

Hillside Federation Newsletter June 2019



Los Angeles Developer Lobbying Ordinance Moves Forward

On May 22, 2019, the LA City Council approved a motion calling for an ordinance restricting developer contributions to elected officials. Motion amendments require project applicants and property owners to be similarly restricted, removes square footage minimums, add penalty provisions to the ordinance, and delay the ordinance effective date until after the 2020 elections. In addition, behested payments (nonprofit donations made at the behest of city officials) will not be included, but will be handled separately. The Federation supported the original motion and will continue to monitor and report back.

Assemblymember Laura Friedman (AD43) recently held a fire safety event. A helpful flyer distributed at the event is on the last page of this newsletter (the complete flyer is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y4lmf2jm>). A brief video is available at ASM Friedman's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yxfudgjc>.

Join us this month for updates on AB 1788, a state law to ban certain anticoagulant rodenticides and limit application of other rodenticides on state-owned land, and on the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance. In addition, we will hear about the current status of the Helicopter Complaint System, and a proposed aerial tram to the Hollywood Sign.

We hope you will join us!

Agenda June 18, 2019 7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City
12355 Moorpark Street, Studio City

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

IV. Old Business

A. AB 1788 (rodenticide ban update) – Gerry Hans

B. ADU Ordinance – Charley Mims

IV. New Business

A. Helicopter Complaint System – Gerry Hans

B. Griffith Park (Hollywood Sign) Aerial Tram – Alex Soubiran

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting: July 16, 2019, 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
May 21, 2019
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Fernando Morales—Sup. Kuehl’s office
Contact: phone (310) 231-1170
email: fmorales@bos.lacounty.gov

Some updates to Measure H. Impact of Homeless Housing initiative – 45,000 is their target. Many people have been placed in transitional/interim or permanent housing. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Guest: Jeanne O’Donnell—County Office of Emergency Management
Regional Emergency Plans
Contact: jodonnell@ceooem.lacounty.gov

LA County is over 4,000 square miles with 88 cities. Santa Monica Mountains area has had very bad conditions over the last several years. Wind driven fires, high wind, high fire severity zones. The County set up the Emergency Response Center and teams. Hillside and canyon communities are especially vulnerable in fire and disaster situations. Jeanne stressed the importance of forming neighborhood networks.

The North Topanga Fire Council identifies homeowner vulnerability areas. First thing is evacuation routes. Contact them before a disaster strikes. Preparation is the most important

LA County Fire Department Priorities:

1. Life
2. Property
3. Environment

That’s why when they say “evacuate,” evacuate promptly so they can use their resources to save your house.

Jeanne distributed copies of the LA County Emergency Survival Guide which is available online at: <http://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/emergency-survival-guide/>.

II. Approval of minutes

The April minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report - Charley Mims

Installation of Officers—Chair Emeritus Patricia Bell Hearst created and read the oath of office for the officers.

Policy for approval of speakers—Charley Mims

Normally an officer will speak for the Federation. If an officer is not available, the president will ask someone else to speak on behalf of the Federation. It is more effective to have numerous individuals speak for themselves or on behalf of their own neighborhood HOAs or other organizations (if they are authorized to do so), rather than having everyone say they represent the Hillside Federation. More individual involvement along with Federation support through letters and officially authorized speaker shows the wider involvement of the community.

If you wish to speak on behalf of the Federation on some issue, you must talk to Charley first. Charley’s cell is (213)479-9176.

MOTION: At hearings, meetings, etc., only the President or someone formally authorized by the President may speak for the Hillside Federation.

The motion passed.

B. Treasurer’s Report—Don Andres

Don presented the April financial report.

MOTION: To accept and file the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

Guest: Ali Simard—Councilmember Paul Koretz’s office (CD5)

The city budget will likely include funding for the first year of the Wildlife Pilot Study. A City Council resolution to support AB 1788, the rodenticide ban bill, is waiting to be placed on the agenda.

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.

Ali presented city proclamations to each officer signed by Councilmember Koretz.

