



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

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Monday, August 23, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: August 23, 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, Gilbert Borboa, Jason Dyogi, Debbi Figoni, 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 July 26, 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal 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 reported on the opening of schools, safety protocols for COVID-19 like testing and vaccination, and announced new Principal and Vice Principal for the elementary school.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Acting Police Captain Max Subin reported to the Commission about the Police Explorer Program, the assigned unit dedicated to the homeless population in the City, and quality of life topics like traffic nuisance and resident noise complaints. He spoke on facemasks and enforcement and the Department’s Police Academy field training and hiring program.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes spoke on incidents and responses metrics, and strike team and deployment assignments. He spoke on structure fires and a wildland fire deployment system, the rapid extraction module support team (REMS).

**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 the concept of mindful hydration.

**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 Rosenthal selected to acknowledge the efforts of EMS Administrator Sean Stokes for spearheading the initiative of the Beverly Hills Nurse Practitioner Program.

For more information about the program visit <http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/nursepractitionerprogram/web.jsp>.

**3. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update**

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa provided an informational update. Topics included the current tobacco hardship exemption application, the recent grant opportunity for the cessation program, and the options for reporting a concern or violations.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- The community can text a Smoking Ambassador within the business triangle at 424-302-1487.
- To report a concern via the City Website, go to [www.beverlyhills.org](http://www.beverlyhills.org). Under the 'How Do I' tab, select the 'Contact' tab and then 'How Do I Report a Concern (AskBev)'.

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#### **4. COVID-19 Update**

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on the major COVID-19 pandemic items like vaccine and case statistics, the LA County Health Office Order and vaccination mandates.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit [Myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to schedule a vaccination or call 833-540-0473.
- For access to your digital proof of vaccination, visit <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5. The Seventh Inning Stretch**

This item is a pro-health intermission that focuses on the need to stay active. Kundalini Yoga Teacher Monique Reymond 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.MoniqueReymond.com](http://www.MoniqueReymond.com) for more information.

#### **6. 2021 Conflict of Interest Code**

Chair Baker presented the 2021 Conflict of Interest Code for review. The Commissioners had no comments.

Motion:            MOVED by Vice Chair Chang, SECONDED by Commissioner Hilborne to adopt the 2021 Conflict of Interest Code Exhibits A & B for the City of Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission as presented (5-0).

AYES:             Commissioners Rosenthal, Felsenthal, Hilborne, Vice Chair Chang, and Chair Baker.

NOES:             None

Carried.

#### **7. Consumer Confidence Report**

Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gilbert Borboa and Water Quality Specialist Jason Dyogi provided a presentation on the 2020 Water Quality Report for the City of Beverly Hills and shared water quality metrics. The City met all United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and California State Water Resource Control Board (State) drinking water health standards for calendar year 2020. Water Conservation Administrator Debby Fioni spoke on water conservation and ways to mitigate water efficiency. Highlights included the Stage C Water Conservation program and the Water Leak program.

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Resources provided during this presentation:

- For more information about water quality visit [www.beverlyhills.org/waterqualityreports](http://www.beverlyhills.org/waterqualityreports) or email [AskPW@beverlyhills.org](mailto:AskPW@beverlyhills.org).
- For questions related to water conservation, please call (310) 285-2492 or email [dfigoni@beverlyhills.org](mailto:dfigoni@beverlyhills.org) or [www.BHSaves.org](http://www.BHSaves.org).
- For water tracking, visit <https://water.beverlyhills.org/>.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report
  - Chair Baker shared information about the upcoming JUST IN CASE, BH community outreach walk and introductory meeting for Zone 6, as well as the importance of Suicide Prevention awareness for the month of September.
  - Chair Baker attended the August 9, 2021 Mayor's Cabinet meeting. Meeting highlights will be included in next month's 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: August 23, 2021 / 6:39 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

*Cathy Baker*

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Cathy Baker, Chair