but are not limited to the areas of cultural arts, historic preservation, business and economic development such as the Chamber of Commerce, Team Beverly Hills, the Beverly Hills Unified School District, emergency management, energy and telecommunications service providers such as Southern California Edison Company and Southern California Gas Company and others that strive to promote the City and enhance the quality of life within the community. (GP Program 7.3)</p>		
Coordinating Department	OEM		
Ideas for Implementation	Convene all parties involved to plan		
Timeline/Completion Date	2013		
Total Cost	Staff time		
Funding Source(s)	General, grants		
Constraints	Funding		
Plan Goals Addressed			
X Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property	
X Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management	

Hazard	Multi Hazard		
Project Name	Disaster Notification/Information Outreach		
Strategy	Educate community on how to seek information during a disaster - examples: website, Telephone Notification System (TNS), Twitter, local access cable channel, hotline number		
Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage community to sign up for TNS and Twitter 2. Develop outreach card 3. Distribute card in various ways such as Farmer's Market, Library, Website, cable access channel 4. Health and Safety Commission to complete outreach efforts and remaining Commissions to follow 		
Coordinating Department	Emergency Management		
Ideas for Implementation	Develop outreach plan		
Timeline/Completion Date	2012		
Total Cost	Staff time		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund		
Constraints	None		
Plan Goals Addressed			

WORKING DRAFT

X	Public Awareness	X	Protect Life and Property
X	Partnerships and Implementation	X	Emergency Management



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commission

FROM: Jessica Barcellona, Office of Emergency Management Intern

DATE: June 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Community Pledge Drive Winner

ATTACHMENT: List of Community Pledge Drive Participants

The City of Beverly Hills' second annual "When it Rocks, Are You Ready to Roll" community pledge drive concluded on May 31st. The pledge drive encouraged community members to create emergency supply kits for their cars. Pledge cards were distributed at Neighborhood Watch Meetings and the Farmers' Market in April and May. In addition, community members were able to complete the pledge card online at the City of Beverly Hills website. Fewer community members participated in this year's pledge drive than in 2009. The 2010 campaign had less community outreach and did not include articles in the local newspapers and In Focus, which may explain the low participation rate.

A Commissioner will be asked to select the name of one pledge drive participant at random during the June Health and Safety Commission meeting. The selected participant will be given the choice of a personal emergency supply kit or a \$25 restaurant gift card as a prize.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 28, 2010

To: Health and Safety Commission
From: Megan Roach, Senior Management Analyst
Subject: Tobacco Retailer Regulatory Permit Program

On June 3, 2010, the City Council directed staff to implement a tobacco retailer regulatory permit program by ordinance. Specifically, the program will include an educational component for both retailers and minors. The retailer will be required to post their permit to notify customers. The annual permit fee will be \$204, which includes annual compliance checks of the tobacco retailers by the Police Department.

Regarding non-compliance, Council directed staff to include ordinance language that specifies a 1st violation be a fine of \$250, a 2nd violation be a fine of \$750 with a 90 day permit suspension, and a 3rd violation be a fine of \$1,000 and the permit will be revoked.

The City Attorney's Office is drafting the ordinance to be brought back to the City Council in August. Staff will be developing an outreach plan to be launched in conjunction with the adoption of the ordinance.

In addition, the City Council asked staff to research local programs to control the sale of alcohol to minors. Currently, the Police Department works with ABC four times a year with minor decoys. They do on-site consumption locations (bars and restaurants) twice a year and off-site consumption locations (liquor stores, grocery stores, gas stations, etc) twice a year. ABC will provide the list of locations to check, usually 10-15 spots each time. If there is a violation, ABC will issue the citation and handle the prosecution. Most violations are handled through an administrative hearing. The City Attorney's Office is currently studying whether a local permit can be created to control the sale of alcohol to minors and will be providing staff with more information.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commissioners
FROM: Kathy Ryan, Commission Secretary
DATE: June 28, 2010
SUBJECT: Hazardous Pesticides and Herbicides

Commissioner Aronberg has requested that this information be shared with the Commission. This item will be introduced at the July meeting.

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New York School Pesticide Bill Becomes Law!

Wed, May 19, 2010

[General](#)

As expected, New York Governor David Paterson signed the historic New York school pesticide bill into law on Tuesday afternoon. SafeLawns plans to distribute this press release nationwide today:

Natural Lawncare Advocates Applaud

New York's Anti-Pesticide Bill

Natural lawncare advocates are celebrating the signing of a tough anti-pesticide bill by New York Governor David Paterson. The Child Safe Playing Fields Act, which bans the use of chemical pesticides on school playing fields and playgrounds, is being called "historic" by the founder of SafeLawns.org, North America's leading natural lawncare advocacy group.

"We need to protect children from the toxic effects of pesticides such as weed killers, insecticides and fungicides," said Paul Tukey, the founder of SafeLawns.org and author of *The Organic Lawn Care Manual* (Storey, 2007). "Numerous studies indicate these chemical substances are not safe for children, pets or the planet. I believe that the New York state legislature, Senate and governor have 'fired a shot' that will be heard around the entire country."

The Child Safe Playing Fields Act bans the use of chemical pesticides on school playing fields and day care playgrounds, although chemicals can still be used on surrounding green areas and inside schools to combat pests. Chemical companies lobbied heavily against the bill.

Tukey, who consults with municipalities and lawn care professionals across the U.S. and Canada, said achieving adequate turfgrass playing fields with natural, organic methods is easily attainable. In the long run, he said, the organic process is less expensive and safer.

"Numerous examples of natural lawns exist across North America, and studies indicate that the playing surfaces look great," said Tukey. "Plus, natural lawncare helps the bottom line due to a reduced need for mowing, watering and pesticide applications."

