



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2021
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: February 22, 2021 / 4:01 p.m.

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, Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes, Sean Stokes, Meena Janmohamed, Gabrielle Ressa, Karen Gutierrez

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consideration of minutes from the regular Health and Safety Commission Meeting on January 25, 2021.

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

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REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District – Honorable Mary Wells, BHUSD Governing School Board Member, provided an oral presentation to the Commission. Main topics included the continued monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic metrics, safety, contact tracing, and the reopening of school for TK-5th grade. Mary Wells highlighted that BHUSD has security and safety measures in place in anticipation of reopening. Utilizing resources like the Medical Advisory Task Force can be a proactive approach for planning and preparing in addition to the District’s existing task force. Mary Wells closed the item with the recognition of late Preschool Special Education Teacher, Lynn Gifford, who dedicated 25 years of service to BHUSD.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Acting Police Captain Max Subin updated the Commission on various police activities. Topics included the Department’s first Explorer meeting of the year held on February 14, 2021, private armed security companies that assist in patrolling the City by providing extra visibility in the community, and information and safety tips regarding home burglaries. Acting Captain Subin introduced the City’s new program, JUST IN CASE, BH at the Explorer meeting.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes updated the Commission on various Fire Department activities including the latest incident and response statistics, Red Flag Activation/Strike Team deployment, and the major incident deployments for structure fires and a carbon monoxide emergency in the City.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

Executive Assistant Gabrielle Ressa provided a smoking and tobacco informational update to the Commission. Topics of discussion included current hardship exemption application appeals, education and soft enforcement by Smoking Ambassadors, California State Legislature, and smoking cessation. The City conducted community outreach including advertising in local publications and the Code Enforcement Division will perform inspections at the City’s tobacco retailers to ensure compliance with the new ordinance prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in the City.

- Residents are encouraged to contact Code Compliance by calling 310-285-1119 to report any violations of the City’s Ordinance.
- More information on smoking can be found at www.beverlyhills.org/smoking.
- The phone number for the Cedars-Sinai Smoking Cessation Program is 310-385-3534, Option 3.

2. Health and Safety Recognition Program

The Health and Safety Commission honors an individual, business, or group who has demonstrated leadership in the field of health and safety, or has made a contribution to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission. For this meeting, Health and Safety Commission Vice Chair Kirk Y. Chang, M.D. selected to acknowledge the efforts of the Monoclonal Antibody Task Force at Cedars-Sinai, and the impact their efforts have had on reducing COVID-19 disease progression and related hospitalizations in the community. Core team members honored were Rita Shane Pharm. D., Philip Zakowski M.D., Peter

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Chen M.D., Sam Torbati M.D., Steve Simons M.D., Hai Tran Pharm. D., Ethan Smith Pharm. D., Greg Marks Pharm. D., Thanh Tu Pharm. D., Cindy Chavira MBA, and Tesha Seabra MSN.

3. Minute of Mindfulness

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, lead the Commission in a "Minute of Mindfulness" to promote health and wellness. The topic was a breathing exercise focusing on mind and body awareness.

4. COVID-19 Update

Chair Cathy Baker opened this agenda item with a moment of silence for the 500,000 lives lost to COVID-19.

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on COVID-19 statistics, the City's continued response, vaccine distribution and local sites, the current health order, and indoor dining. This presentation provided the following resources for the community:

- Information related to COVID-19 can be found by visiting www.beverlyhills.org/coronavirus and www.beverlyhills.org/covidvaccine.
- The Senior Shuttle transit: www.beverlyhills.org/seniortransit
- To sign up for emergency notifications, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/notifications
- City of Beverly Hills Disaster Hotline: (310) 550-4680

NEW BUSINESS

5. Approved Changes to the 2021 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule

This topic provided the approved 2021 recognition program schedule for the Health and Safety Commission.

6. Nurse Practitioner Program Update and Highlights

Emergency Medical Services Administrator, Sean Stokes, gave an informational update to the Commission on the City of Beverly Hills' Nurse Practitioner Program (NPP). He provided a review of the program, shared data and information since its inception in January 2019, and spoke on the current response models of the NPP. Sean Stokes highlighted cost savings information for residents and the continued evolution of the program to create and maintain a comprehensive and integrated service in which patients can 'Age in Place' at home. This presentation provided the following resources for the community:

- Nurse Practitioner Program website: www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/nursepractitionerprogram
- To request a patient visit or to learn more information, call (424) 303-0731 or email NP@beverlyhills.org 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily.

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**7. Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Health and Safety Commission Liaison
Committee Meeting Highlights**

This item provided meeting highlights from the Health and Safety Commission Liaison meeting that took place on Monday, January 27, 2021.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – January 11, 2021
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – February 8, 2021
 - Chair Cathy Baker shared with the Commission, for safety precautions, that the Traffic and Parking Commission reported working along with the City of West Hollywood on adding two new crosswalks on Doheny Drive between Sunset Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard.
- Commissioner Items – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report – None

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 22, 2021 / 6:09 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021



Cathy Baker, Chair