



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2023
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 23, 2023 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hilborne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rosenthal

Staff Present: Senior Policy and Management Administrator Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Police Captain Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief David Perusse, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Transportation Planner Martha Eros, Management Assistant Austin Brault, 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.

No 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.

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By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended to defer item 5 – Smoking and Tobacco Quarterly Report, to the February 27, 2023 meeting.

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Rosenthal

NOES: None

2. Consideration of minutes from the special Health and Safety Commission meeting on December 19, 2022.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Chang, SECONDED by Vice Chair Felsenthal to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Rosenthal

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachelle Marcus announced that she will continue to be the school district liaison for the Health and Safety Commission. Highlights included goals of the Norman Aid Wellness Center at the Beverly Hills High School for 2023, the Mental, Social, and Physical Wellness activities at the Beverly Vista Middle School dedicated to the well-being of the students, and the Maple Counseling Center's Parenting Group Support sessions for parents.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Battalion Chief David Perusse spoke on incidents and response metrics. He reported on the Golden Globes event and after-party held in the City. He stated that it went smoothly without incidents. There were no Red Flag activations or Strike Team Deployments to report.

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- Beverly Hills Police Department– Captain Giovanni Trejo provided an update on the department's quarter four statistics, average response time, and activities. He provided a summary report of the Golden Globe event. Captain Trejo also spoke on the recent trespassing incident in the north-end of the City that led to an arrest and highlighted the significance of the Real Time Watch Center. He also announced enrollment opportunity for the Citizen's Police Academy.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Quarterly Active Transportation Programs Update

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

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter spoke on the current Active Transportation Programs and the progress of the Complete Streets Plan. Highlights included bicycle support facilities, the newly-installed bike racks and repair stands, the newly-enhanced pedestrian crossings, and the Clifton – Le Doux Corridor Mobility Study. She announced the 2023 Transportation Safety Campaign, which aims to teach all road users how to travel safely. Transportation Planner, Martha Eros, provided an overview on the Transit Feasibility Study. She also spoke about the next steps, to include planning and implementation, local transit opportunities, and transit pilot phases.

4. Moment of Mindfulness

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

This is a monthly recurring agenda item. Vice Chair Felsenthal spoke on ways to help reduce inflammation and led the Commission in a guided exercise titled Progressive Muscle Relaxation.

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.

This item was deferred to the February 27, 2023 meeting.

6. COVID-19

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 spoke on the latest COVID-19, cases, vaccination, and statistics, specific to the Beverly Hills community. Staff reviewed the current Los Angeles County COVID-19 levels and the extension of the Public Health Emergency, and shared important resources. He also spoke on the current health order and the City's continued response to the pandemic.

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NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolve to be Ready for an Emergency

Provides information on City programs related to emergency preparedness and other helpful tips.

Project Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier provided a presentation on the various community outreach programs that the Beverly Hills Fire Department offers: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Business Emergency Response Team (BERT), eCERT, Teen CERT, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (CPR/AED) Training, Stop the Bleed, and JUST IN CASE BH (JICBH). He also shared emergency preparedness and readiness tips for natural disasters and emergencies.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Commissioner Chang attended the November 14, 2022 and December 12, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights to the November meeting were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
 - Chair Hilborne attended the January 9, 2023 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in a future Health and Safety Commission packet along with the December highlights.
- Commissioner Items
 - Vice Chair Felsenthal and Commissioner Baker commended the staff for their service to the City of Beverly Hills.

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 January 2023
 2. Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents - Fire Safety and Fall Prevention for Seniors
 3. Car Fire Safety
 4. Heating Safety
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 23, 2023 / 6:22 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023

Lee Hilborne

Lee Hilborne, Chair