

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

and

Teleconferencing Location:
4000 Meridian Blvd.
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546



In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2023
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Gregory Barton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Baker, Chang, and Rosenthal, Vice Chair Felsenthal (arrived at 4:02pm), Chair Hilborne

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Police Lieutenant Reginald Evans, Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed, Engineering Services Manager Samer Elayyan, Human Services Outreach Manager Enisha Clark, Water Quality Specialist Jason Dyogi, Utilities General Manager Robert Welch, Fire Administrator Michael J. 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.

There was no communication from the audience.

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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 amended to hear the Beverly Hills Police Department report before the Beverly Hills Fire Department report, and hear item #5 Partners in Care Foundation, after Reports from Priority Agencies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission regular meeting on July 24, 2023.

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

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

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative, Rachelle Marcus, shared a video highlighting various summer projects, new law AB748 Education Code 49428.5, numerous mental wellness resources, and the construction of the Bulldog Aid Wellness Center.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department– A-Shift Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes spoke on fire incidents and response metrics. He presented the department's year-to-year comparable metrics for July 2022 and July 2023 on various categories. He also highlighted a Strike Team activation for Rapid Extraction Module Support at Siskiyou County. No red flag warnings.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Police Lieutenant Reginald Evans provided an update on Police Department metrics, statistics, and activities. He presented the department's month-to-month comparable metrics on several categories, between June 2023 and July 2023. He also spoke about the upcoming community outreach events.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Outdoor Warning Siren System

Provides an informational update on the Citywide Outdoor Warning Siren System.

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed and Engineering Services Manager Samer Elayyan spoke on the topic. The purpose of the program is to add an additional layer of emergency notification for emergency preparedness, primarily for those

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who are outdoors. Twelve sirens to be installed throughout the City, with the capability for tone and voice activation, and the ability to isolate sirens. They have solar power backup and radio connectivity. The sirens will provide alert/notification intended to attract public attention and warning to persuade members of the community to take protective action.

3. Beverly Hills Day of Wellness

A discussion on proposed Beverly Hills Day of Wellness mental health event, in collaboration with the Human Relations and Recreation and Parks Commissions.

Human Services Outreach Manager Enisha Clark spoke on the upcoming Beverly Hills Day of Wellness event at the Roxbury Park on September 10, 2023. The event will include indoor and outdoor installations of numerous wellness activities and a variety of vendors. The Health and Safety Commission expressed its gratitude to staff for their diligence in completing the event's final preparations.

4. Moment of Mindfulness

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

Vice Chair Felsenthal referenced articles contained in the packet, which coincided with suicide prevention and awareness, which the Commission honed this month. She led the Commission in a breathing exercise titled, "Rate Mood. Shift Mood."

NEW BUSINESS

5. Partners in Care Foundation

Information on social care, health care, and working in collaboration with the Beverly Hills Fire Department.

Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Poirier introduced the item and opened the item for discussion. June Simmons, President and CEO of the Partners in Care Foundation spoke on the organization's successful and ongoing collaboration with the Beverly Hills Fire Department's Nurse Practitioner Program. Social determinants of health included:

- Food and housing
- Access to care
- Medication safety and management
- Patient activation and healthy lifestyle
- Community connection and caregiver support
- Care coordination

6. Suicide Prevention Month

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

She spoke on suicide prevention, in honor of Suicide Prevention Month held every September. Warning signs included talking about feeling hopeless; being a burden; giving away possessions; and risky behaviors. Some risk factors were mental health conditions, previous suicide attempts, and increased alcohol or drug use. Ways to help included

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asking questions and talking about it; expressing concern and the want to help; taking their feelings seriously and encouraging them to see a professional. An easy number to know is 9-8-8 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. She also highlighted that there is about one death every eleven minutes in the United States.

7. 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality)

Provides a presentation on the 2022 Water Quality Report for the City of Beverly Hills.

Water Quality Specialist Jason Willkom Dyogi provided a background on water quality reports, as required under Federal Law, under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The City of Beverly Hills meets and exceeds the regulatory State requirements, as well as meets all State and Federal drinking water standards. He also spoke about water conservation, Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances or PFAS, and the safety measures taken in providing the Beverly Hills' tap water.

8. Preparedness Month

Information about disaster and emergency preparedness and raising awareness within the community.

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed spoke about emergency preparedness in honor of Preparedness Month held in September. A Citywide campaign is conducted every year to take simple steps to prepare and create a culture of preparedness. The community is encouraged to create a kit, make a plan, and stay informed. Meena Janmohamed also spoke on Hurricane Hilary. The City distributed sandbags, responded to downed trees and tree limbs, cleared roadways, addressed minor flooding that occurred in parks and in homes, deployed to alarm activations, and sent alerts to the community.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – July 17, 2023
 - Chair Hilborne attended the July 17, 2023, Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights to the meeting were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items
 - None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
 - Staff shared information on upcoming events.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:

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1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletter August 2023
2. Beverly Hills Fire Department Home Fire Escape Plan
3. Drug Use Severity in Adolescence Affects Substance Use Disorder Risk in Adulthood
4. BH2O Water Tracker
5. National Night Out Event Flier
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 28, 2023 / 6:56 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023

Lee Hilborne

Lee Hilborne, Chair