



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2019
1:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: December 16, 2019 / 1:02 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 November 25, 2019.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, 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 Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen updated the Commission on the importance of driving sober. Holiday crime prevention tips include keeping bags closed or zipped and being aware of one's surroundings while shopping. 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. Commissioner Demeter reminded the community to text BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888-777 to sign up for City notification text alerts. The Beverly Hills Police Department phone application is available for free download.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. 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 Chad Lynn, Assistant Director of Public Works.

2. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, and Nestor Otazu, Code Enforcement Manager, updated the Commission on Ambassador outreach initiatives and violation reports including the third smoking Ambassador who will focus on outdoor dining areas in the evening hours; Code Enforcement smoking related cases; the Department of Justice grant funds allocation and spending plan; the City's no-smoking banner campaign; the Cedars-Sinai smoking cessation program; mailers and social media posts; flyers and signs sent to businesses; outreach to tour bus companies and hotels to educate tourists; and no-smoking signage that will be going up to replace the old signage in City facilities including parking garages. Commissioner Baker remarked on the timelines of Code Enforcement cases; the location of smoking cessation programs; repeat violations; action taken in response to ordinance noncompliance; and businesses that have started to comply with the ordinance ahead of schedule. Staff confirmed Commissioner Chang's question that mailers regarding the smoking cessation program are being sent to residents and businesses. Chair Ross remarked on the number of violations reported. Commissioner Demeter reminded that the ordinance stipulates that someone must be actively traveling. Staff will start to collect information pertaining to Commissioner Demeter's question on whether smoking violations were from residents or non-residents. Vice Chair Nazarian and staff remarked on the level of involvement of businesses in their employees or patrons violating the ordinance. Vice Chair Nazarian mentioned that single family residences are not involved in this ordinance.

3. Youth Health and Safety

Dr. Daniel Fink addressed the Commission regarding auditory health and safety for youth. It is important for youth to avoid loud noise exposure, be far away from the noise source, leave the noisy environment, or use hearing protection. There are electronics and applications that can help measure sound levels. Commissioner Demeter remarked on the benefits of wearing earplugs. Commissioner Baker discussed that hearing can be damaged permanently from just one loud instance, that using tissue or cotton balls can be an in-the moment solution for ear plugs, and whether white noise is harmful. Chair Ross discussed second hand

noise/ambient noise issues. Vice Chair Nazarian discussed hearing aids. Commissioner Chang discussed tactics to help prevent hearing loss and damage.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Introduction to Potential Health Considerations of 5G Networks

This topic will be explored further in upcoming Health and Safety Commission meetings.

5. Health and Safety Accomplishments 2019

The Commission reviewed and approved a list of Commission accomplishments for calendar year 2019.

6. Honoring Outgoing Commissioners

The Commission took a moment to honor outgoing Commissioner Gary B. Ross.

7. Outgoing / Incoming Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission recognized the current Chair and Vice Chair, as well as the incoming Chair and Vice Chair.

8. 2020 Chair's Focus Area Topics, Areas of Interest, and Work Plan Initiatives

For the 2020 year, the Commission discussed and approved the following:

- Area of Focus - Health and safety related technology
- Item of Interest – Continue to support smoking outreach, education, enforcement, and cessation
- Work plan items for fiscal year 2020-2021 (budget)
 - Develop and complete opportunities for the Commission on a variety of health and safety technology related topics, including 5G and community alert systems.
 - Continue to support smoking related outreach, education, enforcement, and cessation.
- The Commission will continue the tradition of honoring a community member, organization, or business that enhances the Health and Safety of the community. The Health and Safety awards will expand this year to now include a City employee that provides Health and Safety Excellence to the community. The Commission will have speakers on the topic of Health and Safety related technology, as well as receive updates from the Beverly Hills Unified School District, the Beverly Hills Police Department, and smoking updates from staff.

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

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

NOES: None

9. 2020 Health and Safety Recognition Program Schedule

The Commission approved the revised 2020 Health and Safety Commission recognition program schedule.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – November 18, 2019
- Commissioner items

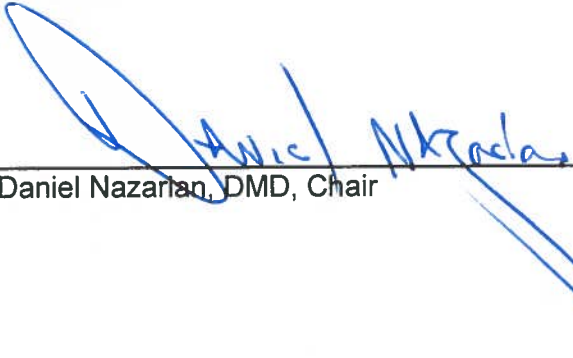
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - Commission Calendar
 - Beverly Hills 2019 Editorial Calendar
 - SCE Public Safety Power Shutoff

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 16, 2019 / 3:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY of FEBRUARY, 2020



Daniel Nazarian, DMD, Chair