



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, April 24, 2023
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: April 24, 2023 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Chang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Senior Policy and Management Administrator Gabriella Yap, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Fire Engineer Victor Gutierrez, Police Lieutenant Reginald Evans, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Fire Administrator Michael Liongson, Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer-Carpenter, Programs 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.

Human Relations Commission Chair Noelle Freeman provided a public comment regarding a mental health event on September 10, 2023, at Roxbury Park.

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 presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Chang 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 Rachele Marcus spoke about various activities and events including art shows, dance, band and orchestra performances, and sports games. The Career & Technical Education Advisory Committee discussed internship opportunities for students, and the How to Keep our Students Safe on Social Media Program held an informative presentation on education, technology, and advocacy.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes spoke on incidents and response metrics. He presented the department’s month-to-month comparable metrics between March 2022 and March 2023 on various incident categories. He shared information on community outreach events such as Battle of the Badges Blood Drive and the upcoming Fire Service Day.
- 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 between February 2023 and March 2023. He spoke on the Real Time Watch Center, the utilization of drones as first responders for scene assessment, and community outreach events such as the Etch and Catch, and Coffee with a Cop.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. 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 Clifton-Le Doux Corridor Mobility Study and the pop-up event for demonstrations of traffic calming features. She presented the proposed locations for pedestrian crossings throughout the City, highlighted the 2023 It Can Wait Safety Campaign, and the free Beverly Hills Bicycle Valet and

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Repairs service at the Beverly Hills Art Show and Helmet Fitting Workshops at the Farmers' Market.

3. Nurse Practitioner Program Updates and Highlights

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

EMS Administrator Sean Stokes gave an update on the Nurse Practitioner Program. He gave a brief overview and provided metrics and comparable data. He shared the progress and future benchmarks of the program, including the transition to patient transport capability and the formation of a medical group. He highlighted the Fire Department's participation to present the program at numerous conferences.

4. Moment of Mindfulness

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

Vice Chair Felsenthal spoke on mental health, functioning, monitoring thoughts, and other mindfulness practices. She led a breathing exercise titled. "4x4 Equal Breathing" to help clear the mind.

NEW BUSINESS

5. IMPACT Melanoma

A presentation on melanoma and skin cancer prevention in honor of National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness Month held in May.

IMPACT Melanoma National Student Volunteer, Christopher Fay, along with his counterpart, Edwin Korouri, presented to the Commission. They spoke about outdoor workers and sun protection, the dangers of sunburns, and the different types of skin cancers. They also shared important tips and information about ultraviolet radiation, cumulative exposure, and forming healthy habits for skin protection.

6. Fire Department's Wildland Emergency Evacuation Boxes

An informative presentation on emergency preparedness and the installation of beacon boxes to bolster community protection.

Fire Chief Gregory Barton spoke on the Wildland Emergency Evacuation Boxes (or commonly termed as, Beacon Boxes). These boxes will be installed at various locations, north of Sunset, to provide mutual aid first responders with critical and localized information for mutual aid first responders who may not be familiar with the area. The content is comprised of the following: Battalion Resource Summary Sheets, pre-attack plans, and egress areas. The contents also contain a telephone directory, along with road networks, turnaround places, hydrant locations, and other water sources. The beacon boxes are fire-resistant, waterproof, highly durable, with a solar-powered beacon affixed to the outside to remain visible in the dark or if light is obscured by smoke.

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PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Chair Hilborne attended the March 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 April 2023
 2. Bicycle Safety
 3. How to Buy Medicines Safely from an Online Pharmacy
 4. Tips to Stay Safe in the Sun: From Sunscreen to Sunglasses
 5. Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction
 6. Smoking and Tobacco Quarterly Information
 7. Arbor Day Celebration
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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: April 24, 2023 / 5:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2023



Lee Hilborne, Chair