



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

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, September 27, 2021
4:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: September 27, 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, Sergeant Jesse Perez, Gabrielle Ressa, Meena Janmohamed, Ryan Gohlich, Arlen Eskandari, Samer Elayyan, 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 August 23, 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 suicide prevention month, COVID metrics, testing and vaccination, and modified quarantine.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Jesse Perez was available for questions as the stand-in representative of the Beverly Hills Police Department. He spoke on executive shared crime metrics and response times and spoke on the Neighborhood Watch and JUST IN CASE, BH programs.
- Beverly Hills Fire Department – A-Shift Platoon Battalion Chief Timothy Hayes updated the Commission on incidents and responses metrics, strike team and deployment assignments, and structure fires.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Moment of Mindfulness

Lisa Kring, LCSW, led the Commission in a "Moment of Mindfulness" which teaches mental health, resiliency, and mindfulness techniques. The Commission participated in a mindful meditation for this month's topic of brain health and memory, which supports stress reduction.

2. 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 Community Development Supervising Plan Engineer Arlen Eskandari.

3. Smoking and Tobacco Informational Update

Management Analyst Gabrielle Ressa provided an informational update. She spoke on the current hardship exemption application, sidewalk decals scheduled to be placed in the business triangle, and smoking cessation.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Smoking cessation resources can be found at www.beverlyhills.org/smoking
- Residents can contact Code Compliance by calling 310-285-1119 to report any non-exempt location for violations of the City's Ordinance.

4. COVID-19 Update

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on COVID-19 metrics, statistics and recommendations. She spoke on the Current Health Order and the City's continued response to the pandemic.

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Resources provided during this presentation:

- 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.
- Report vaccination fraud at www.oag.ca.gov/report

NEW BUSINESS

5. The Seventh Inning Stretch

This item is a pro-health intermission dedicated to the need to stay active. Justin Arevalo, PT, MTC, led the Commission in a "Seventh Inning Stretch". He 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.thedogpound.com for more information.

6. Brain Health and Memory

The Commission heard a presentation about brain health and memory, presented by Health and Safety Commissioner and Clinical Neuropsychologist Erica Felsenthal, PhD. She spoke on key factors that impact memory and other cognitive functions, which are Nutrition, Physical Exercise, Stress Reduction, and Memory Enhancement Exercises.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit www.drericafels.com for more information.

Staff made an important announcement regarding Mayor Wunderlich's Wellness Wednesday series.

7. Citywide Outdoor Warning Siren System

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, provided an informational presentation on the status of the citywide outdoor warning siren system. She spoke on noise levels and the different types of broadcasts. The system would provide another tool to notify the community of emergency and/or disaster information. Community engagement and training will take place regarding the benefits of this project.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit the following for more information
 - o Disaster Hotline: (310) 550-4680
 - o Twitter: [www.twitter.com/beverlyhillsoem](https://twitter.com/beverlyhillsoem)
 - o Nixle: Text "BEVHILLS" and "BEVHILLSPD" to 888777

8. National Preparedness Month

The Commission heard a presentation on a nationwide campaign held every September focusing on emergency preparedness. The goal is to create a culture of preparedness in

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the event of a catastrophic emergency. The Office of Emergency Management encourages community members and employees to make a plan and build a kit.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- City of Beverly Hills Earthquake Reporting App www.beverlyhills.org/reportaquake
- the Office of Emergency Management at (310) 285-1014
- www.beverlyhills.org/preparedness

9. Great Shakeout Drill

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, provided a presentation on the Great California Shakeout Drill. Staff encourages all to practice the drop, cover, and hold method to better prepare for an earthquake.

Resources provided during this presentation:

- Visit www.shakeout.org for information on how to participate on October 21, 2021 at 10:21 a.m.

PROJECT UPDATES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – August 9, 2021
 - Chair Cathy Baker attended the August 9, 2021 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting. Highlights were included in the packet for Commissioners to read.
- Commissioner Items – Commissioner Felsenthal expressed face masking concerns in conjunction with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) youth soccer program.

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: September 27, 2021 / 6:27 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

Cathy Baker

Cathy Baker, Chair