



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

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

### **MINUTES**

Monday, November 25, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: November 25, 2019 / 4:01 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.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular Meeting on October 28, 2019.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nazarian 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 suppressing vaping in schools, online safety practices, and the new financial literacy course graduation requirement. The Commission remarked on the benefits of informational speakers for parents and the safety measures taken when signing visitors in at schools.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen updated the Commission on breast cancer awareness in October, prostate cancer awareness in November, and the Police Department's mobile phone application. Holiday crime prevention tips include locking car doors and not leaving items in sight inside cars, keeping bags closed or zipped and being aware of one's surroundings while shopping or pumping gas, and shipping packages to secure pickup facilities instead of sitting outside homes. Sergeant Smollen is available to perform free home inspections to help with crime prevention. Coffee with the Cops is on January 8, 2020 from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM at Starbucks on 257 S La Cienega Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **1. Health and Safety Recognition Program**

Commissioner Chang honored James Berkowitz and Jonathan Leon, the smoking outreach Ambassadors from the Beverly Hills Ambassador Team for their efforts in helping to make the no-smoking policy a reality for the City of Beverly Hills. Their goal is to educate, inform, and project hospitality to guests by being persistent, consistent, diplomatic, and tasteful while maintaining the aspirations Beverly Hills has towards better health and well-being and ensuring everyone has the best experience possible while in the City.

### **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 Ilene Knebel, Executive Assistant from the Public Works Department.

### **3. Smoking Update**

Michael George, Management Analyst, and Kris Zagya, Block by Block's Operations Manager, updated the Commission on outreach efforts including the number of cigar violations, the status of no-smoking/vaping signage installation, and future plans to spend currently available grant funds for additional Ambassador services, mailers, banners, and the American Lung Association's smoking cessation program. All of the Commissioners noted the importance of finding out whether violators were residents, tourists/visitors, or employees, to be able to more effectively target outreach efforts. The Commission suggested that in order to educate tourists/visitors, it is important to work with hotels, tour bus companies, and the Conference and Visitors Bureau. Michael George answered Commissioner Baker's question and confirmed that closed Code Enforcement cases were due to either voluntary compliance, no further complaints being received, educational outreach provided, or incorrect locations. The Ambassador Hotline is 424-302-1487. The Commissioners remarked on the proximity of cigar violations to the cigar lounges and the verbiage used to educate people on the

ordinance. Commissioner Demeter requested to know the number of businesses who have taken advantage of the complimentary consulting services for those affected by the tobacco sales ordinance. Staff answered that none so far have utilized the service and the Chamber of Commerce is planning to reach out to the retailers that are affected.

#### **4. Youth Health and Safety**

Cheryl Karp Eskin addressed the Commission regarding Teen Line, a teen to teen hotline where teenagers can talk to a trained teen listener about anything they are struggling with. There is a hotline that includes call, text, e-mail, as well as an Iphone application "Teen Talk", an online message board, and youth yellow pages. The most common issues discussed (in order) are relationships, anxiety/stress, depression, suicide, loneliness, or self-injury. Teens can call 800-852-8336 or 310-855-4673 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM PST nightly or text TEEN to 839863 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5. Introduction to Potential Health Considerations of 5G Networks**

At the September 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **6. Community Guide and Handout**

The Office of Emergency Management, Resilience, and Recovery's *Community Guide to Public Alert and Warning*, part of the City's overall Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), is a resource for the community to understand what tools the City possess in regards to both communication as well as alert and warning and how these tools may be used in emergencies and disasters. Sign up for alerts at [www.beverlyhills.org/notification](http://www.beverlyhills.org/notification) or by texting BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888-777. The City Disaster Hotline is 310-550-4680, information can be found on channels 10 or 35, AM radio station 1500, the City's social media (City website, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), and by downloading the ShakeAlert phone application. To be prepared, one should make a kit and have a (evacuation) plan ready. This item was heard seventh. Staff answered Commissioner Baker's inquiry about the benefits of having resources in one's home to help residents take shelter at their residences if needed.

#### **7. 2020 Health and Safety Commission Meeting Dates**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the proposed 2020 meeting date schedule was approved with the exception of January, February, May, and December. The proposed dates were those 4 months were approved and the proposed times for those 4 months were moved from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM to 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. This item was heard sixth.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's report

a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – October 21, 2019

- Commissioner items

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's report
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
  - Commission Calendar
  - Beverly Hills 2019 Editorial Calendar
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Influenza (Flu) 2019 – 2020 Flu Season
  - Stop the Bleed - Training

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: November 25, 2019 / 6:05 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY of DECEMBER, 2019



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Gary B. Ross, Chair