



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

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

### **MINUTES**

Monday, May 21, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: May 21, 2018 / 4:05 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

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

There were two public speakers.

Dr. Nanaz Pirnia shared information with the Commission about #NeverAgain, an event about violence prevention, to take place on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm-5pm at Beverly Hills High School's Salter Auditorium. Topics will include how to safeguard against an active shooter, cyber danger, violent acts and bullying.

David Gingold addressed the Commission about crosswalk options and pedestrian accessibility around the Beverly Hills Post Office located at 325 N. Maple Drive.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with minor changes.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Nazarian, SECONDED by Commissioner Lurie 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 –  
Chris Hertz, Director of School Safety, presented a number of health and safety related issues including a review of the Stop the Bleed program to take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Assembly Bill 1719 regarding first aid training in schools, the High School's gates and fencing and a program being planned for tobacco education training based on a grant received by BHUSD. Chair Demeter stated that the Commission will also be working on tobacco related education and looks forward to working together with BHUSD on these educational efforts.

Public comment was heard from David Gingold. He stated that the crosswalks around the High School are examples of crosswalks that would work well around the Beverly Hills Post Office located as 325 N. Maple Drive.

- Beverly Hills Police Department –  
Sergeant Sean Smollen informed the Commission about a number of items including the upcoming Beverly Hills Police Department Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in Council Chambers, the Police Department's anti-crime campaign, National Night Out coming in August, the Heads Up/Phone Down campaign, the related DangerStoppers video being planned with Commissioner Schwartz and the City's vehicle related excessive noise codes.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 1. Health and Safety Recognition Program – Mark Mead

Commissioner Lisa Kay Schwartz nominated Principal Mark Mead of Beverly Hills High School (BHHS). Principal Mead advocates for the health and safety of the 1,500 students who attend BHHS. Every morning, he is outside the campus at 6:00am, welcoming students and making sure the safety zones around the campus are running smoothly. He has continued the Every 15-Minute Program, which provides life-saving educational outreach to students and parents about the importance of making good choices regarding drinking and driving or riding.

### 2. Disaster Preparedness

Meena Janmohamed, Management Analyst, provided a brief presentation on disaster preparedness related to pets. Preparedness items include having an emergency food supply and pet carrier, making sure pets have proper identification and, in the event of an emergency, contacting the Beverly Hills City Hotline at 310-550-4680. The City's Disaster Plan includes a section on animals and can be found by visiting: [beverlyhills.org/beprepared](http://beverlyhills.org/beprepared).

This item was heard fourth.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. Cannabis Research and Ordinance Updates**

Dr. Jeff Chen, Director of the UCLA Cannabis Research Initiative and the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA, provided an update about cannabis research, the medical benefits and health risks of cannabis use.

Cindy Owens, Senior Management Analyst, provided the Commission with an update on the City's marijuana ordinance.

Public comment was heard from David Gingold. He stated that his experiences with cannabis have been negative.

This item was heard second.

### **4. Oil Well Remediation Update**

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, and Vincent Chee, Civil Engineer, provided an overview about the oil well remediation project. Commissioner Lurie inquired about the use of the flare and Commissioner Nazarian requested an overview about the insurance required for the project. Both items were explained.

This item was heard third.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

- None

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- **Chair's report**  
Chair Demeter updated the Commission on the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting which took place on May 15<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the public to attend or listen in. The Chair also informed the Commission about the upcoming 2018 Youth Advocacy Conference taking place June 24-27<sup>th</sup>. The Conference will discuss youth engagement and advocacy efforts in local tobacco control. Applications for the meeting can be found at [cyanonline.org/youth](http://cyanonline.org/youth).
- **Commissioner items**  
Commissioner Lurie thanked Dr. Jeff Chen for his cannabis research presentation. Vice Chair Ross wishes all upcoming BHUSD graduates congratulations and wished everyone a safe and healthy Memorial Day weekend.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report: Update on Proposition 56 Grant Funding  
Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Resilience, had no update on the Proposition 56 Grant funding.
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
  - a) Commission Calendar
  - b) Vaping Products That Look Like Juice Boxes and Candy Are Target of Crackdown – New York Times article
  - c) May is Mental Health Month article
  - d) Navigating a Mental Health Crisis infographic
  - e) Dept of Public Health News Release
  - f) Water Prep Brochure

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 21, 2018 / 6:13 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY of JUNE, 2018

  
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Myra Demeter, Ph.D., Chair