In fact, a new feature-length documentary called [A Chemical Reaction](#), traces the story of how the small town of Hudson, Quebec, became the first municipality in North America to completely ban lawn chemicals. That

law was upheld by the Canadian Supreme Court in 2001. Nearly two decades of organic lawn care later, the lawns in Hudson are looking quite green and healthy. "You don't need synthetic chemicals to have a nice 'n," said Tukey.

Today, lawn chemicals are now banned in more than half of Canada and are not sold in Home Depot and other major retail chains in that country. The same lawn chemicals are still sold in the U.S., however. Tukey sees the New York bill that prevents chemical pesticides on school playing fields as a major step toward other restrictions on lawncare chemicals throughout the United States.

"As Americans, we have to ask ourselves why we are subjecting our kids and pets to toxic chemicals when our friends north of the border began outlawing these poisons nearly two decades ago," said Tukey.

NOTE: DVD copies of the movie, A Chemical Reaction, are available at www.safelawns.org/chemical-reaction/.

Share and Enjoy:



School Pesticide Ban

This post was written by:

[Paul Tukey](#) - who has written 402 posts on [Safelawns Daily Post and Q&A Blog](#).

Contact the author

8 Responses to “New York School Pesticide Bill Becomes Law!”



[Scott Morgan](#) Says:

May 19th, 2010 at 9:34 am

This is outstanding news, especially coming on the same day we're taking my son to see his new school for the Fall. And when he starts kindergarten in September, it makes me very pleased to know that he won't be subjected to toxic chemicals. New York doesn't have a whole lot to be proud of these days with its government, but this is something to be very proud of!

[Reply](#)



[James Willis - Organic Gringo](#) Says:

May 19th, 2010 at 10:22 am

Now hopefully more states will join...

[Reply](#)



[Rose Marie Racioppo](#) Says:

May 19th, 2010 at 11:10 am

Your story, your leadership, your willingness to make a difference and so we now chart greater awareness, greater understanding and actions that reflect right intention. As a member of the Orangetown Environmental Committee (OEC), Orangetown, NY and having led the community campaign that led to the Rockland County n-toxic Land Maintenance Act, June, 2008, I know WE THE PEOPLE can be a voice heard. OUR



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

To: Health and Safety Commission
From: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
Date: June 28, 2010
Subject: Health and Safety Week Status

INTRODUCTION

The City of Beverly Hills' Health and Safety Week was held between October 25 and November 1, 2009. Overall the Health and Safety week was a success. Following the event, the Commission recognized areas they would like to change for future Health and Safety Week events. The Commission should discuss the status of Health and Safety Week and Expo to determine plans for 2010.

DISCUSSION

The 2009 Health and Safety week events included presentations on stroke prevention and pet health and safety as well as the Health and Safety Expo held at the Farmers' Market. The Commission discussed the strengths, weaknesses and areas of improvement of the week's events during the November 23, 2009 meeting. Commissioners agreed that the Health and Safety Week events and Expo were an overall success.

However, due to the low turnout for the speaker, the Commission was to decide whether or not to host a speaker again. In addition, the Commission decided that the Health and Safety Week and Expo should focus on people, not pets. Therefore, pet safety was covered during the City's "Woofstock" event in March 2010.

In addition, per the Neighborhood Watch item in the 2010-2011 Commission workplan, the Commission planned to more actively support the Neighborhood Watch meetings in order to reinvigorate the program. The Commission had discussed the option of redirecting staff time, energy and finances from the Health and Safety Week and Expo to Neighborhood Watch in fiscal year 2010-2011.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission's budget contains funds for the Health and Safety Week and Expo which may be redirected to support the Neighborhood Watch activities, if the Commission so chooses.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission discuss the status of the Health and Safety Week and Expo to determine plans for 2010.

Questions related to the status include:

- Will the Health and Safety Week be held every year or every other year?
- Could the Commission focus on other work initiatives this fiscal year and plan to hold the Health and Safety Week/Expo next year?
- Is the Commission interested in exploring the possibility of collaborating with the Chamber on the Health and Beauty Expo in lieu of coordinating a separate Health and Safety Week/Expo?

It is further recommended that the Commission hold the Health and Safety Week/Expo next year in order to focus on other work initiatives such as reinvigorating Neighborhood Watch, developing a speaker's bureau and conducting outreach activities.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Health and Safety Commission
FROM: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management
DATE: June 28, 2010
SUBJECT: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair serve for one year from July 1 to June 30. Elections are to be held in June. Because a member of the Commission will be absent from the June meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held at the May meeting. The following provides background information on the process. The Commission will nominate, second and vote on the position of Chair and Vice Chair.

The following provides additional information:

2-2-1604. Chair of the Commission.

The first Chair of the Commission shall be appointed by majority vote of the City Council for a term of one year. Annually thereafter members of the Health and Safety Commission shall select its Chair who may serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms.

2-2-107: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

E. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be elected by the members from the membership.

ELECTION OF CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

There is a general practice upon the majority of the Commissions that the Vice Chair becomes the Chair, and that the Vice Chair is filled by the next senior commission member, but that practice is not fixed by law. At the January 26, 2009 meeting, Commissioners agreed to set the precedent that the Vice Chair will become Chair. For the Vice Chair, the Commission (since there is not a Commissioner with seniority) can decide to nominate and elect anyone from the members.

PRE-MEETING DISCUSSION

Brown Act Requirements state there can be no discussion between the members of the Commission about the nomination. The process of nominating and electing the new Chair and Vice Chair should take place at the open and public

noticed meeting, where the "election" is on the agenda. Commissioners cannot arrive at the meeting with a "majority" in favor of their candidate. They must conduct the nomination and hold discussions at the duly noticed meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission nominate a Chair and Vice Chair and elect through voting for the term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.