



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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Room 280A

**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Health and Safety
Commission Liaison Committee:**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: January 31, 2023 / 4:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Lili Bosse, Vice Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Deputy City Manager Keith Sterling, Health and Safety Commission Chair Lee Hilborne, Health and Safety Commission Vice Chair Erica Felsenthal, Senior Policy and Management Administrator, Public Safety Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Municipal Affairs Program Manager Cynthia Owens, Executive Assistant Karen Gutierrez

1) Public Comment

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers:

Julie Wagner provided public comment regarding item 5.

Greg Sefain provided public comment on behalf of Todd Johnson regarding item 5.

2) Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Health and Safety Commission Committee continuing to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determinations regarding the same.

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Health and Safety Commission Committee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Mayor Gold, SECONDED by Mayor Bosse to approve the resolution as presented (2-0).

AYES: Mayor Bosse, Vice Mayor Gold

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

3) 2022 Accomplishments

- Senior Policy and Management Administrator, Public Safety Gabriella Yap presented the staff report. Chair Hilborne, Vice Chair Felsenthal discussed the Health and Safety Commission's 2022 accomplishments including but not limited to:
 - Health and Safety Emergency and Disaster Preparedness related topics, programs, presentations, outreach and education.
 - COVID-19 Education and the Outdoor Siren Warning System Initiative.
 - Smoking and Tobacco along with education, outreach, and cessation.
 - Mental Health and Wellness topics including the Seventh Inning Stretch, and Moment of Mindfulness exercises which teaches mental health resiliency, and mindfulness techniques.
 - Community and Employee Health and Safety Awards
 - Priority reports from the Beverly Hills Unified School District, Fire Department, and Police Department.
 - Active Transportation Programs, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, topics on water conservation and drought, pediatric readiness, and participation at various City events.

4) 2023 Work Plan

- Fire Chief Gregory Barton and Chair Hilborne presented the Health and Safety Commission's 2023 Work Plan to the Beverly Hills City Council Liaisons which included:
 - Area of Focus
 - Community Engagement to create a cohesive engagement plan for residents, businesses and staff to champion health and safety issues for our community, leverage the commitment and engagement from Just In Case BH and Neighborhood Watch programs.
 - Item of Interest
 - Expand programs in the Beverly Hills community to address challenges experienced by individuals recovering from the medical (e.g., long COVID) and psychological (e.g., Isolation) effects as we emerge from the pandemic.
 - Promote healthier living, building on initiatives that have been the focus of the City Council in the past 5 years.
 - Public Health Preparedness for future health challenges.
 - Consideration of recommendations from the Beverly Hills Climate Action and Adaption Plan, specifically those recommending Health and Safety Commission engagement.
 - Promote full vaccination and boosters to protect residents against COVID-19.
 - Continue the past efforts of the Health and Safety Commission and City Council to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.
 - Further develop and disseminate a "Mental Health First Aid Cabinet" in conjunction with the Just In Case BH Program, including promotion of mindfulness.
 - Assure every resident has sufficient emergency potable drinking water.
 - The Nurse Practitioner Program and other EMS support for the community.

- Ongoing support for the Smoking Ordinance, including examination of successes and opportunities.
 - Work Plan Items
 - Work with Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) to provide access for residents to purchase fire extinguishers (previously discussed at CERT and BHFD).
 - Continue to support the Health and Safety Awards.
 - The Commission will have presentations on the topic related to the area of focus, items of interest, and of health and safety related matters, as well as continue to highlight mental health and wellness and receive updates from the Beverly Hills Unified School District, the Beverly Hills Fire and Police Departments, and Office of Emergency Management.
 - **City Council Liaison Direction:**
 - Approved the Health and Safety Commission work plan and supported utilizing relevant City platforms to promote its programs to the community.
- 5) City Council Request to Explore Eliminating the Exception to the City's Smoking Ordinance which Allows Smoking while Actively Traveling on the Public Right of Way**
- Municipal Affairs Program Manager Cynthia Owens provided a background discussion and spoke on smoking regulations, outreach, community surveys, and City enforcement. Staff recommended the Liaisons to provide direction regarding the possibility of prohibiting smoking while actively traveling on a public right of way. Additionally, staff requested input on the next steps on 1) obtaining information from the community; 2) types of outreach to perform; 3) prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of an entryway; and 4) any other direction the Council Liaisons may wish to provide.

Speakers:

Cathy Baker provided public comment.

- **City Council Liaison Direction:**
 - The Liaisons are supportive of no smoking but asked staff to continue to enforce the existing ordinance and conduct more public outreach before further changing the smoking regulations that are in place.

6) Future Agenda Items

7) Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

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January 31, 2023 / 4:46 PM