



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

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

Monday, October 22, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: October 22, 2018 / 4:03 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Lurie

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Lisa Karson

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no public speakers.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the agenda was approved.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular meeting on September 24, 2018.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Nazarian, SECONDED by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the minutes (4-0).

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

NOES: None

#### **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

- Beverly Hills School District – Isabel Hacker, Board Member, shared with the Commission topics regarding health and safety. The NormanAid Student Support Center announced October as Opt Out month, which focuses on substance abuse prevention. November is

Netiquette month, which teaches responsible technology use. Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, which is a national campaign that promotes drug free youth initiatives. More information is available at: <http://redribbon.org/>. Dr. Michael Bregy, Superintendent, spoke regarding Nastec Security in schools and Raptor, a program which screens all school visitors against a national database of criminals. Additionally Share911 is in place, which is a system that allows communication and information sharing during emergencies.

- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Blake Nance shared safety tips for Halloween including staying in crosswalks and out of the street, using crossing signals, staying in large groups, bringing flashlights, being aware of traffic, and inspecting candy. BOLD Holidays begin November 15 and include a celebration, during which Rodeo Drive will be shut down. Chair Demeter spoke encouraging holding neighborhood watch meetings and getting to know your neighbors. For information on neighborhood watch or home security checks, contact Sergeant Smollen at 310-288-1668.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **1. Health and Safety Recognition Program – CERT Instructors**

Commissioner Gary Ross honored CERT Instructors Peter Landau, Alex Kay, Pamela Meadow, David Seidel, and Les Bronte. CERT training teaches people to act and respond in emergency situations to help themselves and others. For more information and class scheduling, please visit [www.beverlyhills.org/CERT](http://www.beverlyhills.org/CERT).

### **2. Mosquitos and Bees**

Heather Teodoro, Public Education Specialist from the Los Angeles County West Vector Control District, provided information for mosquito and bee abatement. Mosquitos proliferate most commonly in water during warm weather. Tips for prevention include: draining items that hold water, cleaning containers weekly, covering storage containers, adding products to water that kill eggs, and maintaining door and window screens. Mosquitos can transmit West Nile Virus and Zika, so it is recommended to always use repellent. To report issues or obtain mosquitofish, please call 310-915-7370. To report dead birds, please call 877-WNV-BIRD. For West Nile Virus and Zika information, please visit [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). Consult your healthcare provider with suspected mosquito-borne diseases. Other threats include bees, wasps, and ticks. Contact 911 for multiple stinging emergencies, 310-915-7370 for hives outside buildings, and licensed pest control operators for hives indoors. In areas with ticks, stay in the middle of trails away from vegetation, use repellent, wear long sleeves and pants, and check one's body up to 3 days after. If a tick is found, use tweezers to pull it out. For more information please visit <http://www.lawestvector.org/>.

### **3. Smoking Update**

Michael George, Management Analyst, provided the Commission with documents information, articles, and updates regarding smoking in Beverly Hills.

### **4. Disaster Preparedness**

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Analyst, spoke to the Commission regarding business preparedness. If an incident occurs, it is important to plan for all phases of the disaster, especially response and recovery, because resilience depends on preparation and plans in place. Strategies include identifying and reducing building hazards, identifying threats

to employees or customers, protecting against property damage, and ensuring there are ample materials and equipment available so operations are not disrupted. Additionally, employees should have personal preparedness plans in place. It is important to create a kit of supplies to sustain themselves or their family for at least 1-2 weeks, identify out of state contacts if local phone lines are down, and to practice things like evacuating ones home if necessary. Businesses are encouraged to participate in the City's *Disaster Ready* program, which requires the submission of a business plan and completing one additional activity, such as completing a City CERT classes, stockpiling supplies, and/or building facility-specific plans. Sign up for notifications by texting BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888777. More information: <http://www.beverlyhills.org/living/emergencymanagement/businesspreparedness/>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **5. Seismic Retrofit Program**

Arlen Eskandari, Senior Plan Review Engineer, and David Yelton, Deputy Building Official, provided a presentation regarding the proposed Seismic Retrofit Program in soft-structured buildings. The retrofit program would create minimum building safety standards. The benefits include reduced risk of injury and death, protecting affordable housing, reduced economic impact, less property damage, and quicker recovery times. The program will propose properties are reinforced to be less susceptible to damage in the event of an earthquake. The retrofitting typically does not require major structural changes or the relocation of tenants. Some potential impacts include reduced parking during construction, dust, noise, or vibrations. The City will require a Construction Means and Method Plan to be submitted with the permit application to mitigate tenant impacts. The compliance timeline from notification to construction completion is 3 years. Staff currently has the ordinance set to go before City Council on November 20.

### **6. Fire Department Updates**

Chief David Perusse, Fire Marshall, spoke to the Commission regarding fire safety. October 7-13 was National Fire Prevention Week. October 30 is the Stop The Bleed training class. Community CERT classes start in November. More information and scheduling can be found at [www.beverlyhills.org/CERT](http://www.beverlyhills.org/CERT).

### **7. 2019 Health and Safety Commission Meeting Dates**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the proposed 2019 meeting date schedule was approved with the exception of the April meeting which requires further discussion.

### **8. 2019 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule**

The Commission decided to further discuss the schedule prior to final approval.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

- None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report – Chair Demeter reminded that November 6 is Election Day.
- Commissioner items - Commissioner Schwartz mentioned strategies for staying flu free including washing hands, getting enough rest, staying hydrated, and flu vaccinations.

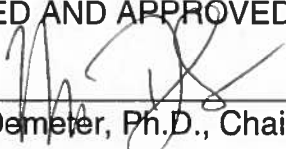
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's report
- Upcoming events–November 6 is Election Day. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting is November 19.
- Information only items
  - a) Commission Calendar

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time:                                      October 22, 2018 / 6:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY of NOVEMBER, 2018

  
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Myra Demeter, Ph.D., Chair