



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, January 24, 2022
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 24, 2022 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Hilborne led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal (*arrived at 4:02pm*), and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, and Chair Chang

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook, Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Garin Hussenjian, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Gabrielle Ressa, and Karen Gutierrez.

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.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

Items amended:

- Item 6 – COVID-19 Update: this item was cancelled due to staff absence.
- Item 9 – Emergency Preparedness for Seniors and People with Disabilities: this item was postponed to the February 28, 2022 regular meeting agenda of the Health and Safety Commission.

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By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Felsenthal, SECONDED by Vice Chair Hilborne to adopt the agenda as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution of the Health and Safety Commission of the City of Beverly Hills continuing to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to government code section 54953(e) and making findings and determinations regarding the same

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Health and Safety Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

2. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission special meeting on December 20, 2021.

Change: Correct typo of honoree's name under Health and Safety Recognition Program.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Vice Chair Hilborne to approve the minutes as amended (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, and Baker, Vice Chair Hilborne, Chair Chang

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachelle Marcus updated the Commission on return to school COVID-19 testing and cases, and other proactive prevention interventions. Rachelle highlighted mental health resources that the school district offers to students to encourage mental wellness. In March, the District will host an evening event addressing mental health and

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awareness focused on the social and emotional elements of learning.

- Beverly Hills Police Department – Newly appointed Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook made a formal introduction to the Health and Safety Commission. Updates regarded Police Department activities including the recent metrics, commercial and residential burglaries, and thefts from motor vehicles. Highlights included the assignment of the Community Relations position to Sargent Jesse Perez. He also spoke on the Department's participation in a joint press conference with federal partners and the Anti-Defamation League advocating standing united against hate and committing resources to fight against it.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes updated the Commission on incidents and responses metrics and the increase of call volume. There were three large incidents of two structure fires and a traffic accident with extrication. No major incidents, red flag activations, or strike team assignments reported. Chief Hayes also spoke on the general operations regarding fire inspections.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Moment of Mindfulness

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, will lead the Commission in a Moment of Mindfulness.

This month's topic was Mental Health and Community Safety and Security. Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, led the Commission in a "Moment of Mindfulness" which teaches mental health, resiliency, and mindfulness techniques. The Commission participated in an exercise titled Grounding through the Five Senses, also known as Centering, a powerful exercise to become more present in the current moment and reduce overwhelming or unsteady feelings.

4. Health and Safety Recognition Program

Recognizes an employee or a group of people who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. This month the Commission will recognize Information Technology Department, Video Production Supervisor Chris Ley.

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5. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Report: 2021 Year in Review

Provides an informational report to the Health and Safety Commission on activities related to the dangers of smoking including information on smoking, cessation, outreach, enforcement, and education.

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa provided an informational report to the Commission. Highlights included the current hardship exemption application, tobacco retail enforcement, and smoking ambassador outreach and enforcement. She shared current statistics associated with smoking, vaping, and tobacco retail related complaints

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and investigations, and soft enforcement and smoking violations. Gabrielle touched on the topic of citations and addressed Commission inquiries.

Residents are encouraged to contact Code Compliance by calling 310-285-1119 to report any non-exempt location for violations of the City's Ordinance.

6. COVID-19 Update

Provides information and a discussion on a variety of topics related to the COVID-19 emergency and what the community should know.

No report provided.

Resources available:

- For the latest updates on COVID-19, visit www.beverlyhills.org/novelcoronavirus
- For vaccine information, visit www.beverlyhills.org/covidvaccine

NEW BUSINESS

7. Quarterly Active Transportation Programs Update

A presentation on active mobility to advance a safe and healthy Beverly Hills.

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer updated the Commission on various topics including the Roxbury Protected Bike Lane Pilot Project, Connect Beverly Hills, Slow Streets and Minimum Grid Bikeway Network. She spoke about active transportation, a self-propelled, human-powered mode of transportation such as walking and bicycling, and highlighted that benefits include health, economic, mobility, environment, and neighborhood livability. Staff announced the installation of the Real-Time Bike Counts Display on North Santa Monica Boulevard near Rodeo Drive.

Resources available:

- www.beverlyhills.org/bikes
- www.beverlyhills.org/completestreets
- www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline
- www.beverlyhills.org/slowstreets
- www.beverlyhills.org/minimumgrid
- <http://connect.beverlyhills.org>

8. City Cameras and Surveillance System

An informational presentation on the different ways the Police Department utilizes technology.

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo discussed the different technological resources used by the Beverly Hills Police Department including the License Plate Reader, drones, Closed-Circuit Television cameras, In-Dash Video System, and Body Worn Cameras. He shared a video that illustrated how such resources assist to maintain order, safety and quality of life.

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Resources available:

- www.beverlyhills.org/bhpd

9. Emergency Preparedness for Seniors and People with Disabilities

An informational presentation on emergency preparedness for seniors and those with disability and access/functional needs.

This item was postponed to the February 28, 2022 meeting.

10. Tips to add to your Mental Health Tool Kit

An informational discussion on ways to become more resilient during tough times by Health and Safety Commissioner and Clinical Neuropsychologist Erica Felsenthal, PhD.

Commissioner Felsenthal provided a presentation on resiliency during tough times and empowering the sense of control over your wellbeing. She spoke on stress management and discussed ways to discharge stress and shift to a parasympathetic state on a regular basis. Tips provided included, but were not limited to, constructive problem solving, creating a gratitude practice, getting physical exercise, having a healthy diet, and getting professional help.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – December 13, 2021
 - Commissioner Baker attended the December 13, 2021 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Highlights were included in the packet for Commissioners and the public to read.
- Commissioner Items – None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report – Fire Chief Gregory Barton congratulated Chair Chang on a successful kickoff meeting for calendar the year.
- Health and Safety Related Supplemental Information:
 - Home Heating Fires
 - The Truth About "72 Hours"
 - Beverly Hills Fire Department - Exit Drills In The Home (E-D-I-T-H)
 - Mapping Out Your Escape Plan (Single-Family and Multi-Family Structures)
 - Family Emergency Preparedness Kit Check-List
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ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 24, 2022 / 6:13 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

Kirk Chang

Kirk Chang, Chair