



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
4th Floor Conference Room A

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

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: January 11, 2022 / 4:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, Councilmember Julian A. Gold, M.D., City Manager George Chavez, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, EMS Administrator Sean Stokes, Health and Safety Commission Chair Kirk Y. Chang, Health and Safety Commission Vice Chair Lee Hilborne, 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: None

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

New legislation (AB 361) was recently 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 Lili Bosse, SECONDED by Councilmember Julian A. Gold to adopt the resolution as presented (2-0).

AYES: Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, Councilmember Julian A. Gold

NOES: None

3) Health and Safety Commission 2021 Accomplishments

- Fire Chief Gregory Barton announced that Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap is assisting the Fire Department in the interim until the Deputy Fire Chief position is filled.
- Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap reported the 2021 Health and Safety Accomplishments. The liaison committee discussed topics including but not limited to:

- The 2021 term included Cathy Baker as Chair and Kirk Chang as Vice Chair.
- The 2021 Areas of Interest were resiliency, smoking, and smoking education, outreach and cessation.
- Commissioner Felsenthal led a Moment of Mindfulness each month.
- The Commission introduced a monthly pro-health intermission called the Seventh Inning Stretch to focus on the need to stay active via short demonstrational videos that focused on the benefits of stretching, blood circulation and mind rejuvenation.
- The Commission recognized employees by presenting employee excellence awards to those who went beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the health and safety efforts.
- Monthly topics were heard that focused on health and safety resiliency.
- The Commission strengthened communications with the Beverly Hills Unified School District by hearing monthly updates, which focused on changing policies on COVID-19, returning to in-person school and other health and safety concerns.
- Monthly updates were provided by the Police Department and Fire Department.
- Regular public safety updates were heard concerning patrol and protest activity as well as program updates on JUST IN CASE, BH (JICBH), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Police Explorers Program, and the Nurse Practitioner Program.
- The Commission focused on monthly COVID-19 updates and other important safety information.
- The Commission continued to monitor the Smoking Ordinance that took effect January 1, 2021 and received regular updates on the outreach, education, enforcement, and cessation. The City of Beverly Hills was joint recipient of the World Health Organization's No Tobacco World Day Award.

4) Discussion of 2022 Incoming Chair's Focus Area Topics, Areas of Interest, and Work Plan Initiatives

- Fire Chief Gregory Barton presented the Health and Safety Commission's 2022 Work Plan including:
 - Area of Focus
 - Health and safety emergency preparedness related topics, programs, presentations, outreach, and education.
 - Item of Interest
 - To support the Nurse Practitioner Program, the Outdoor Siren Warning System initiative, 5G education, and Medical Infrastructure outreach and education.
 - Continue to support the Smoking Ordinance and COVID-19 education.
 - Work Plan Items
 - Develop and complete opportunities for the Commission on a variety of health and safety disaster preparedness related topics.
 - Continue to support the Health and Safety Awards, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and JUST IN CASE, BH (JICBH) programs.
 - Staff, or subject area experts or community members to provide information to the Commission or public on the topics of interest.
 - Continue the tradition of honoring a community member, organization, employee, or business that enhances the Health and Safety of the community.

- The Commission will continue to receive updates from the Beverly Hills Unified School District, the Beverly Hills Police Department, The Beverly Hills Fire Department, COVID-19 and smoking updates from staff.
- Vice Chair Kirk Y. Chang spoke on the medical infrastructure aspects, emphasizing and reinforcing to community members the presence and utility of programs such as the Nurse Practitioner Program and empower residents to work with their providers to seek a safe and more efficient care.
- Commissioner Lee Hilborne highlighted a focus on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **City Council Liaison Direction:**
 - Approved the Health and Safety Commission's focus and items of interest for the calendar year 2022 and the work plan items for the second half of fiscal year 2021-2022 and first half of fiscal year 2022/2023.

5) Future Agenda Items Discussion

- A practice of the Health and Safety Commission is to seek input from the City Council Liaisons, in which the following recommendations were provided:
 - To continue to take the opportunity to explore the Nurse Practitioner Program and include other professionals.
 - Incorporate more mental health and awareness topics, find ways to work with the community and support resiliency for the Beverly Hills community.
 - To further cover the correlation between mental health and resiliency.

6) Adjournment

- The City Council Liaisons thanked the Health and Safety Commission for another productive year.

ADJOURNMENT

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January 11, 2022 / 4:26 PM