

Hillside Federation Newsletter March 2018



LA City Council Adopts Party House Ordinance

After years of advocacy by impacted community members and with the strong support of several hillside neighborhood councils, on February 21, 2018 the LA City Council adopted an ordinance to regulate party houses. Excerpts from Councilmember Ryu's press release are provided on the following page. The ordinance includes escalating fines, ranging from \$100 for a first offense to as much as \$8,000 per offense for repeat violations.

Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin, the Hollywood Area prosecutor in the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, will join us this month to discuss the details of the party ordinance, including its enforcement.

In addition, Ryan Allen, Director of Environmental Programs at the Los Angeles Beautification Team, joins us to discuss his work, and Tori Kjer of the Trust for Public Land will present information on Prop 68, the Clean Water & Safe Park Act, a ballot proposition to implement SB 5, a multi-billion dollar bond measure to expand parks and fund environmental protection and water infrastructure and flood protection projects.

We hope you will join us!

Agenda March 7, 2018 7:00 pm

Pinz Bowling Center, 2nd Floor
12655 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

I. Call to Order

Guests:

Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin
LA Party House Ordinance

Ryan Allen – LA Beautification Team

Tori Kjer, Trust for Public Land
Prop 68 Clean Water & Safe Park Act

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims
Nominating Committee

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

IV. Old Business

Accessory Dwelling Units – Charley Mims

IV. New Business

2251 Nichols Canyon Road – Julie Kremkus

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting
April 4, 2018
7:00 p.m.

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Hillside Federation mission: *To protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.*

Press Release from Councilmember David Ryu regarding approval of a Party House Ordinance

The Los Angeles City Council unanimously adopted a Party House ordinance on February 21, 2018. Following are excerpts from Councilmember David Ryu's press release the same day:

City Council today unanimously approved an ordinance to reign in out-of-control party houses in Los Angeles. The ordinance, which began as a motion introduced by Councilmember Ryu on June 10, 2016, creates a series of escalating fines against party hosts and homeowners who either host or rent out their homes for massive gatherings that disturb neighbors, block the public right of way, and threaten public safety.

"Today, we are putting public safety first and party houses on notice" Councilmember Ryu said.

"The problem of residential homes being used as de facto nightclubs has been growing for years. It's not just a nuisance in otherwise quiet neighborhoods - it is a real danger."

The ordinance, which passed Planning and Land Use Management Committee on February 6 and Public Safety Committee on January 24, includes increasing fines up to \$8,000. The ordinance also requires those who violate the ordinance to leave undisturbed a posted public notice for 30 days notifying neighbors of their unlawful conduct.

Upcoming Hillside Federation Meeting Dates

April 4
May 2
June 6
July 18

The ordinance, which was supported by the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council, Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Northridge East Neighborhood Council, Valley Village Neighborhood Council and other community organizations, penalizes both party hosts and homeowners, which is meant to dissuade property owners from renting out their homes to professional party-throwers and reduce the likelihood of future violations, freeing up law enforcement personnel for other purposes.

The entire press release is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybxadmr4>. The ordinance is available for review at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybnjyqv8>.

Hillside Federation February 7, 2018 Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Our guest from the Trust for Public Land is sick and will be rescheduled for next month.

Guest: Jill Stewart, Coalition to Preserve LA Population Growth and Mapping Tools

The City is off on some of the population numbers used for the community plans. The SCAG numbers are always high. There is fast growth in some places and slower than predicted growth in other places. According to the US Census, the growth rate is slowing significantly as millennials leave and birth rates drop. The Coalition will be hiring an expert to study the figures. Second source is the US Census American Community Survey, Mid-Decade Re-evaluation. When an area grows the city is not keeping track and not updating the community plans to reflect this growth.

SB 743 Transit Priority Area, exempts developers in Transit Priority Areas (land within half mile of major bus or rail stops. In LA that is practically everywhere). The Coalition to Preserve Los Angeles developed a mapping tool which is explained and linked here: <https://tinyurl.com/>

[y7yu2285](#).

SB 827 Developers can have a building without parking, removes maximum building heights if project is within 1/2 mile of transit. It would override the Ventura Blvd. Specific Plan.

