



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2020
1:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: February 24, 2020 / 1:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Hilborne and Chang, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Nazarian

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Demeter

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Michael George, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

One community member made a public comments on an item not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Special Meetings on December 16, 2019, January 21, 2020, and January 27, 2020.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Hilborne to approve the minutes (4-0).

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Rachele Marcus, Board Vice President, and Scott Lovelace, Director of School Safety, updated the Commission on the after school sports program,

incident training, and the policy for the prohibiting, prevention, and intervention of tobacco, nicotine, and vaping. The Commission remarked on soap dispensers in bathrooms.

- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen updated the Commission on the Presidential visit, the Beverly Hills Police Department phone application, the Citizens Academy Program, and Coffee with the Cops on April 29, 2020 from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM at Starbucks (9811 S Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA, 90212). Residents and business owners can call 310-288-2668 for free home and business security inspections. It is important to be aware and attentive, to always lock your vehicles, do not leave expensive items in vehicles, and to leave lights or sounds on when leaving the house, to dissuade potential criminals. Sign up for notification alerts by texting BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888777 or at www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award

Vice Chair Baker honored Erin Raftery Ryan, Tim Davis, Adaline Fagen, and Sharon Dunas from NAMI Westside Los Angeles (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for their efforts in demonstrating leadership in the field of health and safety issues or for making a contribution to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission.

2. Health and Safety Related Technology

There was no report this month.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Introduction to Potential Health Considerations of 5G Networks

Michael George, Management Analyst, welcomed Dr. Jerrold T. Bushberg for a presentation to the Commission on potential health considerations of 5G networks. The following is the summary of Dr. Bushberg's presentation: With the consensus of other organizations, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has regulatory jurisdiction for establishing the radiofrequency (RF) exposure standards for non-ionizing radiation which includes radio waves used in 5G technology. Their decision is guided by the recommendations of the Federal Health Agencies with the expertise to evaluate the scientific literature of the health and safety of exposure to radio frequency radiation. General summaries indicate that the weak, low-strength RF signals (non-ionizing) from cell phones and 5G networks, etc. do not have potential adverse health and safety effects, and that this consensus is continually being monitored. The same is true for cell tower sites due to the directional nature of the emissions from the antenna and their distance to people. One's cell phone is typically the highest source of RF exposure. More exposure occurs when the phone is further away from signal towers, causing the phone to utilize more power and transmit at its maximum signal strength. The Commission discussed the standards in the United States vs. other countries, the potential for 5G networks to lower the exposure from cell phones due to the better connection, weighing the need for technological advances and economic incentives vs. potential health effects, whether the technology has been tested before, its effectiveness, and whether it is used in other areas of the world, potential health risks individuals in high rises closer to cell towers, studies done on humans, and the exposure levels of 4G vs. 5G, and the involvement cities have in making their own policies regarding this issue. An informational video was shown.

4. Election 2020

The City of Beverly Hills will be participating in the March 2020 General Municipal Election. There will be 11-days of in person voting up to election day March 3, 2020. There is a new electronic ballot marking system called Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP). It is important to utilize the "MORE" button to view all candidates. Beverly Hills voters can vote for two candidates (maximum). Options to Vote by Mail were also provided. More information can be found at www.beverlyhills.org/elections and www.lavote.net.

5. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, updated the Commission on Ambassador violation statistics, including dates and locations, Code Enforcement cases, grant funding, 75 smoking banners that have gone up in the City, window decals, the Cedars-Sinai smoking cessation program, mailers, signage around the City, and smoking on construction sites.

6. Liaison Meeting

The Health and Safety Commission Liaison meeting took place on January 27, 2020. Councilmember liaisons Mayor John A. Mirisch and Councilmember Julian A. Gold, M.D. reviewed the 2019 accomplishments and approved the 2020 Health and Safety Commission work plan.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report – Chair Nazarian and Vice Chair Baker highlighted information regarding Novel Coronavirus.
- Commissioner items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report – Pamela Mottice-Muller highlighted additional information regarding Novel Coronavirus.
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - Commission Calendar
 - 2020 Editorial Calendar
 - LA Marathon Map – This will take place on March 8, 2020.
 - Novel Coronavirus Information
 - Security Tips

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 24, 2020 / 4:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2020

Daniel nazarian

Daniel Nazarian, DMD, Chair