



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, February 27, 2023
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: February 27, 2023 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Senior Policy and Management Administrator Gabriella Yap, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Police Captain Giovanni Trejo, Sergeant Reginald Evans, Fire Battalion Chief Michael Hand, Fire Inspector Sheldon Zell, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, 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.

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.

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 Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Vice Chair Felsenthal to approve the resolution as presented (5-0).

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

ABSENT:

NOES: None

- 2. Consideration of minutes from the special Health and Safety Commission meeting on January 23, 2023.**

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Chang, SECONDED by Commissioner Rosenthal to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

ABSENT:

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachelle Marcus spoke about various activities regarding Wellness Month including walk to school, bullying, Jump for Heart fundraiser, and Kindness Week. She also shared information about community service projects, open house for 5th graders and the celebration of Black History Month.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Battalion Chief Michael Hand spoke on incidents and response metrics. He also presented the department's month-to-month comparable metrics between January 2022 and January 2023 on various categories such as fire suppression, hazardous conditions, and emergency medical responses. He reported on significant events like structure fires and automatic aid responses. There were no Red Flag activations or Strike Team Deployments to report.
- Beverly Hills Police Department– Captain Giovanni Trejo provided an update on Police Department metrics, statistics and activities. He spoke on the Mental Health Evaluation

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Team (MHET), upcoming events like the LA Marathon, and community relations events. He also announced that this was the last meeting in which he will provide updates and so he introduced Executive Officer Lieutenant Reginald Evans who will provide updates moving forward.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. 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 items was deferred to be heard at this meeting. Staff will not be available to provide oral reports but will continue to provide the quarterly statistics for informational purposes.

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 led the Commission in a guided meditation and breath exercise.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Mental Wellness and Strengthening Relationships

A presentation by Kathleen Kim, Director of the Briskin|Wilder Welcome Center at the Maple Counseling Center.

Kathleen Kim spoke on social connection and boosting wellbeing, the two mind modes of focused mode and wandering mode, maintaining physical health, and practicing gratitude. She highlighted that one of the most important things to maintain your mental health is to maintain your relationships. The quality of your relationships determines the quality of your life.

6. American Red Cross Awareness

Shares information on emergency preparedness programs in honor of Red Cross Awareness Month in March.

American Red Cross Executive Director of the Western Los Angeles Chapter Sean Inoue and Disaster Program Manager Savana Fiehler presented on their emergency preparedness programs which included Be Red Cross Ready, Pillowcase Project, Prepare with Pedro, Hands Only CPR, and Mass Care: Sheltering. Two indicators of resiliency were prevention for loss of life (social cohesion) and the speed and time it takes a community to recover (emergency preparedness).

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7. Beverly Hills Fire Department Brush Clearance Program

Provides important information on brush clearance and preparing a home for wildland fire season.

Fire Inspector Sheldon Zell spoke on the Vegetation Management Program which mentioned what vegetation to remove and keep. He shared information on the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, wildfire evacuation routes in the City, and additional safety measures and recommendations. A full brush clearance brochure was included in the packet which provided detailed information.

8. National Recognition Calendar 2023

Provides a promotional events and preparedness calendar as a guide for Health and Safety Commission meeting themes and discussion topics.

A National Recognition Calendar for 2023 was included in the packet as a guide to highlight important topics and to raise awareness. The Commission will send their suggestions to staff for potential agenda topics and recognitions at future meetings.

9. Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/Health and Safety Commission Liaison Committee Meeting Highlights

Provides meeting highlights of the January 31, 2023 meeting.

Highlights from the January 31, 2023 meeting were included in the packet.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Chair Hilborne attended the February 13, 2023 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights to the meeting were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items
 - No comments.

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 February 2023
 2. Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents - Extinguisher 101
 3. How AEDs in Public Places Can Restart Hearts
 4. Net Cetera - Chatting with Kids About Being Online

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- Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 27, 2023 / 6:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2023

Lee Hilborne
Lee Hilborne, Chair