



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 2022
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: June 27, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne (left the meeting at 6:30pm), and Chair Chang

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Fire Battalion Chief David Perusse, Management Assistant Austin Brault, 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.

One public comment on a non-agenda item provided by Givi Mchedlishvili.

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. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission meeting on May 27, 2022.

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

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

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachele Marcus spoke on new recruit of Director of School Safety, the passing of the Grandparent Permit due to high interest, and the increase of Transitional Kindergarten classes.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo highlighted the Real-Time Watch Center that was officially launched on June 7, 2022. Operations are assessed weekly to make improvements, as the goal is to provide the highest level of safety, security and service. He spoke on the Department's community relations activities including the 2022 Junior Police Camp, Citizen Academy, and the National Night Out event. For security assessment and home hardening inquiries, please contact Jesse Perez at jperez@beverlyhills.org, (310) 285-2195.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief David Perusse spoke on incidents and response metrics. He reported one Strike Team deployment on June 24, 2022 at the Paxton Fire. The Beverly Hills Fire Department sent a resource to assist firefighting efforts in the Pacoima area of the San Fernando Valley. Two large incidents occurred, one structure fire at a nine-story commercial high-rise building on June 7, 2022 and a second at a three-story commercial building on May 7, 2022. No injuries were reported.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Moment of Mindfulness

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

This is a monthly recurring agenda item. Commissioner Felsenthal spoke on well-being and led us in a mindful meditation focusing on gratitude.

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3. Health and Safety Recognition Program

The Health and Safety Commission will honor those who have demonstrated leadership in the field of health and safety issues or contributed to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission. The Commission will recognize Diane Shader Smith, writer and cystic fibrosis advocate.

The Commission took a recess at 4:58pm due to technical difficulties then commenced at 5:12pm to recognize Diane Shader Smith, writer and cystic fibrosis advocate. Diane shared a presentation on her work and many accomplishments.

4. COVID-19 Update

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 updated the Commission on a variety of COVID-19 metrics including cases, vaccination, and statistics specific to the Beverly Hills community. Staff reviewed the current Los Angeles County COVID-19 community levels and protective measures. Staff spoke on traveling and masking requirements, therapeutics, testing, and reported the Current Health Order and the City's continued response to the pandemic. Staff addressed Commissioner inquiries.

Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus.
- For testing information, visit www.CovidTest.gov, www.beverlyhills.org/CovidTesting, www.covid19.lacounty.gov/test, or 211.
- For how to get therapeutics, visit www.ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines or (833) 540-0473
- LA Public Health Call Center (833) 540-0473.
- Beverly Hills COVID-19 Hotline (310) 550-4680.

NEW BUSINESS

5. WELL Health-Safety Rating

The Health and Safety Commission will provide a recommendation to the International Well Building Institute's (IWBI) WELL Health-Safety Rating's proposed services.

Fire Administrator Michael Liongson provided an overview. Launched in 2020 by IWBI, a public corporation and subsidiary of Delos, the WELL Health-Safety Rating is an evidence-based, third-party verified rating that specializes on maintenance protocols, operational policies, stakeholder education, and emergency plans to address a post-COVID-19 environment. It is designed to implement strategies and solutions that can be customized, to ensure that buildings stay healthy and safe. The intent of the WELL Health-Safety Rating is to bolster, but not replace, existing health-based governmental guidance or requirements. The rating includes action plans to support occupant and employee health, with emphasis on mental health during crises. It also offers flexibility, scalability, and adaptability when it comes to the ever-evolving issues and novel evidence in the world of health and safety.

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The rating focuses on six (4) core elements: Cleaning and Sanitation Procedures; Emergency Preparedness Programs; Health Service Resources; Air and Water Quality Management; Stakeholder Engagement and Communication; and Innovation. Within these core elements, 15-of-21 features must be met, in order to earn the accreditation seal. Requisite documents are uploaded in the online portal and are, remotely, reviewed via standard procedure by the Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI). The entire review process is conducted online without on-site visits. The fiscal impact for the City of Beverly Hills is approximately \$31,687.50 (after a 35% government entity discount) for initial enrollment. A technical support team will be provided throughout the process, free-of-charge. The annual renewal entails resubmission of updated documents, including a renewal fee of \$23,765.23 (after a 25% discount from the original enrollment cost).

Delos Chief Executive Officer and founder of IWBI Paul Scialla provided a presentation to the Commission on the WELL Health-Safety Rating proposed services. He addressed Commission inquiries. Paul will follow-up with additional information to staff.

Staff recommended the Health & Safety Commission provide input regarding the services provided by IWBI. The options are as follows:

- 1) Recommending moving forward with the proposal to the City Council on the services being offered (*this option could also include an amendment to the proposal*);
- 2) Not recommending moving forward with the proposed services being offered;
- 3) Requesting additional time and/or information to further evaluate the proposed services being offered;
- 4) Additional or other direction to staff.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to choose option-3, to request additional time and information, in order to further evaluate proposed services (5-0).

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

NOES: None

6. Seventh Inning Stretch

A health and safety intermission led by Neuro Activated Advanced Meditation (NAAM) yoga instructors Renata Spironello and Alyssa Gaustad.

This item is a pro-health intermission dedicated to the need to stay active. Neuro Activated Advanced Meditation (NAAM) Yoga Instructors Renata Spironello and Alyssa Gaustad led the Commission in a "Seventh Inning Stretch" via prerecorded video, which addressed the positive aspects of stretch relief, injury prevention, blood circulation and mind rejuvenation.

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PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – May 9, 2022
 - Chair Chang attended the June 13, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights will be included in the July 25, 2022 Health and Safety Commission packet.
 - Highlights for the May 9, 2022 Mayor's Cabinet meetings were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items –
 - Commissioner Felsenthal shared community outreach information regarding the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
 - Commissioner Baker shared information on the issuance of a grade A to the City of Beverly Hills by the American Lung Association.

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 May 2022
 2. Climate Action Movie Night at Roxbury Park
 3. Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents: Preventable Heat Related Illness
 4. City of Beverly Hills Fire Department Fireworks Awareness
 5. I'm So Stressed Out! from the National Institute of Mental Health
 6. Generalized Anxiety Disorder (National Institute of Mental Health)
 7. Social Anxiety Disorder: More Than Just Shyness (National Institute of Mental Health)
 - Health and safety related supplemental information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 27, 2022 / 6:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF JULY, 2022

Kirk Chang

Kirk Chang, Chair