



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

OPEN MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Felsenthal 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, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief Michael Hand, Emergency Manager Meena Janmohamed, Management Assistant Austin Brault, Management Analyst Gabriella Ressa, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Program 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.

One public comment on a non-agenda item provided by Givi Mchedlishvili.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 6 - COVID-19 Update, and Item 7 - Beat the Heat, were moved up immediately after Reports from Priority Agencies. Item 10 - City Council request to explore eliminating the exception to the City's Smoking Ordinance, which allows smoking while actively traveling on a public right of way;

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and Discussion by the Health & Safety Commission for other recommendations to modify the current smoking regulations in Beverly Hills was postponed to the August 22, 2022 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 Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal to approve the resolution as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

2. Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission meeting on June 27, 2022.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal 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 Rachele Marcus introduced Director of School Safety Mark Mead. Mark spoke on emergency management, the schools partnership with private security company NASTEC and the Beverly Hills Police Department, including social and emotional wellness via Norma Aid Center and other opportunities for students with the Maple Counseling Center and the Bulldog Center.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo provided a presentation on the Real-Time Watch Center that was launched on June 7, 2022. The goal is to provide the highest level of safety, security and service, to deter criminal activity, to improve the City's response, to aid in identification, apprehension, and prosecution of criminal offenders, and to recognize and respond to community needs and emergency disasters.

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- Beverly Hills Fire Department – B-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Michael Hand spoke on incidents and response metrics. He reported on staff training and promotions, as well as the status of the City’s brush inspections. There were no injuries reported, and no red flag or strike team deployments.

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. Commissioner Felsenthal spoke on well-being and led us in a breath exercise followed by a mindful meditation titled Labeling.

4. JUST IN CASE BEVERLY HILLS (JICBH) Program Update

Provides an informational update on the JICBH community emergency and disaster preparedness program.

Program Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier provided an overview of the program and discussed past and future community events as well as program achievements. Achievement highlights included the participation in twenty events since March 2022, the completion of the JICBH Emergency Manual, an increase in social media followers, volunteers, and requests from the community to hold more emergency and disaster preparedness trainings. More information can be found at <https://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/justincasebh/>.

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 Gabriella Ressa spoke on retail enforcement, statistics associated with soft enforcement and smoking violations. Data was provided for April 2022 through June 2022. Residents are encouraged to contact Code Compliance at (310) 285-1119. Ambassadors educate violators of the City’s smoking ordinances and work alongside Code Compliance on smoking/vaping enforcement in the City.

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.

Management Assistant Austin Brault updated the Commission on a variety of COVID-19 metrics including cases, vaccination, and statistics specific to the Beverly Hills community. Staff reviewed the current Los Angeles County COVID-19 community levels and protective measures. Staff spoke on omicron subvariants, indoor masking measures, therapeutics, testing, and reported the current health order and the City’s continued response to the pandemic. Staff addressed Commissioner inquiries.

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Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus.
- For testing information, visit www.CovidTest.gov, www.beverlyhills.org/CovidTesting, www.covid19.lacounty.gov/test, or 211.
- For how to get therapeutics, visit www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines or (833) 540-0473
- LA Public Health Call Center (833) 540-0473.
- Beverly Hills COVID-19 Hotline (310) 550-4680.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Beat the Heat

A presentation addressing sun safety information, resources, and tips to beat the heat.

Management Assistant Austin Brault provided information on sun safety. Highlights included tips for preventing heat-related illness and other ways to beat the heat. For resources on cooling centers, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/>.

8. Quarterly Active Transportation Programs Update

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

No staff presentation available. An informational report was included in the packet.

9. Nurse Practitioner Program Update and Highlights

Provides information to the Health and Safety Commission on the Nurse Practitioner Program.

Emergency Medical Services Administrator, Sean Stokes, spoke on the City of Beverly Hills' Nurse Practitioner Program (NPP). He provided the progress over the last three years, as well as the outlook for the NPP. Highlights on some of the key metrics included:

- Over 1000 individual patient encounters
- Deferral of patients from Emergency Department over-utilization
- In-home health management Access to social services such that social determinants of health are mitigated and health regression is minimized
- Integration with partnering providers local hospital case managers, social workers etc.
- Integration with partnering governmental entities (local and federal)

The program is continually evolving to create and maintain a comprehensive and integrated service in which patients can 'Age in Place' at home.

Resources available:

- Nurse Practitioner Program website: www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/nursepractitionerprogram
- To request a patient visit or to learn more information, call (424) 303-0731 or email NP@beverlyhills.org 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily.

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10. City Council request to explore eliminating the exception to the City's Smoking Ordinance, which allows smoking while actively traveling on a public right of way; and

Discussion by the Health & Safety Commission for other recommendations to modify the current smoking regulations in Beverly Hills.

This item recommends the Health & Safety Commission consider the request by the City Council to explore the possibility of prohibiting smoking while actively traveling on a public right of way and provide direction to staff on the next steps.

This item will be heard at the August 22, 2022 Health and Safety Commission regular meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – June 13, 2022
 - Chair Chang attended the July 11, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in the August 22, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet.
 - Highlights for the June 13, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meetings were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items – None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report –
 - Staff shared information on upcoming events.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
 1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter June 2022
 2. Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain from the National Institute of Mental Health
 3. Caring for Your Lawn Water Conservation Tips
 4. American Red Cross – Children and Home Fires
 5. Prepare with Pedro – Disaster Preparedness Activity Book
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 25, 2022 / 6:32 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

Kirk Chang

Kirk Chang, Chair