

# Hillside Federation Newsletter October 2018



## Mission Canyon Park Discussion

The Hillside Federation will continue consideration of the Mission Canyon Park proposal, a joint project of Los Angeles County and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. Comments on the park's Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) are due at the end of October. A project overview, MND, and other project documents, are all available online at:

<https://www.missioncanyonpark.com>. It is recommended that Federation members review the project documents before this month's meeting.)

Joining us from County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office will be West/Metro LA Senior Field Deputy Fernando Morales.



See <https://supervisorkuehl.com/project/fernando-morales/>.

In addition, we will have further discussion on the Hollywood Center Project (known to some as Millennium II), and updates on the status of the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance and Bellagio Road tree removal proposal at the Bel Air Country Club.

We hope you will join us.

## Agenda

**October 3, 2018  
7:00 pm**

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

### I. Call to Order

Introduction of Members

Guest: Fernando Morales – Supervisor  
Sheila Kuehl's office

### II. Approval of minutes

### III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

### IV. Old Business

A. Hollywood Center Project (Millennium)

B. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) – Charley Mims

C. Mission Canyon Park – Mark Stratton

D. Bellagio Rd. Tree Removal – Linda Whitford

### IV. New Business

### VI. Adjournment

*Next meeting*  
November 7, 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.*

**Hillside Federation  
September 5, 2018  
Draft Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of minutes**

The June minutes were approved as corrected.

**III. Officers' Reports**

**A. President's Report – Charley Mims**

Marian announced that the Home Sharing Ordinance is going to the CPC 9/13/18.

The Brentwood Community Council will have a community discussion of the Mission Canyon Park Project 9/26/18, 6:30 pm at the Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.

**B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres**

The Holiday Party will be December 13. All are encouraged to attend. [See flyer, last page.]

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance – Charley Mims**

The ADU Ordinance needs to clear the City Planning Commission first. Then it will go to PLUM and to City Council. Charley asked people to call and write to their councilmember and request a Hillside ban. Cite the impact on traffic as well as on wildlife corridors. Steve Twining advises trying to restrict the rental to a relative by adding a condition but it is difficult to enforce.

**B. Mission Canyon Park – Charley Mims**

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was released in August. The comment period has been extended to October. The 500+ acre landfill site was promised as a passive park in 1972. Leeching was not mentioned in the MND. Nearest residential neighbors (HF members Bel Air Skycrest, Bel Air Knolls, as well as Mountaingate and Bel Air Crest) are concerned about secondary access and the parking lot proposed for Mulholland, fearing increased traffic on the

**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](http://www.hillsidefederation.org)) and send it to [RFA@hillsidefederation.org](mailto: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.

western portion of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway where residents and numerous institutions are located. Locals are concerned that the MND has inadequately addressed traffic, circulation, fire, and other safety concerns. Mike Leslie cited the need for meaningful mitigation for the residents.

Mark recommended all members read the MND to better understand the project and its potentially significant impacts before HF takes a position on the project.

**C. Bellagio Rd. Tree removal – Linda Whitford**

The Bel Air Country Club renovation is impacting 267 trees with the removal of 62 non-protected and 23 protected trees. The Public Works hearing is scheduled for September 21 but has been continued several times. A Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) disease specialist was consulted for his expert opinion. Diseased trees do not need to be removed; they can be treated.

Linda recently found out that all the trees have already been cut down. She is requesting a letter to the Board of Public Works regarding the tree removal prior to a permit being issued. The club claimed the trees were planted by human hands and therefore not protected. Gerry Hans described a similar situation in the Oaks where the illegal tree removal resulted in a criminal indictment; building permits were withheld for ten years.

Charley formed an ad hoc committee to develop a proposal to address tree removal related issues: John Given, Jamie Hall, Gerry Hans,

Linda Whitford.

**V. New Business**

**A. Tree Removal Notification**

In John Given's absence Marian read his comments. Neighborhood Councils are being added to the notice group for tree removal only three days prior to the planned removal. John would like 30-day or 45-day notice so that neighborhood councils have time to participate. He recommends that HOAs and other interested parties should also be able to receive the notifications.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Benson, Secretary

The next meeting will be October 3, 2018.

**Members in Attendance:**

Beachwood Can NA	Isabelle Megginson
Bel-Air Assn	Linda Whitford
Bel Air Hills Assn	Steve Twining Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Knolls POA	Mike Antin
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton Barbara Dohrmann

Benedict Cyn Assn	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Hills HOA	Mike Leslie
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Laurel Cyn Assn	Jamie Hall
Los Feliz Imprvmt Assn	Marian Dodge
Nichols Cyn NA	Julie Kremkus
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Resid of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Studio City Resid Assn	Claudia Freedle

**Guests:**

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Nichols Canyon NA	Fabian Kremkus
Benedict Can Assn	Larry Miner
Bel Air Crest BABCNC	Irene Sandler
Brentwood Com Council	Teri Kahn Mr. Kahn

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