



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, July 26, 2021
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: July 26, 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, Sergeant Jesse Perez, Lieutenant Robert Maycott, Gabrielle Ressa, Meena Janmohamed, Karen Gutierrez

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

The Commission received one written public comment from Mark Elliot for agenda item #8.

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 June 28, 2021.

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

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REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) - BHUSD Governing School Board Member Honorable Mary Wells provided an oral presentation to the Commission. Highlights included the opening of schools, student independent study program options, and COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Jesse Perez was available for questions as the stand-in representative of the Beverly Hills Police Department.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief David Perusse updated the Commission on incidents and responses metrics, strike team and deployment assignments, and shared information about the Nurse Practitioner Program.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. JUST IN CASE, BEVERLY HILLS (JICBH) Program Update

Vera Markowitz provided an informational update to the Commission about the JUST IN CASE, BEVERLY HILLS program. The program is a community-based program dedicated to emergency preparedness. Vera Markowitz highlighted the importance of JICBH and noted that it is one of the most comprehensive emergency preparedness programs in the nation.

2. Moment of Mindfulness

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 Box Breathing, a tactical breathing technique, for this month's topic of mindfulness during emergencies.

3. Health and Safety Employee Awards

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 Beverly Hills Police Department Lieutenant Robert Maycott.

4. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa provided an informational update. She spoke on the updated statistics of retail related complaints and investigations, soft enforcement and smoking violations, and addressed Commissioner inquiries.

Resources provided during this presentation:

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

5. COVID-19 Update

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Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine statistics, vaccine safety and booster update, as well as the recent virus Delta variant. She spoke on the Current Health Order and the City's continued response to the pandemic.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- For information about virtual services visit www.beverlyhills.org/onlineservices.
- The Appendixes to the Health Order can be found at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/reopening-la.htm#orders>, which provides specific guidelines for each sector.
- The City hotline remains open at 310-550-4680.

NEW BUSINESS

6. The Seventh Inning Stretch

This item is a pro-health intermission dedicated to the need to stay active. Alison Crowley, C-AIYT, E-RYT 500, 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.BolderAndBridge.com for more information.

7. Wellness Wednesday

The Commission heard a presentation about the new Mayoral Initiative titled, Wellness Wednesday, which aims to inspire the community to get outside and participate in free exercise and healthy lifestyle activities, enjoy wholesome foods from local businesses and incorporate wellness into their everyday lives.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit www.beverlyhills.org/wellnesswednesday for more information.

8. Quarterly Active Transportation Programs Update

The Commission heard a presentation on pedestrian and bicycle safety awareness, complete streets plan implementation, and the slow streets program, which address active mobility within the Beverly Hills community.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit the following websites for more information:
 - o www.beverlyhills.org/completestreets
 - o www.beverlyhills.org/bikes
 - o www.beverlyhills.org/slowstreets

9. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo presented to the Commission on the Public Works Department's Climate Action and

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Adaptation Plan (CAAP) to provide a city-wide plan to become carbon neutral by 2045 supporting the goals of the State of California for carbon neutrality. Staff solicited for two members of the Health and Safety Commission to participate on the established Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to look into the details of the CAAP. Health and Safety Commissioners Lee Hilborne and Erica Felsenthal volunteered for the positions.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Kirk Chang, SECONDED by Commissioner Rosenthal to approve Commissioner Hilborne and Commissioner Felsenthal to serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

For more information visit www.beverlyhills.org/CAAPCommittee. If you have questions about the CAC, contact AskPW@beverlyhills.org or call 310-285-2467.

10. Emergency Kits and Other Emergency Tips

Administrative Coordinator of the Beverly Hills CPR program Les Bronte presented to the Commission on emergency kits including earthquake kits and disaster kits. He also spoke on the different type of trainings provided by Beverly Hills CPR to assist anyone to become better prepared. For information visit www.bhcpr.org or call 310-281-2753.

11. Beat the Heat

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, provided a presentation on sun safety. Highlights included tips for preventing heat-related illness and other ways to beat the heat. For resources on cooling centers, visit <https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/>.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – July 12, 2021
 - Chair Cathy Baker attended the July 12, 2021 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting. Highlights were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items – none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report – none.
- 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: July 26, 2021 / 6:26 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021

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Cathy Baker

Cathy Baker, Chair