



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 20, 2021
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: December 20, 2021 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachele Marcus led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Fire Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Police Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo, Cindy Owens, Gabrielle Ressa, Meena Janmohamed, 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.

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

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**

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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 Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Vice Chair Chang to adopt the resolution as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

2. Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission regular meeting on November 22, 2021.

Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission meeting on November 22, 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Felsenthal, SECONDED by Commissioner Hilborne to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Beverly Hills Unified School District representative Rachele Marcus updated the Commission on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations, orchestra and choir concerts, and high school consumer affairs preparatory course.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo provide an update on Police Department activities. He spoke on the City’s newly appointed Chief of Police Mark Stainbrook, the increase of police resources deployed throughout the City, and the recent threat incident at the high school, which resulted in the deployment of additional security to enhance student safety. As a safety tip, do not use your mobile phone when walking as it can be a distraction from potential threat.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes updated the Commission on incidents and responses metrics. Chief Hayes also spoke on two carbon monoxide incidents. There were no major incidents, red flag activations, or strike team assignments reported. As a safety tip, always check appliance vents and replace batteries in carbon monoxide and fire alarms.

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CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Moment of Mindfulness

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

This month's topic was mindfulness and consumer safety. 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 Signal Breath, a powerful breath work tool that increases situational awareness and signals both relaxation and alertness.

4. Health and Safety Recognition Program

The Health and Safety Commission will honor those who have demonstrated leadership in the field of health and safety issues or contributed to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission.

The Commission recognized Mickey Fine Pharmacy & Grill.

5. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

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

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa provided an informational update to the Commission. Updates included recent activities related to smoking and tobacco use in the City, including updates on tobacco hardship exemptions. Staff shared the most current statistics on enforcement and smoking violations, and signage related to the Smoking Ordinance. 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.

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on a variety of COVID-19 metrics including cases, vaccination and statistics, and community transmission levels. Staff addressed masking mandates and shared mental health and safety tips to consider during the holidays. She also reported the Current Health Order and the City's continued response to the pandemic.

Staff addressed Commission inquiries.

Resources available:

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

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NEW BUSINESS

7. The Seventh Inning Stretch

A health and safety intermission led by Dion Jackson, Athletic and Fitness Association of America Certified Group Fitness Trainer.

This item is a pro-health intermission dedicated to the need to stay active. Athletic and Fitness Association of America Certified Group Fitness Trainer Dion Jackson led the Commission in a “Seventh Inning Stretch”. He provided a short demonstrational video, which addressed the positive aspects of stretch relief, injury prevention, blood circulation and mind rejuvenation.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit www.DionJackson.com for more information.

8. Consumer Health and Safety

Provides an informational presentation on consumer health and safety.

The Commission heard a presentation on consumer health and safety by Nelson Santiago, Community Outreach Manager of Consumer Action. Highlights included tactics commonly used by fraudsters and the warning signs associated with scams. The guest speaker shared tips to avoid the schemes, and provided information on how to file complaints and report scams.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- For more information, visit <https://consumer-action.org>.
- For resources for learning about scams, visit the link below:
www.consumer-action.org/outreach/articles/resources_for_learning_about_scams

9. Health and Safety Accomplishments 2021

Provides the Commission with a list of Commission accomplishments for calendar year 2021.

The Commission outlined the accomplishments for calendar year 2021, and recognized the accomplishments and efforts of outgoing Chair Baker.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- To view the Health and Safety Commission Accomplishments 2021, visit <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/healthandsafetycommission/commissionaccomplishments/web.jsp>

10. Outgoing / Incoming Chair and Vice Chair

Recognition of current Chair and Vice Chair and incoming Chair and Vice Chair.

During this meeting, the Commission recognized the leadership of outgoing Chair Baker and Vice Chair Chang and that of incoming Chair Chang and Vice Chair Hilborne.

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11. 2022 Chair's Focus Area Topics, Areas of Interest, and Work Plan Initiatives

Discussion of the Commission's topics, areas of interest, and potential work plan initiatives.

For the 2022 year, the Commission discussed and supported the following area of focus and items of interest:

- Area Focus – Health and Safety Related Emergency Preparedness
- Items of Interest – To support the Nurse Practitioner Program, the Outdoor Siren Warning System initiative, 5G education, and Medical Infrastructure outreach and education. To continue to support the Smoking Ordinance and COVID-19 education. Staff, or a subject area expert or a community member will provide information to the Commission or public.
- Work Plan Items for the second half of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and first half of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Budget)
 - Develop and complete opportunities for the Commission on a variety of health and safety disaster preparedness related topics.
 - Continue to support the Health and Safety Awards, and the CERT and JUST IN CASE, BH programs.
- The Commission will continue the tradition of honoring a community member, organization, or business that enhances the health and safety of the community and a City employee, or employees, providing health and safety excellence to the community. The Commission will have speakers on the topic of Health and Safety related emergency preparedness, as well as continue to receive updates from the Beverly Hills Unified School District, the Beverly Hills Police Department, and Fire Department.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – November 8, 2021
 - Chair Cathy Baker attended the November 8, 2021 and December 13, 2021 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting. Highlights for the November meeting were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
 - Chair Baker reported to the Cabinet that official correspondence would be addressed to the City Council of Beverly Hills making a formal recommendation to adopt additional COVID-19 safety measures in the City.
 - Chair Baker and the Commission expressed accolades to Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch as he transitions into retirement.
- Commissioner Items – Chair Baker commended the Commission and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City and the community during her term as Chair.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
 - Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch expressed his appreciation for working alongside the Health and Safety Commission as his retirement from the City of Beverly Hills Fire Department begins on December 21, 2021.
 - Staff introduced the incoming Health and Safety Commission liaison, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Newsletters – the latest CERT newsletters were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 20, 2021 / 6:18 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022

Kirk Chang

Kirk Chang, Chair

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