



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

OPEN MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rosenthal 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, Fire Battalion Chief Michael Hand, Police Lieutenant Reginald Evans, Criminal Analyst Karina Amaral, Director of Community Services Stephanie Harris, Recreation Services Manager Christopher Paulson, Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Project Operations Specialist Gabriel Mier, and Commission Secretary Karen Gutierrez

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of National Public Health Awareness –

- Dr. Jonathan Fielding, M.D., MPH, M.A., MBA
- Dr. Joann G. Elmore, M.D., MPH
 - The Commission acknowledged Dr. Jonathan Fielding and Dr. Joann G. Elmore and heard presentations from the guests on the topic of public health.

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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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the special Health and Safety Commission meeting on February 27, 2023.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Chang, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker 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, fundraisers and other events. She also shared information about Career Day, the Presidential Scholars Program and highlighted the achievement of the Robotics Team at the State contest.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – Fire Chief Gregory Barton gave an update on the JUST IN CASE BH program and the recent event at La Cienega Park. C-Shift Battalion Chief Michael Hand spoke on incidents and response metrics. He presented the department's month-to-month comparable metrics between February 2022 and February 2023 on various categories. Staff highlighted Engineer Melissa Hillis as recipient of the American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award.
- Beverly Hills Police Department– Lieutenant Reginald Evans provided an update on Police Department metrics, statistics and activities. He presented the department's month-to-month comparable metrics on various categories as well as crime statistics. He spoke on the Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET), differentiated between the roles of private security team NASTEC, City Ambassadors, and City Park Rangers.

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CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Unhoused Engagement and Outreach

Program Consultant Abby Arnold will provide an overview of the proposal as well as next steps for development of strategies and action items to identify gaps in services for the unhoused in Beverly Hills.

Program Consultant Abby Arnold and Jennifer Swan provided an overview of the proposal to address the unhoused in Beverly Hills. She discussed the goals of the planning project, which identifies what the City can do and the resources needed, and involves residents, businesses, government and other stakeholders. Components of the plan included overview of current services and ways they could be strengthened; overlaps and gaps of services, and recommendations to improve effectiveness and outcomes. Recreation Services Manager Christopher Paulson addressed Commissioner inquiries.

3. Moment of Mindfulness

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

This item was deferred to the April 24, 2023 Health and Safety Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Earthquake Preparedness Month

Staff will provide an informational update on the upcoming annual earthquake preparedness month campaign held in April. Presentation to include tips on how to be prepared in the event of an earthquake.

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed discussed earthquake preparedness in honor of earthquake preparedness month held in April. The 2023 Annual Preparedness Campaign theme is Car Emergency Kit. Meena also addressed business preparedness and encouraged the community to make a kit, make a plan, and to stay informed.

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.
 - Chair Hilborne and Vice Chair Felsenthal spoke on depression and Mental Health Awareness Month in May.
- Commissioner Items
 - No comments.

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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 March 2023
 2. Driver Electronic Device Use in 2021
 3. Depression in Women: 5 Things You Should Know
 4. Men & Depression
 5. Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents: Electrical Awareness 101
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 27, 2023 / 6:28 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF APRIL, 2023

Lee Hilborne

Lee Hilborne, Chair