



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 22, 2018 / 4:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Pamela Mottice Muller, Logan Phillippo, Garin Hussenjian

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

One speaker addressed the Commission about handicapped street parking and 10-hour parking around the United States Post Office located at Maple Drive and Third Street. The speaker asked that parking options are consideration for the disabled.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with an amendment to move Item 6 up to be heard second.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Special meeting on December 18, 2017.

Motion: **MOVED** by Commissioner Lurie, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the minutes with corrections (5-0).

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Noah Margo informed the Commission about sexual harassment policies in place at BHUSD schools which are being brought up to date with state law. Commissioner Lurie asked about how staff and students receive harassment education training. Mr. Margo explained that staff receive ongoing training and student training varies based on age. Mr. Margo stated that assemblies are the best way to provide student education on this topic. Mr. Margo also reviewed the process of capping the oil well and stated that every consideration is being made for the health and safety of the students and faculty. Mr. Margo stated that Isabel Hacker will be the BHUSD liaison to the Commission for the remainder of 2018 and may come to meetings as needed. Chair Demeter stated her disappointment that the new BHUSD liaison would not be in attendance at every Health and Safety Commission meeting and emphasized the importance of having the BHUSD liaison present.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen provided an update about upcoming BHPD events and noted that any non-emergency traffic reports can be called into 310-550-4951. Coffee with Cops is a quarterly event where the public can “get to know the badge.” The next one will take place on Wednesday, January 31st from 8:00am-9:30am at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf at 445 N. Beverly Drive. On February 15th in the Municipal Gallery, BHPD will be hosting a Town Hall meeting to give the community a chance to talk about their concerns. Town Hall meetings will be taking place every quarter. Chair Demeter stated that there is unsafe traffic moving through the 200 block of S. Beverly. Sergeant Smollen acknowledged this as an area of concern and suggested that any traffic violations can be called into BHPD’s non-emergency number (310) 550-4951.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Recognition Program – Teen Line

The Health and Safety Recognition Program honored Teen Line, a hot line run by mental health professionals out of Cedars Sinai and is manned by volunteer teen listeners who receive education in mental health. Teen callers share topics dealing with a wide range of emotional issues and teen listeners provide a comforting ear to their peers. Members of the organization and teen listeners were recognized during the ceremony. Teen Line can be reached at 800-TLC-TEEN or 310-855-4673 (HOPE).

2. Disaster Preparedness

Meena Janmohamed, Management Analyst, provided information about safeguarding against the flu and updated the Commission that the City-wide emergency notifications mailer sent out in December 2017 generated over 1,200 sign ups.

3. Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance

This item was not heard. Continued over to the February 26, 2018 regular meeting.

4. North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project Update

Informational only item regarding the North Santa Monica Blvd Reconstruction Project.

5. Upcoming Liaison Meeting

It was confirmed that the upcoming Health and Safety Commission Liaison meeting will take place on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 3pm.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Flavored Tobacco Products

Logan Phillippo, Senior Management Analyst, opened the presentation about developing a policy that could restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products in the City. Monty Messex, Staff Analyst for the Tobacco Control and Prevention Program from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, continued the presentation. The LA County Department of Public Health's mission is to promote healthy living. Banning flavored tobacco is a step toward this mission. Mr. Messex explained that a majority of youth, addicted to smoking, start with flavored tobacco products. He urged the Commission to ban the sale of flavored tobacco within the City. The presentations included an introduction of menthol products and how menthol products are often not included in various flavor restrictions.

There were 40 people in the audience, 14 speakers, and 8 letters read as part of public comment. 4 letters were in support of the ban on flavored tobacco sales. 4 letters were opposed to the ban of flavored tobacco sales. 12 speakers were in support of the ban of flavored tobacco sales. 2 speakers were opposed to the ban of flavored tobacco sales.

The following speakers were present: one local business, one resident, representatives from the National Association of Tobacco Outlets, Breathe LA (Breathe California of Los Angeles County), American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, American Lung Association, and 6 speakers from the Beverly Hills High School Medical Science Academy.

The Commission unanimously supported City development of a policy that could restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products and unanimously supported the inclusion menthol products in the flavor restriction policy. Commissioner Lurie concluded by asking staff to look into how the city of San Francisco managed enforcement of their smoking ordinance.

This item was heard second.

PROJECT UPDATES

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
- Mayor's Cabinet Meeting on 1/8/18

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- Other items
Commissioner Lurie informed the Commission that starting Tuesday, February 13, 2018, from 1pm – 2:30pm, Music Mends Minds will take place every Tuesday at Roxbury Park. Music Mends Minds provides music therapy for those suffering from cognitive decline.

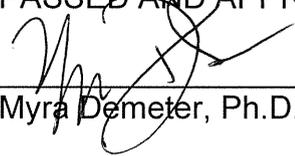
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's report
- Upcoming events
- Information only items
 - a) Commission Calendar
 - b) County of Los Angeles Public Health: Zika Partner Update
 - c) Article – Noise is the Next Great Public Health Crisis by Neel V. Patel
 - d) CDC Article – So How Accurate Are These Smartphone Sound Measurement Apps? by Chucri A. Kardous, MS, PE and Peter B. Shaw, Ph.D.
 - e) Paper – Disability rights aspects of ambient noise for people with auditory disorders under the Americans with Disabilities Act by Daniel Fink, MD
 - f) Email from Daniel Fink, MD to the NY Times Restaurant Critic

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 22, 2018 / 6:58 p.m.

~~PASSED AND~~ APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY of MARCH, 2018



Myra Demeter, Ph.D., Chair