



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2019
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: October 28, 2019 / 4:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Logan Phillippo, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

One community member made a public comment.

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 September 23, 2019.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Demeter, SECONDED by Commissioner Chang 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, and Scott Lovelace, Director of Safety, updated the Commission on the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) and HERO (Honorable, Engaged, Responsible, Open-Minded) programs. Commissioner Demeter mentioned the benefits of behavioral positive reinforcement.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Eric Olson and Matthew Whitlock, Community Service Officer, updated the Commission on the Beverly Hills Police Department mobile phone application and other social media platforms. The next Coffee with the Cops event will be in January 2020 and the date is still being decided. The Police Department answered Vice Chair Nazarian's inquiry that there were over 2000 phone application downloads and would report back next month with more detailed usage statistics.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Recognition Program

Commissioner Baker honored Alison Crowley, Kathleen Ross-Allee, and Brian Kukan. These individuals have helped heal members of the Beverly Hills community and beyond. They all work in the Cancer Community and outside of it as well. Each adds a bit of alternative health treatment to traditional medicine, and each helps to build one's personal resilience needed to face challenges of everyday life. This group of practitioners work together and individually to improve the bodies and minds of people of all ages. Alison Crowley is the owner of Bolster and Bridge and infuses her spiritual leadership and philosophical meditations while teaching yoga. She is also the co-founder of the Bolster and Bridge nonprofit Foundation. Kathleen Ross-Allee is the owner at Leen Bodies Yoga Therapy and Fitness Support and uniquely immerses her comedy and performance background into step aerobics and yoga. When fitness is fun, it hardly feels like work. Brian Kukan is the owner and Reiki Master teacher at Kukan Reiki Kai. Brian courageously left a career teaching math to follow his passion and gifts to become a Reiki Master who helps heal our bodies through energy and body awareness.

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, the Commission presented this award to Nicole McClinton, Senior Management Analyst.

3. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, and Kris Zagya, Block by Block's Operations Manager, updated the Commission on Ambassador outreach efforts including referrals to code enforcement; state grant funding and other potential funding to continue Ambassador services; signage installation currently underway; promotion of smoking rules and programs through flyers, posters, handouts, banners, and social media; and a potential partnership with the American Lung Association to offer a smoking cessation program through the City's Recreation & Parks class catalog in spring 2020. All of the Commissioners inquired and staff answered questions regarding the following topics: public health warnings against e-cigarettes and the potential connection to the reduction in Ambassador reports of vaping; individuals amending their habits to comply with the ordinance; repeat offenders being considered active

cases once they have been referred to Code Enforcement, at which point further action can be taken, including the issuance of citations; offenders are informed of how to avoid violating the ordinance during Ambassador interactions; why 21 cases referred to Code Enforcement had resulted in only one violation; the effectiveness of the Notice to Comply letters; submitting anonymous complaints or tips to Code Enforcement; whether closed cases were the result of a lack of evidence or cessation of behavior; Department of Justice grant money usage; the time frame for additional signage installation; whether the monitoring of smoking and vaping patterns would include the effects from the presence of the no-smoking signage; the location of cigar smoking violations; vaping usage in younger individuals and common vaping myths; using available funds to place ads or notifications within social media platforms to target individuals in the City; using signage to educate of the City's smoking ordinances; installing no-smoking signs in the same location as parking rules signage; the height of the signage; using funds to install street pole banners in the City; utilizing the tour companies or buses to help educate on the City's ordinances; partnering with City businesses to help educate; removing ashtrays from City garbage bins; and increasing Ambassador presence on South Beverly Drive. Staff will also bring back answers to a few of these questions. This item was heard fourth.

4. Youth Health and Safety

Dr. Arash Asher addressed the Commission regarding Cedar-Sinai's GRACE (Growing Resiliency and Courage) program which helps individuals foster resiliency practices, including having a strong sense of meaning and purpose, mastering perspective, cultivating gratitude and humor, and connectivity. Dr. Asher answered Commissioner Demeter's question that both family and friend relationships can fulfill emotional intimacy needs. The informational video was not shown. This item was heard third.

NEW BUSINESS

5. 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. The Commission remarked that they could have speakers come to future meetings to discuss this topic as well as ensuring that staff is able to assist with both this topic and smoking in the future.

6. 2020 Health and Safety Recognition Program Schedule

The 2020 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program schedule was approved.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – September 16, 2019
- Commissioner items

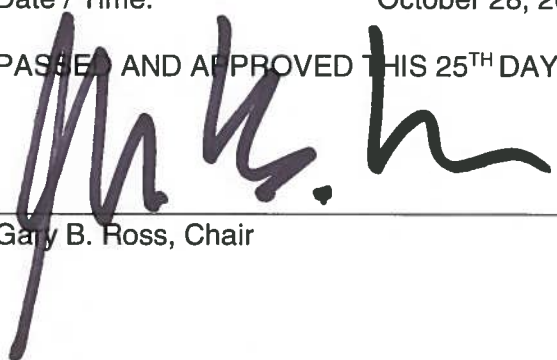
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report
 - Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Emergency Management Resilience, and Recovery remarked on the importance of being prepared and having a 15 minute evacuation plan. It is also important to ensure people are taking preventative measures for brush clearance to avoid fire risks. Please visit the City's website <http://beverlyhills.org/citymanager/emergencymanagement/currentemergencyanddisasterinformation/> for community notification information and sign-up.
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - Commission Calendar
 - Beverly Hills 2019 Editorial Calendar
 - NPR Article
 - County of Los Angeles Public Health News Releases – 10/21/19 and 10/22/19
 - CERT – Community Emergency Response Team Flyer
 - Commissioner Baker praised the effectiveness of the CERT program.
 - AAA – Don't Drive Distracted

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: October 28, 2019 / 5:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY of NOVEMBER, 2019



Gary B. Ross, Chair