



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2022
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: April 25, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Secretary Karen Gutierrez 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: Deputy City Manager, Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa, Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Services Administrator Sean Stokes, Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Fire Captain Michael Cherry, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, 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.

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Items amended:

- Item 7 – Seventh Inning Stretch: This item will be heard at the May 23, 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 March 28, 2022.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Vice Chair Hilborne 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 highlighted the hire of a new school member in Instructional Technology, and one in Business Services, as well as the Grandparents Permit that allows grandchildren who do not live in the City to attend school in the District. She spoke on the BHUSD strategic plan and new regulations by the Los Angeles County Department of Health, which the District is considering. The Health and Safety Commission formally acknowledged the passing of Mr. Edwin G. Marcus.

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- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo provided an update on Police Department activities. Highlights included recent publicized cases of an attempted armed robbery on the 200 block of South Beverly Drive, and the smash and grab robbery on the 200 block of South Beverly Drive. He spoke on the launch of the Citizens Academy program, community outreach events, and the Police Officer recruitment process.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes spoke on incidents, response metrics, and reported large incidents of two structure fires and two brush fires. The Fire Department assisted with the suppression of a Los Angeles County fire and highlighted two upcoming community outreach events: Community Preparedness Day and the return of Fire Service Day.

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 Wellness and Resiliency, and Social Media Safety. Commissioner Felsenthal lead an exercise titled Mindful Rings, which helps us become present in the moment and reduces anxiety. She encouraged utilizing other tools as well like the Physiological Sigh, Signal Breath, and 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Grounding.

4. Health and Safety Recognition Program

The Health and Safety Commission will honor those who have demonstrated leadership in the field of health and safety issues or contributed to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission. The Commission will recognize Licensed Clinical Social Worker Susan Belgrade, Senior Director of Multipurpose and Senior Centers, Jewish Family Services Los Angeles.

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5. Smoking and Tobacco Quarterly Report

Provides informational updates to the Health and Safety Commission on activities related to the dangers of smoking including information on smoking, cessation, outreach, enforcement, and education.

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa updated the Commission on smoking, vaping, and tobacco retail complaints and investigations from the first quarter of the calendar year (January through March). Smoking Ambassadors provide soft enforcement statistics taken from the business triangle, which is the area of highest concentration of smoking. Staff thanked the Code Enforcement Division for performing routine inspections at the City's various tobacco retailers.

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Resources available:

- The public is encouraged to call (310) 285-1119 to report smoking related violations in the City.
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6. 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, and Beverly Hills specific community statistics. Staff spoke on virus variants, post complications, and isolation requirements. She shared tips on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, resources for testing, and reported the Current Health Order and the City's continued response to the pandemic. Staff addressed Commissioner inquiries.

Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus.
- For testing information, visit www.CovidTest.gov or www.beverlyhills.org/CovidTesting.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Seventh Inning Stretch

A health and safety intermission led by Certified Personal Trainer Nick Trice.

This item will be heard at the May 25, 2022 Health and Safety Commission regular meeting.

8. Social Media Safety

Provides information about navigating safely through social media and mental health impacts of unsafe use.

CEO of the Organization for Social Media Safety Marc Berkman gave an overview on how the company works to make social media safe for everyone. He explored some of the mental health impacts of unsafe social media use and shared insights on Jordan's Law (AB 1542), which makes clear that anyone who conspires with an attacker to film a violent crime will be considered an accomplice and subject to an enhanced (longer) sentence. He discussed cyberbullying, addiction, body dysmorphia, depression, and fraud. Marc suggested blocking and reporting as safety measures. Visit www.ofsms.org for more information.

9. Quarterly Active Transportation Programs Update

A presentation on active mobility to advance a safe and healthy Beverly Hills.

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided a quarterly report on the current Active Transportation Programs. Staff spoke on active transportation and the benefits of any self-propelled, human-powered mode of transportation, as well as the City Council

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approved installation of a minimum grid bikeway network for shared streets between motorists and bicyclists. She highlighted the feasibility study for a Bike Boulevard on Clifton Way and Le Doux Road, the completed grant project of new and enhanced pedestrian crossing, and emphasized the installation of Slow Street signs throughout the City.

Resources available:

- Complete Streets Plan www.beverlyhills.org/completestreets
- Minimum Grid Bikeway Network www.beverlyhills.org/minimumgrid
- Slow Streets Program www.beverlyhills.org/slowstreets
- May is National Bike Month. A full list of events is available on www.beverlyhills.org/bikes.

10. Beverly Hills Fire Department Peer Support Program

Provides information on fire department peer and mental health support.

Fire Captain Michael Cherry spoke about the program. He shared statistics on the increased risk of mental health issues for firefighters and other first responders, like post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts. Program members complete a 32-hour accredited course, undergo continued education and are available 24-hours a day to active and retired personnel and their families. In addition to its members, a Mental Health Provider oversees the program and acts as the Department's Clinical Director. The program offers a proactive approach and it is broadening its mental health resources beyond peer level.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – April 11, 2022
 - Chair Chang attended the April 11, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in the May 25, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet.
- Commissioner Items – None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report –
 - Staff shared information on upcoming events and celebrations in the City including Business with Bosse, which spotlights local businesses, and the 2022 celebration of Arbor Day.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
 1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter March 28, 2022
 2. Autism Spectrum Disorder (NIH)

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3. Stand up to Stress – Coloring & Activity Book (for Kids Ages 8-12)
4. Age Related Reactions to Traumatic Events (NCTSN)
5. JUST IN CASE, BH Program Community Outreach Flier
6. JUST IN CASE, BH Program Roles & Responsibilities
7. Be Aware, Be Prepared, Take Action – A Guide for Alerts and Warnings
8. City of Beverly Hills Arbor Day April 29, 2022
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners and the public to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: April 25, 2022 / 6:20 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23th DAY OF MAY, 2022

Kirk Chang

Kirk Chang, Chair

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