



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 23, 2022
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: May 23, 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 David Perusse, Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed, Fire Marshal Scott Stephens, Solid Waste Manager Colonel James Burnley, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Project Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier, 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.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, the Health and Safety Commission passed a resolution at the April 25, 2022 meeting enabling members of the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission and staff to participate in this meeting in-person or via teleconference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission meeting on April 25, 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 spoke on the retirement of six school members, a community spotlight program lead by BHUSD President Mary Wells, and the participation in various awareness programs including the launch of the Bulldog Aid for mental health. The high school swim team received six gold medals at the California Interscholastic Federation 2022 Swimming & Diving Championships, and Beverly Hills Education Foundation will offer grants for innovative programs.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo spoke on an attack that took place on S. Beverly Drive on May 19, 2022, a robbery on May 18, 2022 on the 400 block of N. Beverly Drive, and the launch of the Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) who will respond to mental health related calls and provides on-scene assessment. Staff highlighted its Special Alert Registry which allows the Department to maintain a data base of vital information about people with mental or developmental disabilities where the information is passed on to public safety personnel to better respond to calls. For security assessment and home hardening contact Jesse Perez at jperez@beverlyhills.org.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief David Perusse spoke on incidents, response metrics. He reported one strike team deployment on May 11, 2022 at Laguna Niguel and two large incidents of a structure fire at a commercial building on May 4, 2022 and at a single-family dwelling on May 7, 2022. No injuries were reported.
 - More information about home hardening can be found at www.beverlyhills.org/firedepartment

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. 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 Health, Safety and Environmental Resiliency. Commissioner Felsenthal led a mindfulness exercise called

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Mindful Breathing as a Pleasant Event. She reminded everyone that mindfulness can be done at any time and suggests making time for self-care.

3. 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 reviewed the current Los Angeles County COVID-19 community levels and protective measures. Staff spoke on testing kits and other 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.
- For information on ongoing protective measures, visit www.ph.lacounty.gov/masks and www.vaccinateLACounty.com.
- For how to get therapeutics, visit www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Seventh Inning Stretch

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

This item is a pro-health intermission dedicated to the need to stay active. Certified Personal Trainer Nick Trice led the Commission in a "Seventh Inning Stretch" via pre-recorded video. He provided a short demonstrational video, which addressed the positive aspects of stretch relief, injury prevention, blood circulation and mind rejuvenation.

5. Organic Waste Management Program

A presentation on the City of Beverly Hills – Organic Waste Management Program.

Solid Waste Manager Colonel James Burnley provided a presentation on the City of Beverly Hills Organic Waste Management Program. He spoke on solid waste collections including illegal dump mitigations and the two types of collection streams, which are plant and food, and trash and recyclables. The City has asked residents to include organic material of food scraps, food-soiled paper, yard trimmings, and nonhazardous wood waste into green yard bins, and for commercial businesses to subscribe to the City's collection services in accordance to the California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) that was passed on January 1, 2022. More information is found at www.beverlyhills.org/organics.

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6. Community Risk Reduction and Home Hardening

Provides information on increasing a home's survivability to wildfires.

Fire Marshal Scott Stephens presented on home hardening and wildfires. He highlighted that building materials, design features, and nearby landscapes influence a home's survivability in a wildfire. Chief Stephens noted that a majority of home wildfires are ignited by embers or small, low-intensity fires. Staff encouraged to address several components, including the roof, gutters and eaves, vents, siding, windows and doors, and decks, fences, and other attachments to the home. Public outreach efforts was conducted on May 7, 2022 at Fire Station 2 and an evacuation drill is tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2022 to test the City's emergency systems, inform residents and gather important metrics.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – March 14, 2022
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – April 11, 2022
 - Chair Chang attended the May 9, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in the June 27, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet.
 - Highlights for the March 14, 2022 and April 11, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meetings were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items –
 - Commissioner Baker announced the June 7, 2022 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
 - Commissioner Felsenthal shared information on an upcoming event on July 20, 2022 at Roxbury Park in regards to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report –
 - Staff shared information on the upcoming Beverly Hills Pride event on June 2, 2022 at the Wallace Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
 1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter April 2022
 2. Benefits of Mindfulness (Help Guide)
 3. Be Red Cross Ready – Fire Prevention & Safety Checklist
 4. Taking Care of Your Emotional Health (CDC)
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 23, 2022 / 6:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2022

Kirk Chang

Kirk Chang, Chair