

**SYNOPSIS
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A**

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 2008

4:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Aronberg, Seidel, Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson

Staff: Pamela Mottice Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management/Staff Liaison

Adrienne Tarazon, Administrative Liaison

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Aronberg.

C. Commission Minutes

MOVED by Chair Aronberg, SECONDED by Judelson to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 24, 2008 (7/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Landau, Kopeikin, Judelson, Seidel, Aronberg

Noes: None

CARRIED.

D. Oral Communications from the Audience

None.

E. Report from the Chairperson

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING – December 10, 2008

Chair Aronberg announced the February 6, 2009 Transportation Symposium to be held at the Beverly Hills Montage Hotel. The purpose of the symposium is to discuss transportation issues. Chair Aronberg would be in attendance as safety and traffic issues are relevant to the Health and Safety Commission.

Chair Aronberg stated the Recreation and Parks Commission announced a Beverly Hills Triathlon Club was beginning for 13-18 year olds in the community. She also gave some information about the need for volunteers for the Westside Homeless Winter Shelter Program that would be held from December 1, 2008 – March 15, 2009.

Chair Aronberg also stated the City of Beverly Hills Fine Arts Commission announced audio informational tours about sculptures within the City would be available in Beverly Hills hotels for tourists.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Myra Lurie announced the installation of the Beverly Hills Unified School District Board President Nooshin Meshkaty and Vice President Myra Lurie. Lurie also announced the interim school Superintendent would be staying in office until December 2009.

Lurie also reported the Hawthorne school playing field had lead residue and had been closed. The field would be re-done over the winter school break. Also, Lurie announced the Family CPR Night has been tentatively rescheduled to June 2009.

Chair Aronberg asked Ms. Lurie if there was information about a liaison from the Health and Safety Commission for the School District's Measure E Committee and Lurie responded there was not one at the time, but it would be discussed at the next School District Board Meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- December 2008 CityCast Beverly Hills Television Newsletter
- December 2008 Beverly Hills CPR Newsletter
- C.E.R.T. December 2008 Letter

OTHER ITEMS

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Staff Liaison, announced an informational presentation on enforcement of the smoking ordinance is tentatively scheduled for the January 2009 Health and Safety Commission Meeting. Also, Chair and Vice-Chair of Health and Safety Commission elections would be held.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SAFETY WEEK

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director Office of Emergency Management reported an advisory committee that included Chair Aronberg, Commissioner Millan, and Commissioner Judelson met to discuss the current Safety and Emergency Preparedness Week.

The committee agreed upon a variety of topics including the name change from Safety and Emergency Preparedness Week to Health and Safety Week. Commissioners would be asked to assist in a variety of ways such as obtaining speakers and vendors, marketing the week, and helping in outreach to private schools.

Commissioners also agreed on the name change from Safety and Emergency Preparedness Week to Health and Safety Week.

Mottice-Muller stated there would be a Health and Safety Week discussion at each of the Health and Safety Commission's monthly meetings to prepare for this signature event.

2. FIRE SAFETY

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Staff Liaison, reported that Chair Aronberg and Commissioner Millan had requested a discussion on fire safety. Deputy Fire Chief Mark Embrey, Director Office of Emergency Management Pamela Mottice-Muller, and Environmental Utilities Manager Shana Epstein were all present to provide information and answer any questions the Commission had on this subject.

Shana Epstein explained the fire situation that recently occurred in Yorba Linda, California could happen in Beverly Hills. The City was broken up into several zones and she mentioned Zone 9 had only one point of feed instead of multiple feeds. Therefore, in case of an emergency, an agreement is in place with the City of Los Angeles to rectify this situation. Ms. Epstein also stated residents should always have a water supply ready at home and even suggested having portable fire hydrants.

Chair Aronberg asked what ways residents could fire protect their home and Chief Embrey responded residents should clear brush, have fire-resistant water-wise plants and to replace wood shingle roofs.

Commissioner Judelson asked where residents could find out where they should evacuate.

The following information was provided by Pamela Mottice-Muller:

- Beverly Hills Police Department is responsible for evacuations
- According to Chief Embrey, BHFD has Hillside Evacuation Plans are in place. A CD and brochure was sent to all residents above Sunset.
- Citizens can find out during an emergency evacuation plans from 1500 AM on the radio, City website, Police patrols, helicopters, and by being called by the City Notification System.
- All schools and Recreation and Parks facilities can be used as shelters. Recreation and Parks facilities will be used first when school is in session.
- During and after an emergency, citizens can call the Disaster Hotline at (310) 550-4680 for up to date information.

