



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

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

### **MINUTES**

Monday, January 28, 2019  
1:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: January 28, 2019 / 1:02 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER CATHY BAKER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

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

Dr. Ruth Malone made a public comment to introduce herself and informed that she will be providing a public comment on Agenda Item #2 Smoking Update.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the agenda was approved with changes.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular meeting on December 17, 2018.

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

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

NOES: None

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills School District – Isabel Hacker, Vice President, shared with the Commission that moving forward, Rachelle Marcus, Board Member, will attend the Health and Safety Commission meetings to provide updates on the Beverly Hills School District. Raptor, a program which screens all visitors prior to entry, is implemented in all 5 schools. It also monitors a visitor's location while on campus. The school district continues to utilize Share911, a program to facilitate communications and information sharing on campuses. The Board is exploring the possibility of using ShakeAlert, an application that alerts when earthquakes are coming.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Sean Smollen shared with the Commission the importance of neighborhood watch programs and if you see something, to say something, and stated it is important to not to leave valuables in one's car. The non-emergency Police Department phone number is 310-550-4951. Sergeant Smollen reminded that Coffee with the Cops is on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM at Peet's Coffee at 258 S Beverly Drive. Please contact Sergeant Smollen at 310-288-2668 or [ssmollen@beverlyhills.org](mailto:ssmollen@beverlyhills.org) to arrange home inspections and for crime prevention tips. Commissioner Nazarian discussed the home security provided by drones. Sergeant Smollen explained The Explorer Program gives teens the opportunity to assist the Police Department with non-hazardous tasks. More information is available at <http://beverlyhills.org/explorer>.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 1. Health and Safety Recognition Program – The Beverly Hills Medical Science Academy

Chair Ross honored The Beverly Hills Medical Science Academy including Coordinator Colleen Lynch, and students Sophia Cohen, Penelope LaPaglia, Jason Mirharooni, and Leo Padilla for their anti-smoking efforts, including speaking at the Health and Safety Commission meetings and City Council meetings on smoking cessation. This item was heard 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2. Smoking Update

Michael George, Management Analyst, and Kris Zagyva, Block By Block Ambassador Services Operation Manager, provided the Commission with an update regarding smoking cessation outreach, enforcement, and education. The Ambassador Team will make contact with people violating the smoking ordinances and record the locations of the violations. As of January 23, 2019, there were 253 recorded violations from all the Ambassadors, including 224 involving cigarettes and 29 involving electronic cigarettes. After repeated violations are observed, Code Enforcement will contact businesses regarding employee violations with a letter. Additionally, Staff will recommend that the City Council approve adding more verbiage to the 2019 State and Federal Legislative Platform in regards to supporting smoking regulations. Further, Item 25 of the FY 2018/19 City Council Priorities list is "strengthening and expanding smoking regulations, and staff intends to submit this item again for the 2019/20 City Council Priorities List. Finally, Logan Phillippo, Policy & Management Analyst, noted that at the February 5, 2019 2:30 PM Study Session Meeting, there will be discussion on an item to possibly ban the sale of all tobacco products in Beverly Hills. There was mention for future discussion to explore different methods of helping people to quit smoking. One method includes the Cedars-Sinai Smoking Cessation Plan free to Beverly Hills residents. Residents

or those working in the City can call 310-385-2534 for more information. This item was heard 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dr. Ruth Malone made a public comment regarding the potential ban of tobacco sales.

### **3. Youth Health and Safety**

Kim Low and Nadia Akhtar Sim, Clinical Supervisors and Co-Program Coordinators for the Adolescent and Child Therapy Program (ACT) at The Maple Counseling Center, provided a presentation to the Commission regarding different programs and services offered including individual counseling, family counseling, parenting groups, assessments, and treatment plans. At the NormanAid Student Support Center at the Beverly Hills High School, there is crisis counseling, group sessions, and ongoing therapy services and next month will assist with the Every 15 Minutes Program. The SOS Program helps identifies students with signs of depression or suicide. Payment at The Maple Counseling Center is on a sliding scale and free at the schools. An informational video presented by Education Week called *Are Students Juuling in Your Classroom?* was shown. This item was heard 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Texting 9-1-1**

Dona Norris, Public Safety Communications Bureau Manager, and Ella Sotello, Los Angeles County 9-1-1 Coordinator, addressed the Commission regarding the ability to text 9-1-1 in Beverly Hills. In the next 2-4 years, the State of California plans to implement a new Next Generation 9-1-1 network that can support texts, pictures, videos, data, faster call routing, and more accurate location services. In the meantime, the Beverly Hills Police Department took an active role in implementing an interim text to 9-1-1 solution. The interim Text to 9-1-1 solution was deployed countywide on December 1, 2017. It is a best effort delivery service with the following limitations: Only English (no translation services), location accuracy varies by carrier, not available when roaming, no group messages, and no Emojis. The City of Beverly Hills recognizes that this interim Text to 9-1-1 solution is best effort. However, until the State rolls out NG9-1-1, the hearing impaired have easier access to 9-1-1.

### **5. Department Report**

Sharon L'Heureux Dressel, Risk Manager, shared with the Commission information about the responsibilities of the Risk Management Division of Beverly Hills. Additionally, regarding Senate Bill 212, it is important to dispose of sharps and pharmaceuticals correctly. Do not flush them down the toilet or drain, do not place them in milk jugs, soda bottles, or bleach bottles, and it is illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps waste in the trash or recycling containers. Go to [www.beverlyhills.org/medicaldisposalpolicy](http://www.beverlyhills.org/medicaldisposalpolicy) for a list of drop-off locations for sharps and how to properly dispose of prescription medication.

### **6. Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes**

This item was moved to be on the agenda for the February 25, 2019 meeting.