IV. Old Business

A. SB 50 update—Charley Mims

Steve Twining cautioned that SB 50 is *not* over yet; it is only suspended. We must stay diligent and be more organized about opposing the bill.

Issues that must be addressed are lack of infrastructure, lack of water, and public safety such as egress in event of an emergency.

B. Protected Tree Ordinance update—John Given

Council File 13-1339. The revised ordinance will add elderberry and Toyon to the protected tree ordinance. Certain size limits or specifics have been worked out.

V. New Business

A. Succession Planning—Charley Mims

The Federation must encourage more new/younger members to get involved. If you are planning to step down in your organization, you need to try to find a replacement ahead of time.

Suggestions: We need to self-promote; come up with Hillside Federation list of accomplishments, post on the website; create email list of possible candidates, post on Next Door, etc. The more angles, the better.

Announcements:

Chair Emeritus Jerry Daniels is doing well, back home recovering from cancer treatments.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.
The next meeting is June 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Benson, Secretary

Members in Attendance:

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| Argyll Civic Assn | Stephen Krawchuk |
| Bel Air Hills Assn | Robin Greenberg |
| | Steve Twining |
| Bel Air Skycrest POA | Mark Stratton |
| Brentwood Hills HOA | John Given |
| Cahuenga Pass POA | Steven Kates |
| | Krista Michaels |
| Canyon Back Alliance | Lois Becker |
| Doheny-Sunset Plaza | Ellen Evans |
| Franklin/Hlwd Bl West | Don Andres |
| | Yvonne Hessler |
| Franklin Hills Res Assn | Charley Mims |
| Kagel Cyn Civic Assn | Kit Paull |
| Laurel Canyon Assn | Cathy Wayne |
| LFIA | Marian Dodge |
| Nichols Canyon NA | Julie Kremkus |
| Oaks HOA | Gerry Hans |
| Res of Beverly Glen | Stephen Benson |
| Upper Nichols Cyn | Joan Cashel |

GUESTS:

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| County Sup. Kuehl | Fernando Morales |
| County Office of Emergency Management | Jeanne O'Donnell |
| | Ali Simard |
| CD 5 Koretz | Patricia Bell Hearst |
| Chair Emeritus | Fabian Kremkus |
| Nichols Canyon NA | |

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. P.O. Box 27404 Los Angeles, CA 90027 president@hillsidefederation.org www.hillsidefederation.org	ORGANIZATIONS		
	Argyle Civic Assn. Beachwood Canyon Bel Air Association Bel-Air Hills Association Bel Air Knolls Property Owners Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Benedict Canyon Association Brentwood Hills Homeowners Brentwood Residents Coalition Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Canyon Back Alliance Crests Neighborhood Assn. Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. W. Franklin Hills Residents Assn. Highlands Owners Assn. Hollywood Dell Civic Assn. Hollywood Heights Assn.	Holmby Hills HOA Kagel Canyon Civic Assn. Lake Hollywood HOA Laurel Canyon Assn. LFIA (Los Feliz) Mt. Olympus Property Owners Mt. Washington Homeowners Nichols Canyon Assn. N. Beverly Dr/Franklin Canyon Oak Forest Canyon Assn. Oaks Homeowners Assn. Outpost Estates Homeowners Residents of Beverly Glen Save Coldwater Canyon! Shadow Hills Property Owners Sherman Oaks HOA Silver Lake Heritage Trust Studio City Residents Assn.	Sunset Hills HOA Tarzana Property Owners Assn. Torreyson Flynn Assn. Upper Mandeville Canyon Upper Nichols Canyon Whitley Heights Civic Assn.
PRESIDENT Charley Mims			CHAIRPERSONS EMERITUS Shirley Cohen Jerome C. Daniel Patricia Bell Hearst Alan Kishbaugh Steve Twining
CHAIRMAN Marian Dodge			CHAIRPERSONS IN MEMORIAM Brian Moore Gordon Murley Polly Ward
VICE PRESIDENTS Mark Stratton John Given			
TREASURER Don Andres			
SECRETARY Stephen Benson			



Hillside Federation Executive Committee members were installed by Chair Emeritus Patricia Bell Hearst in May. L to R: Stephen Benson, Mark Stratton, John Given, Charley Mims, Marian Dodge, Don Andres, Patricia Bell Hearst.

