



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2019
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: September 23, 2019 / 3:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Chang, Baker, and Demeter, Vice Chair Nazarian,
Chair Ross

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the agenda was approved with changes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular Meeting on July 22, 2019.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Demeter, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to approve the minutes (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Chang, Baker, and Demeter, Vice Chair Nazarian, Chair Ross

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Rachelle Marcus, Board Member, updated the Commission on the Medical Science Academy, the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program (PBIS), and the school athletic programs. The Commission welcomed Scott Lovelace, the new Director of Safety, for the Beverly Hills School District.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – There was no report this month.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Recognition Program

Commissioner Demeter honored former Health and Safety Commissioner Gail Millan for her significant contributions to the health and safety of the community.

2. Employee Emergency Management Excellence Award

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. During this meeting, this award will be given to Michelle Fieler, Detective Specialist.

3. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, provided updates to the Commission on no smoking-vaping initiatives. The report covered the Ambassador outreach data, including an update on the second full time Ambassador, Code Enforcement data, and public information activities including postcard mailers being sent to residents/businesses, outreach booths and rollup banners at City events, newspaper ads and social media posts, lapel pins, outreach cards, youth pamphlets/flyers being shared with all schools in the City, and the free-of-charge City-sponsored Smoking Cessation program offered through Cedars-Sinai. The Commission also received updates on a potential smoking-vaping cessation program between the City and The Maple Counseling Center, a forthcoming street pole banner campaign, posters for businesses, and additional no smoking-vaping signage that will be installed in locations across the City. Currently, 15 signs have already been installed. The City is awaiting the grant application results from the State of California Department of Justice regarding potential funding to cover future outreach, education, cessation, and enforcement efforts for smoking and vaping. More information on smoking and vaping in Beverly Hills can be found here: <http://www.beverlyhills.org/citymanager/smokinginformation/web.jsp>. This item was heard fifth.

4. Youth Health and Safety

Wil Master, American Red Cross Community Ambassador for Beverly Hills and National Disaster Responder, addressed the Commission regarding youth programs, volunteer opportunities, blood donation, and fundraising events. For more information, please visit <http://redcrossyouth.org/>. Other youth programs include NexGenLA, AmeriCorps and Young Professionals. The informational video was not shown.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Southern California Edison Wildfire Mitigation, Safety, & Grid Resiliency

Diane Forte, the Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison (SCE), addressed the Commission regarding safety measures taken by SCE to prevent and mitigate wildfires, including shutting off power to portions of the City. It is important to make sure one's contact information for SCE is up to date, in case of important notifications. Update your customer contact information by calling 1-800-655-4555 or <https://www.sce.com/outagealerts> or <https://www.sce.com/psps>. This item was heard third.

6. Metro Construction Update

Robert Welch, Engineering Manager, provided the Commission a construction update on the Metro Purple Line. It is expected to be operational prior to 2028. There will be some traffic and construction impacts in the surrounding areas prior to the operational functioning of the stations. Metro is introducing the Business Interruption Fund and Eat Shop Play, two programs to assist businesses. For more information from Metro, please contact by e-mail at purplelineext@metro.net or call 213-922-6934 which is operational 24/7. For more information from the City of Beverly Hills, please visit the website: www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline, e-mail purpleline@beverlyhills.org, or call 310-285-2467 during business hours. Additionally, there are monthly Metro construction update meetings at City Hall on the first Wednesday of every month.

7. Introduction to Potential Health Considerations of 5G Networks

At the September 17th Study Session, City Council tasked the Health and Safety Commission with exploring the topic of the study of health risks of 5G networks. This topic will be explored further in upcoming Health and Safety Commission meetings.

8. 2019 Conflict of Interest Code

Chair Ross presented the 2019 Conflict of Interest Code for review. The Commissioners had no comment.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Nazarian, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to adopt (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Chang, Baker, and Demeter, Vice Chair Nazarian, Chair Ross

NOES: None

9. National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide campaign held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Planning and preparing before a disaster occurs can greatly reduce the devastating impact of a large scale event as well as the time of recovery. These preparedness efforts include being self-sufficient for seven days, including storing water for up to fourteen days.

The City wants to encourage community members to sign up for the City's emergency telephone notification system at www.beverlyhills.org/notification . Sources for emergency information specific to the City of Beverly Hills during or after a disaster are as follows:

- City of Beverly Hills Website: www.beverlyhills.org
- City of Beverly Hills Earthquake Reporting App: www.beverlyhills.org/reportaquake
- City of Beverly Hills Disaster Hotline: (310)550-4680
- Radio: 1500 AM
- TV: Channels 10 and 35
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/beverlyhillsoem
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/cityofbevhill
- Nixle: Text BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888-777
- City of Beverly Hills Office of Emergency Management: (310) 286-1021

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – July 15, 2019 and August 19, 2019
- Commissioner items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - Commission Calendar
 - Beverly Hills 2019 Editorial Calendar
 - Beverly Hills Police Department Media Release
 - Household Hazardous & E-Waste Recycling Roundup Flyer
 - CERT – Community Emergency Response Team Flyer

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 23, 2019 / 6:15 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY of OCTOBER, 2019



Gary B. Ross, Chair