

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 N. Rexford Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Room 280-A

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2016 4:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time:

March 28, 2016 / 4:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Commissioners Demeter, Ross, Lurie, Vice Chair Nazarian,

Chair Schwartz

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Adrianne Tarazon, Chief Sandra Spagnoli,

Martha Eros, Christian Vasquez

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.

Speakers:

Dr. Keith Gurnick, D.P.M. presented information on National Foot

Month for the month of April.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consideration of March 28, 2016 Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Lurie, SECONDED by Commissioner

Demeter to adopt the minutes (5-0).

AYES:

Commissioners Demeter, Ross, Lurie, Vice Chair Nazarian,

Chair Schwartz

NOES:

None.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Health and Safety Recognition Program

For the month of March, Commissioner Demeter nominated the Beverly Hills Public Library Adult Literacy STAR (Start Today and Read) Program, which helps adult learners (ages 18 and over) to improve their reading, writing, and comprehension skills. The services are free and learners are matched with a volunteer tutor. For more information about the program, contact the Literacy office at 310-288-2207.

2. Introduction of Police Chief

New Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli was introduced to the Commission. The Commission provided the Chief with information on the mission of the Commission including the 2016 Areas of Focus. The Chief offered the Police Department's support.

3. Pilot Bike Share Program

Martha Eros, Transportation Planner and Christian Vasquez, Transportation Planning Analyst, attended to provide information on the City's pilot bike share program. The City will begin testing a pilot bike-share program the week of Feb. 22, 2016. Volunteers are welcome and will be able to ride the bicycles for free and provide feedback on their experience through Apr. 22, 2016. During the test period, each volunteer may ride the Beverly Hills bikes for up to 60 minutes daily. Bike-share docking stations will be located at City Hall near the northeast entrance on N. Crescent Drive at S. Santa Monica Boulevard and adjacent to the Wells Fargo bank located on the southwest corner of North Camden Drive and South Santa Monica Boulevard.

The Beverly Hills pilot bike share program is scheduled to roll out in April 2016 to celebrate Earth Month. At that time, the full system will include 50 smart bikes with onboard technology and 100 bike docking racks in 10 locations throughout the City. Riders will be able to use the 'Social Bicycles' smart phone app or www.BeverlyHillsBikeShare.com website to sign-up, find available bikes and docking stations, and reserve bikes. Once the program is launched, the bikes can be returned to a Beverly Hills Bike Share station for free or at any public bike rack for a small fee.

The Beverly Hills Bike Share program will be compatible with the bike share system in the City of Santa Monica and future adjacent jurisdictions.

Commissioners gave their support and asked questions about the program.

4. Distracted Driving and Texting while Walking Outreach

Chair Schwartz discussed outreach options and opportunities for this year's safe city messages on:

- Encouraging residents to be more involved in the Neighborhood Watch program,
- Encouraging the Community to sign up for City's notifications/communications tools, and
- Making people aware of the negative impacts of distracted driving and texting while walking.

Commissioners were requested to recommend outreach opportunities in which the Commission can lead and participate. Various venues to communicate these messages were discussed. A discussion occurred on the possibility of having a Health and Safety related event similar to the *Lunch & Learn* Program to highlight crime prevention, distracted driving / walking and Neighborhood Watch. No consensus occurred.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

• Chair's Report

Chair Schwartz reported on her attendance at school PTA meetings to speak about the Neighborhood Watch and Nixle programs.

Chair Schwartz also announced Earth Day would be held at the Farmer's Market on Sunday, April 17, 2016.

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – January 27, 2016

Commissioners reviewed the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting notes for February 23, 2016.

Other Items

Commissioner Lurie congratulated new Mayor John A. Mirisch on his appointment and thanked Councilmember Dr. Willie Brien for his service to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

• Director's Report

None.

Upcoming events

a) Earth Day – Sunday, April 17

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- Information only items
 - a) Commission Calendar
 - b) Neighborhood Watch Program Flyer
- Other items

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

March 28, 2016 / 6:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY of APRIL, 2016

Lisa Kay Schwartz, Chair