



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 19, 2022
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: December 19, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Chang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Felsenthal

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Captain Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief David Perusse, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, 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.

David Gingold provided a public comment.

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. 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 Baker to approve the resolution as presented (4-0).

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Felsenthal

NOES: None

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

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Rosenthal to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Felsenthal

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative, Rachele Marcus, announced the new Board members and new commission liaisons. She congratulated outgoing Chair Kirk Chang and incoming Chair Lee Hilborne.
- Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) – Captain Giovanni Trejo provided an update on Police Department metrics and activities. Motor vehicle break-ins are down, which is attributed to the Real Time Watch Center and its dedicated intel analyst and officers. He highlighted the effectiveness of utilizing data, partnership with private security, and the community for reporting crimes. He also presented BHPD fourth quarter statistics.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Battalion Chief David Perusse spoke on incidents and response metrics. He also presented the department's year-to-year comparable metrics, from 2018 thru mid-December 2022, on several key categories such as fire suppression, hazardous condition, and emergency medical responses.

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CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Health and Safety Commission Accomplishments 2022

Provides the Commission with a list of Commission accomplishments for calendar year 2022.

The Commission reviewed the Health and Safety Accomplishments of 2022. A report detailing the Commission's efforts is available on the Beverly Hills website. Highlights included regular COVID-19 updates, topics on emergency preparedness and the Outdoor Siren Warning System initiative, and ongoing efforts by all priority agencies – Beverly Hills Unified School District, Beverly Hills Police and Fire Departments. Additionally, the Commission received regular updates on the City's efforts toward smoking education, outreach and cessation, participated in exercises and presentations emphasizing mental health, including updates on the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

4. Outgoing / Incoming Chair and Vice Chair

Recognition of current Chair and Vice Chair and incoming Chair and Vice Chair.

This item recognized outgoing Chair Kirk Chang, outgoing Vice Chair Hilborne, and incoming Chair Hilborne and incoming Vice Chair Felsenthal. The Commission reflected on the year's efforts and congratulated the outgoing and incoming Commissioners. Vice Chair Hilborne presented a plaque of appreciation to Chair Chang for his leadership for 2022.

5. 2023 Chair's Focus Area Topics, Areas of Interest, and Work Plan Initiatives

Discussion of the Commission's topics, areas of interest, and potential work plan initiatives.

Incoming Chair Lee Hilborne spoke on the Chair's focus area topics, areas of interest, and work plan initiatives for 2023.

The Area of Focus is Community Engagement – to create a cohesive engagement plan for residents, businesses, and staff to champion health and safety issues for our community, leverage the commitment and engagement from Just In Case BH and Neighborhood Watch programs.

The following are Items of Interest for the Commission:

- 1) Expand programs in the Beverly Hills community to address challenges experienced by individuals recovering from the medical (e.g., long COVID) and psychological (e.g., Isolation) effects as we emerge from the pandemic.
- 2) Promote healthier living, building on initiatives that have been the focus of the City Council in the past 5 years.
- 3) Public Health Preparedness for future health challenges.

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- 4) Consideration of recommendations from the Beverly Hills Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, specifically those recommending Health and Safety Commission engagement.
- 5) Promote full vaccination and boosters to protect residents against COVID-19.
- 6) Continue the past efforts of the Health and Safety Commission and City Council to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.
- 7) Further develop and disseminate a “Mental Health First Aid Cabinet” in conjunction with the Just In Case BH Program, including promotion of mindfulness.
- 8) Assure every resident has sufficient emergency potable drinking water.
- 9) The Nurse Practitioner Program and other EMS support for the community.
- 10) Ongoing support for the Smoking Ordinance, including examination of successes and opportunities.

Topics will rotate monthly, every other month and quarterly. A schedule will be set accordingly.

Work Plan Items for FY 2022-2023/FY 2023-2024 (Budget) are in works with Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) to include providing access for residents to purchase fire extinguishers (previously discussed at CERT and BHFD), and continued support of the Health and Safety Awards.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair’s Report
 - Chair Chang attended the December 12, 2022 Mayor’s Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in a future Health and Safety Commission packet.
- Commissioner Items
 - None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director’s Report
 - Staff shared information on upcoming events and congratulated the Commission for the 2022 year.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
 1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter December 2022
 2. Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents: Holiday Safety
 3. COVID-19 Information
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 19, 2022 / 5:23 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023

Lee Hilborne

Lee Hilborne, Chair