



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 2020
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: June 22, 2020 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Chief Dominick Rivetti, Meena Janmohamed, Laura Biery, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no public comments.

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 Meeting on May 18, 2020

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

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REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Rachelle Marcus, Board Vice President, updated the Commission on the Committees formed by the School District to prepare for and discuss options for the next upcoming start of the school year, although all final decisions are made by the Department of Public Health.
- Laura Biery, Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager, introduced the Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau, the Rodeo Drive Committee, and the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce to discuss business operations, protocols, and guidelines in Beverly Hills.
- Beverly Hills Conference and Visitors Bureau – Julie Wagner, Chief Executive Officer, updated the Commission on the hotels in Beverly Hills. They are adhering to all state and county guidelines. Additionally, most hotels are taking additional cleaning and safety measures. Employee testing was also discussed.
- Rodeo Drive Committee – Kathy Gohari updated the Commission on the Rodeo Drive retailers. Stores are currently open with cleaning and sanitizing measures in place. Some stores have modified hours or limited staffing. Masks are always required.
- Todd Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, updated the Commission on operations for cleaning standards, social distancing, temperature checks, employee testing, security, and mask requirements, for restaurants in the City. The Small Business Development Center offers complimentary and low-cost consulting and training to entrepreneurs.
- Chief Dominick Rivetti updated the Commission on COVID-19, the recent protests in Los Angeles County, including Beverly Hills, and the associated curfews. The EOC was activated and open for 2 weeks following the protests. The report included information regarding the National Guard and Mutual Aid.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Update

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on the most recent COVID-19 information including statistics for California, Los Angeles County, and Beverly Hills, face coverings, social distancing, test sites, self-monitoring, tele-working, and contact tracing. The EOC is activated at Level 2 and City services continue at this time. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has criteria for reopening including health care system capacity, protecting vulnerable populations, ensuring public health capacity to test, trace, and isolate, and developing protocols to keep workers and residents safe. Los Angeles County is currently in Phase 3 of its Road to Recovery and has updated the Health Officer Order. More information can be found by visiting the following websites: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus> and www.beverlyhills.org/coronavirus or by calling the City's Disaster Hotline: 310-550-4680.

There was one public comment on this agenda item.

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NEW BUSINESS

2. Disaster Preparedness Lessons Learned

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on the City's all hazards management approach to disaster planning and preparedness during the global pandemic and national protests. It is important to stockpile supplies, have an emergency plan, wear masks, social distance, exhibit good hygiene including washing your hands and using hand sanitizer, and to be safer at home. Residents and community members can sign up for emergency notifications by texting BEVHILLS or BEVHILLSPD to 888777 or by visiting www.beverlyhills.org/notification. The Commission discussed COVID-19 testing.

3. Mental Health and Wellbeing

Incoming Health and Safety Commissioner Dr. Erica Felsenthal, PhD provided the Commission with a helpful presentation on maintaining positive mental health. COVID-19 and the recent protests have caused stress, depression, and anxiety. Healthy ways to manage stress include keeping thoughts positive, changing unhealthy and irrational thoughts or attitudes to healthy ways of thinking, physical exercise, healthy diet, gratitude practices, relaxation or meditation, grounding exercises, connecting with nature/pets, sticking to routines/schedules, establishing priorities and organizing time effectively, getting enough good quality sleep, scheduling pleasant events, distractions/shifting attention, socializing safely by talking with friends, getting professional counseling, knowing what to do if you are sick, prescription medication in some cases, religious or spiritual practices, and avoiding excessive alcohol or drug use.

4. Honoring Outgoing Commissioners

The Commission took a moment to honor outgoing Commissioner Dr. Myra Demeter, PhD.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- A majority of the Commission requested information on contact tracing applications.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Chair's Report
- Information Only
 - a) Smoking Update – Commissioner Demeter remarked on the upcoming smoking ordinances that will go into effect.

ADJOURNMENT

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2020

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Daniel Nazarian, DMD, Chair