Ember Awareness Checklist

- 1 Wood Roof**
Replace wood shake and shingle roofs with fire-resistant types such as composition, metal and tile.
- 2 Roof Openings**
Plug openings in roof coverings, such as the open ends of barrel tiles, with non-combustible materials.
- 3 Roof Debris**
Routinely remove plant debris, such as pine needles, leaves, branches and bark, from the roof.
- 4 Skylights**
Replace plastic skylights with types constructed of double-pane glass. One of the panes should be tempered glass. Close skylights if wildfire is threatening.
- 5 Spark Arrester**
Install an approved spark arrester on chimneys.
- 6 Windows**
Replace single-pane, non-tempered glass windows with multiple-pane, tempered-glass types. Close all windows if wildfire is threatening.
- 7 Vents**
Cover attic, eave and foundation vents with 1/8-inch wire mesh or install new vent types designed to prevent ember entry. If wildfire is threatening, consider covering vent openings with pre-cut plywood or aluminum foil folded several layers thick and stapled.
- 8 Rain Gutters**
Keep rain gutters free of plant debris during fire season. Consider using rain gutter covers to reduce maintenance.
- 9 Siding**
Fill gaps in siding and trim materials with a good quality caulk and replace poor condition building materials.
- 10 Woodpiles**
Move firewood stacks and scrap lumber piles at least 30 feet from the house or other buildings.
- 11 Patio Furniture**
Place combustible patio furniture, such as lounges, tables and hammocks, inside the house or garage if wildfire is threatening.
- 12 Deck Boards**
Replace deck boards that are less than one inch thick or that are in poor condition with thicker, good condition boards. Use metal flashing between the deck and the house.
- 13 Deck Debris**
Remove plant debris from the gaps between deck boards, the gap between the deck and house, and lying on top of the deck.
- 14 Porch and Deck Accessories**
If wildfire is threatening, remove combustible materials from the porch and deck including newspapers, wicker baskets, door mats, pine cones and dried flower arrangements, and place BBQ propane tanks indoors.
- 15 Under the Deck**
Remove plant debris, wood piles and other easily ignited materials from under decks. Consider enclosing the open sides of the deck with siding materials that are properly vented or 1/8-inch wire mesh to reduce maintenance and deter ember entry. Do not use wooden lattice to enclose decks.
- 16 Flowerboxes**
Remove wooden flowerboxes from beneath windows if wildfire is threatening.
- 17 Eaves**
Cover open eaves with sheathing, such as plywood or fiber-cement board. Use tongue and groove joints or other intricate joint types and don't use butt joints.
- 18 Flowerbeds**
Replace wood mulches with noncombustible types and remove plant debris, including dried grass and flowers, dead leaves and dead branches from flowerbeds next to the house, other buildings and next to wooden fences. Replace ornamental junipers with low-growing deciduous shrubs or flowers under irrigation.
- 19 Vehicles**
Close vehicle windows. Back into the garage and close the garage door or park away from the house.
- 20 Garage Door**
Adjust garage doors to achieve as tight a fit as possible with the door frame. Consider using trim around the garage door opening to reduce the size of gap openings. Close the garage door if wildfire is threatening.
- 21 Garbage Cans and Recycling Bins**
Use garbage cans covered with tight fitting lids near the house or other buildings. Move newspaper recycling bins indoors.
- 22 Wooden Fences**
Maintain wooden fences in good condition and create a noncombustible fence section or gate next to the house for at least five feet.



This house was ignited by burning embers landing on vulnerable spots. Notice the adjacent forest is not burning.

The above "ember checklist" from the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y4lmf2jm>.