Guest: Walt Young – MRCA

Enhanced Fire & Safety Services

Many of the things Walt Young mentioned previously have been put into effect: 24 hr. patrol during Red Flag and 24 hr. patrol along Mulholland. The MRCA is beta testing remote cameras mounted on poles in Wilacre Park in Studio City. The camera feed goes directly to the MRCA and to LAPD. Camera locations have been identified and they hope to have more installed in the next few months. Now, for the first time ever, during Red Flag warnings an Arson Watch individual is paired with a Ranger so they can patrol and educate together.

The Ranger Services Number (310) 456-7049. Rangers are out until 1:00am, 7 days a week.

II. Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

Update on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (ADU): they are going to take another look at Accessory Dwelling Units further to determine whether hillside areas are appropriate for ADUs near transit.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres.

Eighteen members have renewed so far. Another reminder will go out soon.

V. New Business*

B. Banning Density Bonuses in Very High Fire Hazard Severity zones – Wendy-Sue Rosen

Wendy-Sue Rosen asks why the City is not exempting the City's High Fire Hazard Severity Zones from density increasing measures. If we do not start pressuring the political folks that the hillsides are important and need to be protected we are going to be in for a lot of trouble.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Hillside Federation adopt as a matter of policy the following: Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Low Density and/or Residentially zoned, Scenic Corridors (like Mulholland Drive and Sunset Blvd.) be exempted from Density

Ordinances (like ADUs, Air B&B, and SB 827 (Wiener) (Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus), which seeks to automatically increase zoning densities and building heights around transit corridors and transit stops). The motion passed as amended.

IV. Old Business*

B. Mulholland Corridor Traffic Study – Mark Stratton

The Mulholland Institutional Corridor needs a traffic study of the area and we need to push the 3 council offices that are in the affected areas to make this happen and have a moratorium on building in the area until this traffic study is completed. Efforts to obtain this long overdue study are being renewed in light of continuing piecemeal growth on the institutional corridor; new traffic configurations arising from the use of WAZE; and the Sherman Oaks traffic mitigation plan currently being implemented by LADOT, an effort which will only shift the problem from one Mulholland-adjacent residential neighborhood to another.

MOTION: Mark Stratton moved that the Hillside Federation request a Comprehensive Traffic Study on Mulholland Institutional Corridor from Woodcliff to Calneva, as well as Sepulveda from Valley Vista to the Getty Center, and that no new projects be approved in this area until this traffic study is completed. Motion Amended, Motion carried.

V. New Business*

A. Museum in Residential Areas – Mary Margaret Robinson

The MAK Center facility in the R.M. Schindler-designed residence at 8078 Woodrow Wilson Dr. has been holding large parties with

Bringing an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a Request for Action form (available at www.hillsidefederation.org) and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

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BEL AIR ASSOCIATION**

lots of parking and many issues. A good neighbor policy requiring only small events was to be upheld. Per CD 4 planning deputy, Julia Duncan, they are supposed to be shut down until they obtain proper permits. They may get a CUP. Wendy will assist her.

IV. Old Business*

A. Berggruen Institute – Wendy-Sue Rosen
Wendy thanked Charley for moderating the community forum last month attended by more than 500 community members. The project would build multiple large buildings on 425 acres of protected open space with dedicated public trails. It is very important that we fight this project in the hope of preserving the legally protected natural habitat within this proposed development.

Announcements

The Federation celebrated Don Keller’s 88th birthday with a cake.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Stephen Benson,
Recording Secretary

*Items marked * were taken out of agenda order.*

Members Present:

Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining

Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills HOA	Thomas Howard
Brentwood Res Coal	Don Keller
	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back All.	Tom Freeman
	Lois Becker
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res	Charley Mims
Kagel Canyon Civic	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn	Jamie Hall
	Anne Alexander
Los Feliz Impvnt Assn	Marian Dodge
Mt Olympus POA	Joe Custer
Nichols Cyn Neigh	Julie Kremkus
Oak Forest Cyn Assn	Bruce Hollihan
Res of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Cyn!	Suellen Wagner
Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res Assn	Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

Guests Present:

MRCA	Walt Young
CD 4	Alice Roth
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Nichols Cny Neigh	Fabian Kremkus
Coal to Preserve LA	Jill Stewart
	Ileana Wachtel
CLAW	Tony Tucci
	Andrew Lasken
	Cassandra Chowdhury
Bel-Air Assn.	Maureen Levinson
Laurel Canyon	Mary Margaret Robinson

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