



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 2019
1:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: May 20, 2019 / 1:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Baker, Demeter, and Lurie, Vice Chair Nazarian, Chair Ross
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

One community member made a public comment on a non-agendized item.

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 April 22, 2019.

Motion: **MOVED** by Vice Chair Nazarian, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Demeter to approve the minutes (5-0).

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

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Rachele Marcus, Board Member, thanked Chris Hertz, Director of School Safety, for his time with the Beverly Hills School District and wished him

the best in his new endeavors. Chris Hertz updated the Commission on safety for high school graduation and summer school.

- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen spoke to the Commission about the new Beverly Hills Police mobile phone application. It is free and can be downloaded on mobile application stores.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Recognition Program

Commissioner Baker honored the following members of the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Los Angeles for coordinating the efforts of individuals, agencies, and organizations, to reduce tobacco related disease and death by reducing and eliminating tobacco use in LA County.

- Primo Castro – American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network & Coalition Chair
- Yaneth Rodriguez - MPH Institute for Prevention Research Keck School of Medicine USC
- Steven Gallegos - Public Health Policy Advocates
- John Yi – Former Advocacy Director for the American Lung Association
- Esther Schiller – Smokefree Air For Everyone (SAFE)
- Amanda Staples – Community Advocacy Director, American Heart Association

2. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, provided status updates to the Commission on the City's various smoking programs including the no-smoking signage project. The signage designs have been finalized and are being prepared for fabrication. The specific locations for the signage are still being decided, and staff is working with the consultant on additional collateral that can be given to businesses for employees. A grant modification request has been submitted to the Department of Justice that, if approved, will allow for a second dedicated smoking ambassador to begin work in the upcoming fiscal year. This request is currently pending approval by the Department of Justice. The free-of-charge City-sponsored Smoking Cessation Program offered through Cedars Sinai has served 10 participants and the City is preparing to continue the Program in the next fiscal year. Kris Zagya, Block by Block's Operations Manager, informed the Commission that the Ambassadors are recording smoking violations in the City and once an individual is contacted three times, the Ambassadors refer the case to Code Enforcement. Nestor Otazu, Code Enforcement Manager, reported that Code Enforcement has been sending notices of violation, which can lead to a criminal citation if additional violations occur. An informational *Beverly Hills This Week* video was shown regarding the City Council recommendations to prohibit the sales of tobacco products in the City. The informational video *Dangers of e-cigarettes, vaping, and JUULS: How to talk to kids* presented by The MD Anderson Cancer Center from The University of Texas was not shown.

One community member made a public comment regarding smoking in the City.

3. Youth Health and Safety

Jennifer Lev, Recreation Services Manager, informed the Commission about safety procedures for youth in the Beverly Hills Basketball League, the Beverly Hills Little League, and the American Youth Soccer Organization. This includes health and safety officers,

training, coaching standards, child protection policies, medical release forms, and general liability insurance.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Seismic Retrofit Program

Arlen Eskandari, Senior Plan Review Engineer, updated the Commission on the seismic retrofit program and how buildings can remain compliant with the ordinance. This includes submitting a Screening form, submitting retrofit plans, obtaining required permits, and completing construction within a specified time frame. There will be a Soft-Story Seismic Retrofit Fair on May 30, 2019 at the Civic Center Court Yard. An informational *Beverly Hills This Week* video on Earthquake Awareness Month was shown.

5. Brush Clearance

The Beverly Hills Fire Department will present this provide a presentation on brush clearances, compliance, and the upcoming fire season at a future meeting date.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – April 15, 2019
- Commissioner items

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report – The first reading of the draft ordinance will take place on May 21, 2019 at the City Council Formal Meeting.
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - a) Commission Calendar
 - b) Beverly Hills 2019 Editorial Calendar
 - c) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Information Sheet
 - d) County of Los Angeles Public Health FAQ
 - e) Park Labrea News & Beverly Press Article
 - f) Public Works Day Flyer
 - g) Beverly Hills Public Library Children's Library 2019 Summer Programs
 - h) Beverly Hills 2019 Summer Camps
 - i) CERT – Community Emergency Response Team Flyer

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 20, 2019 / 3:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY of JUNE, 2019



Gary B. Ross, Chair