



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: March 22, 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 David Perusse, Battalion Chief Michael Hand, Acting Police Captain Max Subin, 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 February 22, 2021.

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

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REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) – Honorable Mary Wells, BHUSD Governing School Board Member, and Scott Lovelace, Director of Safety, provided an oral presentation to the Commission. Highlights included COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols and vaccinations, security measures and partnership with private security company NASDEC, as well as the preparedness for the return to school in April. The BHUSD has a focus on social and emotional impacts on students and families for which resources are available.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Acting Police Captain Max Subin updated the Commission on police activities including recent major incidents and the private armed security companies that are assisting in ensuring the safety of the community during these unprecedented times.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief David Perusse updated the Commission on Fire Department activities including call volume statistics, incidents and response, trash fires, and the major incident deployments for a structure fire and a shooting incident.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Moment of Mindfulness

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, lead the Commission in a "Moment of Mindfulness" which teaches mental health, resiliency, and mindfulness techniques. This item was previously titled "Minute of Mindfulness". The title of this agenda item is now "Moment of Mindfulness". The topic was about Balance and shifting our awareness to increase a sense of wellbeing.

2. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award

This item recognizes employees who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. This month the Health and Safety Commission honored members of the Public Works Department who worked zealously behind the scenes to keep the City running seamlessly during this COVID-19 Pandemic. During this meeting, this award was given to Robert Sahagun, Street Superintendent and Michael Hensley, Public Works Manager.

3. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

Executive Assistant Gabrielle Ressa provided a smoking, vaping and tobacco informational update to the Commission. Main topics were the current hardship exemption application appeal and City Council decision, as well as inspections, enforcement, tracking and presence in the field. She spoke on retail related complains and shared insight on the general appeal case processes and the continued support of the Code Enforcement Division to ensure compliance with the new ordinance prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in the City.

Resources provided during this presentation:

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- You are encouraged to contact Code Compliance at (310) 285-1119 to report violations of the City's Ordinance.

4. COVID-19 Update

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on COVID-19 case statistics, the City's continued response, vaccines, vaccine distribution and local sites as well as recommendations for those fully vaccinated. Meena reviewed the current LA County Health Order and provided tips on how to cope with stress.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- COVID-19 related information is found at www.beverlyhills.org/coronavirus and www.beverlyhills.org/covidvaccine.
- The Appendixes to the Health Order can be found at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

NEW BUSINESS

5. The Seventh Inning Stretch

The Health and Safety Commission introduced a pro-health intermission at its monthly meetings to focus on the need to stay active. Director of Fitness Strategy Troy Titus-Barrow with All Seasons Fitness Media, lead the Commission in a "Seventh Inning Stretch". She provided a short demonstrational which addressed the positive aspects of stretch relief, injury prevention, blood circulation and mind rejuvenation.

6. Earthquake Preparedness Month

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager shared information about the earthquake preparedness month scheduled in April 2021. This year's theme is Technological Preparedness. This program encourages everyone to take simple steps to prepare for earthquakes. City of Beverly Hills employees review their personal preparedness levels on an ongoing basis should they need to fulfill their duties as Disaster Service Workers. The community is encouraged to become Disaster Ready partners with the City of Beverly Hills.

Resources provide during this presentation:

- Visit www.beverlyhills.org/disasterready for Disaster Ready materials and instructions on how to become an active preparedness partner in the community.
- Residents can sign up for emergency notifications at www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification or by texting BEVHILLS and BEVHILLSPD to 888-777.

7. Licensed Electrician In-Home Electrical Safety Presentation

Chief Operating Officer of One & Done Electric, Dominique Jafari, gave an informational presentation to the Health and Safety Commission on in-home electrical safety. She spoke on the dangers of clock wiring; aluminum wiring (labeled AL) and having licensed electrician assess the wiring in your home. Dominique Jafari encouraged all to check neglected connections to reduce electrical fire hazards in your home.

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8. Fire Department General Home Safety Presentation

Fire Marshal/Battalion Chief Michael Hand presented to the Commission on home safety. He spoke on the top five causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical, smoking, and candles. Chief Hand emphasized ways to reduce property loss and accidental deaths from home fires including the use of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, fire sprinklers and practicing a fire escape plan. The presentation highlighted child safety and education as well as treating minor burns. Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool not a toy.

Resources provided during the presentation:

- For information about the Fire Department, visit <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/>.
- Visit <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/communityriskreduction/> for Community Risk Reduction and public education information.

9. Police Department General Home Security Presentation

Acting Captain Max Subin provided valuable information on home and shopping security. Main topics included Target Hardening, theft from motor vehicles, purse or wallet thefts, posting on social media and purchasing a safe for valuables. He shared home burglary prevention tips and other ways to ensure a safe and secure home. Acting Captain Subin highlighted to avoid the appearance that no one is home and to limit the information you share on social media.

Resources provided during the presentation:

- To schedule a home security inspection call 310-288-2668.
- For crime prevention information visit www.beverlyhills.org/crime.

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Red Lights for Red Cross Giving Day on March 24, 2021
 - Chair Cathy Baker reported on the American Red Cross 'Giving Day' where communities across the globe donate to the American Red Cross on March 24, 2021, Giving Day. Donations went toward providing shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance.
- Commissioner Items – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
 - eNotice of Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Newsletter

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- Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch shared with the Commission information on how to sign up for e-Notices for Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Program newsletters. Information about C.E.R.T. can be found at <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/cert/web.jsp>.

ADJOURNMENT

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021



Cathy Baker, Chair