



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, June 28, 2021
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: June 28, 2021 / 4:00 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, Acting Police Captain Max Subin, Gabrielle Ressa, Meena Janmohamed, Gabriel Mier, 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 Health and Safety Commission regular meeting on May 24, 2021.

Motion: **MOVED** by Commissioner Hilborne, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Rosenthal to approve the minutes (5-0).

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REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – No report.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Acting Police Captain Max Subin reported about recent protests, increased staffing and community outreach for the JUST IN CASE, BH program.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes updated the Commission on incidents and responses metrics, and strike team and deployment assignments.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Moment of Mindfulness

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, led the Commission in a "Moment of Mindfulness" which teaches mental health, resiliency, and mindfulness techniques. This month's topic was increasing compassion and using mindfulness practices to build community strength and improve emotional processing.

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 Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, selected to acknowledge the efforts of Eve Rodsky for working to change society one partnership at a time by coming up with a new 21st century solution to an age-old problem: women shouldering the brunt of childrearing and domestic life responsibilities regardless of whether they work outside the home.

3. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa provided an informational update. She spoke about the joint recipient of the World Health Organization's No Tobacco World Day Award and addressed topics about program grant funding from the Department of Justice.

4. COVID-19 Update

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine statistics, the recent virus Delta variant, digital proof of vaccinations and next steps.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- This link provides access to your digital proof of vaccination:
<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

NEW BUSINESS

5. The Seventh Inning Stretch

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This item is a pro-health intermission that focuses on the need to stay active. Kathleen Ross-Allee, C-AIYT, E-RYT 500, C.P.T., led the Commission in a “Seventh Inning Stretch”. She 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.LeenBodies.com for more information.

6. Disaster Communications System Roles

The Commission heard a presentation about the Disaster Communications System, its roles and learned about the volunteer program.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit <https://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/policedepartment/joinbhpd/volunteeropportunities/web.jsp?NFR=1> for more information the DCS.

7. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and Disaster Preparedness

This item provided an informational presentation about the CERT program, emergency preparedness and ways to get involved in the community.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/cert/web.jsp> for more information about the CERT program.

8. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Program Information and Basic First Aid Tips

The Commission could not address this item due to unforeseen circumstances. For information about the CPR program visit www.bhcpr.org.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair’s Report
 - Chair Cathy Baker encouraged and shared ways to get involved in emergency preparedness. Anyone interested can contact the Office of Emergency Management at (310) 285-1014 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/preparedness.
- Commissioner Items – Commissioner Felsenthal took the opportunity to acknowledge and honor the unseen frontline workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director’s Report

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- Beverly Hills Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch spoke about the recent JUST IN CASE, BH Program community block outreach and shared information about future community meetings. He also noted that agenda item #8 was not heard as the presenter could not attend the meeting.
- National Mosquito Control Awareness Week
 - Mosquitos and other Insect Vectors - What to Do and Who to Call – educational information was included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Newsletters – the latest C.E.R.T. newsletters were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 28, 2021 / 5:38 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2021

Cathy Baker

Cathy Baker, Chair