



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, September 24, 2018
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: September 24, 2018 / 4:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Lurie, Schwartz and Nazarian, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Garin Hussenjian, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

David Gingold spoke about the crosswalk near the Post Office on 3rd Street and Maple Drive.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the agenda was modified to hear Item 6 third.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular meeting on July 23, 2018.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Nazarian, SECONDED by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the minutes (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Lurie, Schwartz, and Nazarian, Vice Chair Ross, Chair Demeter

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Isabel Hacker, Board Member, was not present. Chris Hertz, Director of School Safety, spoke on her behalf regarding the placement of security guards at schools as well the installation of cameras on campuses. Included in the discussion was Share911, a system being utilized on campuses, that allows people to communicate important details during a crisis, such as location, evacuations, roll call, etc. Also mentioned was Raptor, a new, stricter visitor registration system that allows a school to see who is on campus at all times, and scans visitors for sex offender status prior to entry. The Commission asked about the Metro construction at the school, but Mr. Hertz relayed that he does not have enough information to comment.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Eric Olson shared with the Commission a variety of issues related to health and safety, including the police department assigning staff to each school every day. There was discussions about runners not being allowed on the roadways and to contact 310-550-4951 with violations. Also voiced were concerns regarding people taking pictures in the middle of the streets. The police department has instructed people to alert the traffic division. Kris Zagyva, Operations Manager for Block by Block, advised that the presence of ambassadors can help diminish this as well. The Commission discussed the importance of neighborhood watch groups and to contact Sergeant Sean Smollen at 310-288-2668 for more information. Highlighted during the meeting was the new ability to text 911 in Beverly Hills. Additionally, the next Cops, Cars & Coffee event will take place on October 13, 2018 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

David Gingold made a public comment regarding disabled parking spaces.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Recognition Program – Beverly Hills Public Library Homebound Program

Chair Myra Demeter honored Asher Waxman, Charles Coffman, Ed Bautista, Ida Nalbandian, Max Koretskiy, and Steven Chavez from the Beverly Hills Public Library Homebound Program. Beverly Hills Public Library Homebound Services offers free delivery service of library materials to Beverly Hills residents who are unable to come to the library in person. More information is available on www.BHPPL.org or by calling 310-288-2271.

2. Cannabis and Toxicology Presentation

Dr. Patil Armenian, MD, Research Director, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine & Toxicology at UCSF-Fresno, provided a presentation to the Commission on marijuana edibles, opioids, and other items related to toxicology. From the presentation, recreational marijuana was legalized in California on January 1, 2018 and this has led to an increase in children getting sick from accidentally ingesting edibles. Also reported was a rise in synthetic cannabinoids which are much stronger than regular cannabis. In addition to cannabis, there was an increase in opioid overdoses. Naloxone is the antidote for opioid poisoning and is often carried by medics. Dr. Armenian addressed that research is still being conducted to determine whether cannabis helps in the recovery of opioid addictions. Additionally mentioned was that there is one case known of fatal cannabis poisoning.

3. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, updated the Commission on smoking related issues. The Proposition 56 Grant, accepted on June 19, 2018, will be used for anti-smoking initiatives. The two-year grant totals \$305,000.00. A survey has indicated that most violations occur in the Business Triangle or on South Beverly Drive between 12:00 PM and 10:00 PM. The survey can be found on our City's website: www.beverlyhills.org/smoking. Using this information, the grant can be used to hire ambassador services and create awareness through social media, mailers, advertisements, etc. as well as a public signage program.

Kris Zagyva, Operations Manager for Block by Block, spoke regarding the ambassador program started on August 21, 2018. Ambassadors will be present in Beverly Hills for 8 hours per day, 365 days a year and will provide monthly reports. The ambassadors will alert smokers of the regulations and also keep logs of where and when most violations occur so that information can be given to Code Enforcement. The Commission has highlighted the importance of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitor's Bureau providing information to their patrons about the regulations. Please call or text 424-302-1487 for more information.

The City of Beverly Hills and Cedars-Sinai has established a smoking cessation program from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019 for up to 25 Beverly Hills residents free of charge.

4. Disaster Preparedness

Luis Gonzalez, Administrative Intern, spoke regarding donations for disasters. Cash is always best for donations and always donate to a trusted source like Red Cross www.redcross.org or the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster www.nvoad.org.

Wil Master, a disaster relief volunteer, made a public comment to support the notion that cash is always best for donations.

5. Great Shakeout

Luis Gonzalez, Administrative Intern, spoke about the Great ShakeOut on October 18, 2018 at 10:18 AM. All participants will react as if an earthquake has occurred by dropping to the ground, taking cover, and holding on. More information can be found at www.shakeout.org

NEW BUSINESS

6. La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex Public Outreach

Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on gathering public feedback regarding La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex. Staff has utilized consultants, focus groups, surveys, e-blasts, advertisements, and a variety of additional ways to reach people. The Commission mentioned the importance of focus groups being available at different times and locations to gather as much widespread data as possible. This item was heard third on the agenda.

7. Mosquito Prevention

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of the Office of Resilience, spoke to the Commission about mosquito threats and preventive measures such as eliminating standing water, limiting outside activities at dusk/dawn, wearing long pants and sleeves, using repellent, and checking windows to ensure they are sealed.

(Commissioner Lurie moved to propose a recess and Vice Chair Ross seconded the motion. There was a recess from 6:12 PM to 6:16 PM.)

The Dangerstoppers: Fight the Bite video was shown. The Commission encouraged residents to notify authorities with mosquito complaints. More information can be found at <http://www.lawestvector.org/> or by calling 310-915-7370.

PROJECT UPDATES

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report – Chair Demeter highlighted Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of the Office of Resilience, for her assistance regarding hurricane safety measures. Chair Demeter relayed the importance of bringing extra medication when traveling.
- Commissioner items - Commissioner Nazarian mentioned the benefit of travel insurance.

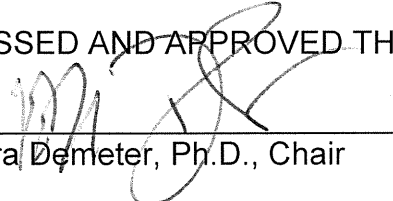
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report – Pamela Mottice-Muller shared that texting 911 is live in Los Angeles County, but that GPS services, video texting, and image texting are still being developed. Also mentioned was the social media information for the City of Beverly Hills.
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofbeverlyhills/>
 - Instagram: @citybh
 - Twitter: @CityofBevHills
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - a) Commission Calendar
 - b) CERT Flyer
 - c) CDC: Influenza Information

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 24, 2018 / 6:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY of OCTOBER, 2018



Myra Demeter, Ph.D., Chair