



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

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

Monday, December 17, 2018  
4:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: December 17, 2018 / 4:02 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

David Gingold made a public comment regarding traffic and parking issues in Beverly Hills.

#### **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 November 26, 2018.

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

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

NOES: None

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Isabel Hacker, Vice President, spoke to the Commission regarding the following topics: The Board approved a tobacco prevention program, the high school held a blood drive in November, and a 1-year contract was approved for Nastec, the security firm, in all 5 schools. Moving forward in 2019, Tristen Walker-Shuman, Board Member, will be the new Beverly Hills School District liaison representative to the Health & Safety Commission.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen reported on the continued involvement with the neighborhood watch program and home security inspections in an effort to prevent crime. The Police Department participated in Movember, a cause against prostate cancer. In 2019, Coffee with a Cop will resume its quarterly installations. Holiday safety tips include staying alert, not being distracted by cell phones, being careful of package thieves, and the need to utilize off-site package pickup locations. The Commission discussed the importance of reporting crimes, not leaving valuable items in cars, and the benefits of cameras for traffic and pedestrian safety.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 1. Health and Safety Recognition Program

Commissioner Schwartz honored the entire Beverly Hills Police Department for their commitment, support and attention to health and safety initiatives, and dedication to the City and its residents. The *Dangerstoppers: S.A.F.E.* video was shown.

### 2. Disaster Preparedness

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of the Office of Resilience, shared the press release regarding the water leak at Sunset Boulevard and Alpine Drive on December 14, 2018. Debby Figoni, Water Conservation Administrator, spoke to the Commission and urged Beverly Hills residents and businesses to limit outdoor water usage for the next 7 days. Other water conservation tips include shorter showers, monitoring pool auto-fill, and making sure to do full loads of laundry or dishes. Ms. Figoni reminded stakeholders of the water tracker, which allows people to monitor their water usage. More information is available at [water.beverlyhills.org](http://water.beverlyhills.org) or by calling 310-285-2467.

### 3. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, provided informational updates to the Commission on items related to smoking. The Ambassadors made 603 contacts during November 2018, which included 181 repeat violators (during October 2018, a total of 597 contacts were made with 201 repeat violators). The City has hired Fuel Creative Group to design mailers, newspaper ads, social media posts, website redesign, pamphlets, and public signage to help inform the public of the City's no-smoking regulations. The City has sent ordinance reminder notices to tobacco retailers, which require the removal of all flavored tobacco products from store shelves by December 21, 2018. The City has sent reminder notices to occupants and owners of multi-unit housing about the regulations effective January 1, 2019, which prohibits smoking in all units. A press release has been sent, ads have been run in local newspapers, and social media posts have promoted the information as well. The City has partnered with Cedars-Sinai for a smoking cessation program that is free for Beverly Hills residents and those

who work within Beverly Hills. To sign up, call 310-385-3534, option 3. The Commission discussed identifying whether the reported statistics are from regular smoking vs. vaping, to ensure resources and enforcement is targeted and allocated effectively, and whether the reported findings are from one ambassador or the entire team.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Health and Safety Accomplishments 2018**

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of the Office of Resilience, provided the Commission with a list of Commission accomplishments for calendar year 2018. The Chair's area of focus was smoking and disaster preparedness.

David Gingold made a public comment about the Health and Safety Commission 2018 accomplishments.

### **5. Honoring Outgoing Commissioners**

The Commission took a moment to honor outgoing Commissioner Lisa Kay Schwartz.

### **6. Outgoing / Incoming Chair and Vice Chair**

The Commission took a moment to recognize outgoing Chair Myra Demeter, outgoing Vice Chair Gary Ross, incoming Chair Gary Ross and incoming Vice Chair Daniel Nazarian.

### **7. 2019 Chair's Focus Area Topics, Areas of Interest, and Work Plan Initiatives**

Incoming Chair Gary Ross discussed his two areas of focus for 2019: Youth Health and Safety and Smoking Education, Expansion, and Enforcement

- Consideration of the incoming Chair's areas of focus to be discussed at an upcoming Liaison meeting

Motion:            **MOVED** by Chair Demeter, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nazarian to support the incoming Chair's areas of focus (5-0).

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

NOES:            None

- Consideration of the incoming Chair's work plan:

Motion:            **MOVED** by Commissioner Lurie, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nazarian to approve the incoming Chair's work plan (5-0).

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

NOES:            None

David Gingold made a public comment regarding ideas for the Health and Safety Commission's focus for 2019.

## PROJECT UPDATES

- None

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report – Chair Myra Demeter wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Highlights – November 19, 2018
- Commissioner Items – The Commission wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday. Commissioner Lurie made a comment regarding the use of smart guns and reminded everyone of the free Music Mends Minds concert every Tuesday at 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM at Roxbury Park.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
  - a) Commission Calendar
  - b) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Flu Article Information

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 17, 2018 / 5:54 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY of FEBRUARY, 2019



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Gary B. Ross, Chair