



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, January 25, 2021
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 25, 2021 / 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER HELENA M. ROSENTHAL

City Clerk Huma Ahmed administered oath of allegiance for new Health and Safety Commissioner Helena M. Rosenthal.

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 Scott Stephens, Meena Janmohamed, Gabrielle Ressa, Karen Gutierrez

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was one written public comment from a community member on a non-agenda item.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Consideration of minutes from the Joint Special Meeting of the Health and Safety Commission and the Medical Advisory Task Force Meeting on December 21, 2020.

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

- Beverly Hills Unified School District – Honorable Mary Wells, BHUSD Governing School Board Member and Director of School Safety Scott Lovelace provided an oral presentation to the Commission. Topics included the continued monitoring of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention metrics, academic assessment and on-track learning, the meal program for families in need, and safety efforts for return to school. Mary Wells spoke on COVID case monitoring and contact tracing, the recent approval of the District Security Policies and Procedures Manual and the success of the Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies (PBIS) program.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Acting Police Captain Max Subin provided an update to the Commission on various police activities. Topics included protests and activity during the observed holidays as well as during the United States Presidential Inauguration. Acting Captain Subin also spoke on the private armed security companies assisting the Police Department patrol the City.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – C-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Scott Stephens updated the Commission on Fire Department activity. Highlights included response to landslide incident, the deployment to a structure fire and of a Strike Team to Bond Fire in South Orange County, and Stop the Bleed, CERT, and EERT virtual training. Battalion Chief Stephens reported on a major gas leak incident and the CoV-2 vaccine distribution to first responder personnel. Fire Chief Gregory Barton closed the presentation with an update on the JUST IN CASE, BH Program.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

Executive Assistant Gabrielle Ressa provided the Smoking and Tobacco Informational update to the Commission. Topics included the new ordinance that took effect on January 1, 2021, Code Enforcement and Ambassador efforts related to this ordinance, and the associated hardship exemption applications from retailers in regards to this ordinance. Code Enforcement can be contacted by calling 310-285-1119 and the Ambassadors can be contacted by calling 424-302-1487. She reported on resources available to residents and community members to assist in smoking cessation. Additional topics included grant applications and state legislation regarding flavored tobacco.

2. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award

The Health and Safety Commission Employee Excellence Award recognizes employees who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. During the meeting, this award was given to Pamela Mottice-Muller, former

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Director of Emergency Management, Resilience and Recovery, Office of Policy & Management for the City of Beverly Hills.

3. Minute of Mindfulness

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, lead the Commission in a "Minute of Mindfulness" to promote health and wellness. She lead a breathing exercise targeting the vagal nerve which regulates the nervous system assisting the body during stress.

4. COVID-19 Update

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on local, state, and nationwide COVID-19 statistics, the City's continued response, testing and vaccines, resources for residents, and the current health order. This presentation also touched on public education and included resources available to the public:

- Information related to the Health Order can be found by visiting the following link: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- How to register to receive a vaccine – www.VaccinateLACounty.com or by calling 833-540-0473
- Vaccine distribution tracking – <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccinedashboard.htm>
- City resource <http://www.beverlyhills.org/covidvaccine>

NEW BUSINESS

5. 2021 Health and Safety Commission Meeting Dates

This topic provided the approved 2021 meeting dates for the Health and Safety Commission.

6. 2021 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule

During this meeting, the Commission discussed the 2021 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule and proposed two changes.

- Motion to approve the 2021 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule with changes

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Chang, SECONDED by Commissioner Hilborne to approve with changes (5-0).

PROJECT UPDATES

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – December 14, 2020

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- Commissioner Items – None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report – Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch congratulated and welcomed new Commissioner Helena M. Rosenthal to the Health and Safety Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 25, 2021 / 6:09 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

Cathy Baker

Cathy Baker, Chair