



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Monday, March 28, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: March 28, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Chang led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, and Chair Chang

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief Michael Hand, Deputy Director of Public Works Operations Michael Hensley, Senior Management Analyst Tania Schwartz, Emergency Management Services Administrator Sean Stokes, Fire Department Administrator Michael Liongson, Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed, and Commission Secretary Karen Gutierrez.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

Items amended:

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- Item 3 – Moment of Mindfulness: this item will be heard at the April 25, 2022 regular Health and Safety Commission meeting.

By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Resolution of the Health and Safety Commission of the City of Beverly Hills continuing to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to government code section 54953(e) and making findings and determinations regarding the same**

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Health and Safety Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Rosenthal to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

2. **Consideration of Minutes**

Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission meeting on February 28, 2022.

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

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachelle Marcus updated the Commission on various topics including the Common Sense School Award recognizing the importance of digital responsibility, and the formation of the District Wellness Committee made up of parents, staff, students and community members to improve the quality of food offerings in schools. She spoke on the Beverly Vista Middle School ‘Dude Be Nice’ program consisting of a weeklong activity on being nice to one another.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo provided an update on Police Department activities including response calls and metrics noting a decrease in transient service calls for the month of February. He spoke on the recent DUI/driver license

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checkpoint, and the successful pass through of the Los Angeles Marathon. The Police Department is following up on investigative leads regarding the March 22, 2022 burglary on the 200 block of South Beverly Drive, and is undergoing the Police Officer recruitment applications selection process.

- Beverly Hills Fire Department – B-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Michael Hand updated the Commission on incidents and responses metrics noting a decrease in fire incidents for the month of February. He spoke on JUST IN CASE, BH program activities, inspections, community trainings, and the completion of the 2021 Annual Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency Advanced Life Support Audit. The Fire Department held a COVID-19 booster vaccine clinic for all fire personnel, and mailed 1,500 fliers regarding brush to all residents located in the very high fire hazard severity zone.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **3. Moment of Mindfulness**

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, will lead the Commission in a Moment of Mindfulness.

This is a monthly recurring agenda item. This month's topic was Lifesaving Tips and Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness.

No report provided. The next Moment of Mindfulness will be heard at the April 25, 2022 regular Health and Safety Commission meeting.

### **4. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award**

Recognizes an employee or a group of people who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. This month the Commission will recognize the Public Works Department, Senior Management Analyst, Tania Schwartz.

The Commission recognized Tania Schwartz, Senior Management Analyst, Public Works Department.

### **5. COVID-19 Update**

Provides information and a discussion on a variety of topics related to the COVID-19 emergency and what the community should know.

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed updated the Commission on a variety of COVID-19 metrics including cases, vaccination, Emergency Use Authorization regarding booster shots, and Beverly Hills specific community statistics. Staff spoke on the Omicron variant trend, shared resources for COVID-19 treatment and testing, and reported the Current Health Order and the City's continued response to the pandemic.

Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus](http://www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus).
- For treatment information, visit [www.CVS.com/MinuteClinic/Reserve-Online](http://www.CVS.com/MinuteClinic/Reserve-Online).

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- For testing information, visit [www.CovidTest.gov](http://www.CovidTest.gov) or [www.beverlyhills.org/CovidTesting](http://www.beverlyhills.org/CovidTesting).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6. Beverly Hills Fire Department Accreditation**

An informational update on the Beverly Hills Fire Department's Internationally-Accredited Agency status.

Fire Administrator Michael Liongson spoke on the Beverly Hills Fire Department receiving accredited agency status to take on the process of becoming internationally accredited. Staff logged thousands of hours in preparation working alongside community members and City stakeholders achieving international accreditation. Staff highlighted the following key information:

- Worldwide: 295 accredited agencies
- Nationwide: 278 accredited agencies
- Statewide: 23 accredited agencies
- Countywide: 4 accredited agencies

Resources provided for this presentation:

- For more information about the Fire Department and its accreditation, visit <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/fireadministration/web.jsp>

### **7. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Program Information and Basic First Aid Tips**

Provides a presentation by CPR Administrative Coordinator Les Bronte dedicated to teaching skills that save lives.

Beverly Hills CPR Administrative Coordinator Les Bronte and CPR Coordinator and instructor Trisha Bodaghi spoke about the different training courses offered and the technology used. Highlights included the purchase of new automated external defibrillators, a virtual training held with Beverly Vista 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on tourniquets and controlling bleeding, and the program ranking highly by the American Heart Association.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit [www.bhcpr.org](http://www.bhcpr.org) for more information.

### **8. April – Earthquake Preparedness Month**

Staff will provide an informational update on the upcoming annual earthquake preparedness month campaign. Presentation to include tips on how to be prepared in the event of an earthquake.

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed spoke on the Rock and Roll annual preparedness campaign and shared earthquake safety tips. She emphasized that it is highly recommended to make a kit, make a plan and stay informed. Businesses are

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also encouraged to be disaster ready. For earthquake early warnings, the public can download the MyShake mobile application.

Resources available:

- City of Beverly Hills Website: [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org)
- City of Beverly Hills Disaster Hotline: (310) 550-4680
- Radio: AM 1500
- City TV: Channels 10 and 35
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- Nixle: Text BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888-777
- Emergency Notifications: [www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification](http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification)
- Door-to-Door Notifications
- Outdoor Warning System\*
- For more information, visit [www.beverlyhills.org/emergencymanagement](http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencymanagement) or call (310) 285-1021.
- Business Preparedness: [www.beverlyhills.org/disasterready](http://www.beverlyhills.org/disasterready)

## 9. Outdoor Warning Siren System

Provides information on the status of the Citywide Outdoor Warning Siren System.

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed provided an update on the Citywide Outdoor Warning Siren System, a directive issued by City Council to provide an additional notification tools for wildfire alerting. It will provide a multi-hazard alerting tool for the City to notify residents in of a potential wildfire. Staff held outreach meetings and shared information regarding program roles and responsibilities. Demonstrations were held at Roxbury Park and Greystone Mansion.

## PROJECT UPDATES

None.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
  - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – February 14, 2022
    - Chair Chang attended the February 14, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights were included in the packet for Commissioners and the public to read.
- Commissioner Items –
  - Vice Chair Hilborne and Commissioner Felsenthal participate in the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) aiming at helping the community come up with measures to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions and manage the future effects of climate change. The CAAP will be showcased at the Farmer's Market for Earth Day on April 24, 2022.
  - The Beverly Hills transit plan is scheduled for discussion at the April Planning Commission meeting.
  - For Earth Day on April 24, 2022 the JUST IN CASE, BH program will have a booth at the Farmer's Market.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's Report –
  - The last Mayor's Wellness Wednesday will be on March 30, 2022.
  - The Beverly Hills Dance & Fitness Blast will be on April 3, 2022. The public is encouraged to participate in a variety of workouts such as Kick Box Cardio, High Intensity Interval Training, Cardio Jam, Yoga, Zumba, and Latin Sizzle.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
  1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter February 26, 2022
  2. Earthquake Safety Checklist (Red Cross)
  3. Family Disaster Plan Template (Red Cross)
  4. Parent Tips for Helping Adolescents after Disasters (PFA)
  5. Parent Tips for Helping Infants and Toddlers after Disasters (PFA)
  6. Parent Guidelines for Helping Children after an Earthquake (NCTSN)
  7. Tips to Survivors: Coping with Grief after a Disaster or Traumatic Event (SAMHSA)
    - Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information was included in the packet for Commissioners and the public to read.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: March 28, 2022 / 6:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022

  
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Kirk Chang, Chair

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