Chair Aronberg then asked if fire safety was a part of Neighborhood Watch and Pamela Mottice-Muller stated that topics for the future Neighborhood Watch meetings would be discussed at the next Health and Safety Commission meeting. Commissioner Landau commended the City of Beverly Hills Fire and Public Works Departments in the recent November citywide Shakeout Disaster Exercise for working closely together.

3. CITY COUNCIL REPORT ON HEALTH & SAFETY COMMISSION

Pamela Mottice-Muller, Staff Liaison, announced the meeting to discuss the Commission's mission, motto, vision, goals, objectives, and work plan items would be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. This meeting would include City Council Liaisons Mayor Barry Brucker and Councilmember Jimmy Delshad.

4. FUTURE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION DATES 2009

Adrienne Tarazon, Staff Liaison, provided a memo listing of all Health and Safety Commission meeting dates for 2009. Meetings that fell on a holiday would occur the Monday before that date. The Commission also agreed to tentatively move the December 28, 2009 meeting to December 14, 2009.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Judelson announced the January CPR Family Night would be tentatively rescheduled to the third Sunday in June 2009.

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

Commissioner Landau requested the January 2009 parking stickers be provided for Commissioners' vehicles.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Aronberg, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
January 8, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 280-B at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, H. Fisher, J. Stabler, S. Weinglass
Absent: None.
Guests Mr.
Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Commission Priorities 2009

Ms. Epstein outlined for the Commission the following list of key issues she thought would interest the Commission:

February 2009

Commercial Solid Waste Contract Renewal
Quarterly Capital Improvement Project Update

March 2009

Stormwater Fee
Update on the Water Meter Replacement Project

April 2009

Declaration of Emergency Water Conservation Stage
Earth Day

May 2009

Operating and Capital Budget
Pavement Maintenance Program

June 2009

Outreach Materials to Compliment Water Conservation Stage approved

Ms. Epstein stated that these are only suggestions and that staff would like to hear Commissioner's suggestions/comments as well.

Commissioner Weinglass shared newspaper articles on Stormwater runoff and recharging of runoff water.

Ms. Epstein noted that on the subject of the Water Meter Replacement Project, there has been a delay in billing as there have been non-reads in the system but field staff is manually reading the meters. Ms. Epstein stated that a new billing design is in the future and that staff will share the design with the Commission when it is ready.

Ms. Epstein also stated that the Sustainability Master Plan will be presented to City Council on February 3, 2009.

Commissioner Weinglass asked about Earthquake preparedness. Ms. Epstein replied that falls under the purview of the Health and Safety Commission headed by Pamela Mottice-Muller, Director of Emergency Management.

The Commission and staff spoke about street pollution, restricted parking on major thoroughfares and increasing the cost of curb parking to ease congestion. Ms. Epstein stated that the Commission could make a recommendation on these items to the Green Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Gustavson added that the author of the Rand Study will be speaking at the Montage Hotel in February.

Commissioner Weinglass asked if there was a ban on using plastic shopping bags. Ms. Epstein replied that preliminary research has been done and a further discussion will be scheduled later with the Commission.

Water Supply Update

Ms. Epstein gave the Commission an oral presentation on the water supply as she wanted the Commission to understand the different parameters. Ms. Epstein stated the State Water Project has said the water year coming up will be at 15% allocation. If this is accurate, MWD has stated that there will be a 20% allocation reduction from them. Ms. Epstein stated that based on this information, the City would ask for 20% water conservation. Ms. Epstein also stated that staff expects the final announcement in April. Ms. Epstein noted that a 21% rate increase is expected from MWD in 2010.

Ms. Epstein stated that the City has purchased the Water Treatment Plant and that they are running three wells which is very important during allocations and will help to avoid fines. Ms. Epstein also stated that since a Stage A was called, the City did well in the summer months conserving 6%; however, conservation was down in October.

Staff and Commission also discussed shallow groundwater regulations, dewatering as well as construction dewatering.

Distribution of Upcoming Outreach Information

Ms. Epstein gave the Commission a Community Outreach update. This included articles of interest such as recycling of Christmas trees and E-waste of converter boxes for analog televisions.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 18, 2008.

MOVED by: Commissioner Stabler and SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 18, 2008.

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Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Shooshani

Noes: None.

CARRIED

Report from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Chair Foldvary stated that there was no Mayor's Cabinet meeting held in December.

The next Public Works Commission meeting will be held on February 12, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I