



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2020
1:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 27, 2020 / 1:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Hilborne, Chang, and Demeter, Vice Chair Baker,
Chair Nazarian
Staff Present: Pamela Mottice-Muller, Gabrielle Ressa

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Two community members made public comments on items not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Special Meeting on December 16, 2019.

Motion: **MOVED** by Commissioner Chang, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hilborne to approve the minutes.

No roll call vote taken. Minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Special Meeting on December 16, 2019 to be considered for approval at the Health and Safety Commission Special Meeting on February 24, 2020.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Scott Lovelace, Director of School Safety, updated the Commission on safety protocols for the 2020 – 2021 school year as well as information on how to respond and support students after disastrous events.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen updated the Commission on the past Coffee with the Cops event, the past Team Beverly Hills – Police Department event, and the Beverly Hills Police Department Explorer Program. Vice Chair Baker commented on the benefits of notifications from social media applications. Commissioner Demeter remarked on the dangers of scam phone calls and e-mails.
- Smoking Update – Michael George, Management Analyst, updated the Commission on Ambassador outreach efforts, Code Enforcement cases, tour bus and hotelier outreach, and business signage. Commissioner Demeter remarked on the ordinance taking effect January 1, 2021 and businesses being able to utilize the free consulting services. Vice Chair Baker reminded the public to call Code Enforcement at 310-285-1119 or call/text the Ambassadors at 424-302-1487 to report violations. Commissioner Hilborne remarked on the best ways to approach and inform violators of the ordinance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award

The Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award recognizes employees who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. During this meeting, the Commission presented this award to David Hillyer, Water System Supervisor, John Moreno, Water System Supervisor, and Jason Dyogi, Water Quality Specialist.

2. Health and Safety Related Technology

Samer Elayyan, Project Manager, and Brian Malinich from Mission Critical Partners, updated the Commission on the Citywide Siren System which is used for notifications in the event of an emergency or disaster. The project is in the stage of identifying siren locations and preparing the final engineering for the City Council's approval. Samer answered Commissioner Demeter's questions that this siren is helpful for emergencies such as fires, earthquakes, terrorism, and others, and that the siren sounds can be directed towards the whole City or just towards the disaster if applicable. Vice Chair Baker discussed time frames for the project as well as the criteria of determining siren locations. Commissioner Chang discussed the siren having different coded sounds specific to different disasters. Chair Nazarian discussed potential phone applications for the siren and the desire for the Commission to offer input on siren locations as well as the number of sirens. Commissioner Hilborne discussed community education and outreach.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Introduction to Potential Health Considerations of 5G Networks

Michael George, Management Analyst, updated the Commission on the legal and policy background regarding the potential health impacts of 5G technology, and shared information

on current regulation including the Federal law that prohibits the City from regulating facilities on the basis of health concerns. In September 2018, the FCC released a ruling and report and order (FCC 18-133) to help fast track deployment. In April 2019, The City enacted an ordinance and policy resolution to regulate the manner of installation focusing on aesthetics. This topic will be explored further in upcoming Health and Safety Commission meetings. Commissioner Chang discussed public hearings regarding the potential placement of transmitters and also requested further information on standards being used in other countries with 5G technology. Vice Chair Baker remarked on what the City is allowed/is not allowed to regulate in regards to federal laws already in place. Commissioner Demeter supported bringing in subject matter experts and also discussed specifics of what the City is able to regulate in regards to installation. Commissioner Hilborne supported hearing more information on both sides to receive balanced information and to offer education and best practices to the community. Chair Nazarian remarked that the study of health risks for 5G technology will develop over the years.

4. Smoking Banners

Michael George, Management Analyst, updated the Commission on proposed locations and time frames for no-smoking/vaping banners. Commissioner Hilborne, Commissioner Demeter, and Vice Chair Baker discussed studying the effectiveness of banners. Commissioners Chang and Demeter, Vice Chair Baker, and Chair Nazarian offered suggestions for additional banner locations. Chair Nazarian discussed options for banners nighttime visibility. Commissioner Chang discussed public input and awareness.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – December 16, 2019
 - b) Chair Nazarian and Vice Chair Baker attended the Health and Safety Commission Liaison Committee meeting on January 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM.
- Commissioner items
 - a) Vice Chair Baker remarked that the Commission would work to mitigate or reduce any potential 5G or cell phone usage health issues as well as offered the following safety tips:
 - Avoid holding phones close to your head.
 - Try to text when possible.
 - Keep phones away from the head or body when streaming or downloading.
 - Carry phones in a bag instead of your pocket.
 - Try to avoid putting the phone by your bed at night.
 - Remove headsets when not on a call.
 - The phone is working harder and using more energy in the following scenarios, so these are less desirable times to use the phone:
 1. When one or two bars are displayed
 2. In fast moving vehicles
 3. If streaming or sending large files

4. Radiation shields can sometimes cause more energy in the device.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report
 - Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Emergency Management, Resilience, and Recovery remarked on the Novel Coronavirus health and safety risks and tips to avoid the flu. More information can be found at the following website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/FAQ.pdf>
 - Commissioner Hilborne and Vice Chair Baker discussed testing for the virus. The Commission discussed whether there are symptom differences between the Novel Coronavirus and the flu and advised people to wash their hands, avoiding public areas, sleeping well, staying hydrated, eating healthy, and that the flu season lasts through Spring.
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - Commission Calendar
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Healthcare providers can protect patients from deadly staph infections
 - Novel Coronavirus Articles

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 27, 2020 / 3:18 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY of FEBRUARY, 2020



Daniel Nazarian, DMD, Chair