

# Hillside Federation Newsletter October 2019



## **Governor Newsom Signs SB 330; SB 592 Delayed Until 2020**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed the controversial SB 330 (Skinner) into law on October 9, after the bill easily passed through California's legislature (house approved 67-8; senate 30-4). SB 330 is intended to facilitate new housing by reducing approval processing times, reducing fees, and barring local governments from limiting home building.

SB 330 received widespread opposition from local governments (including LA) and community groups who argue it improperly removes local control over zoning and land use decisions. The Los Angeles Conservancy wrote SB 330 is "blunt, one-size-fits-all legislation [that] would limit a community's ability to deny or consider other factors. Instead, it overrides local planning and existing community plans in order to facilitate the construction of four-to-five-story—or higher—residential projects in areas currently limited to single-family development."

Another controversial bill, SB 592, a gut and amend replacement for SB 50 that would also largely override local zoning and community planning for residential projects, was held up when it failed to pass out of the Assembly Rules Committee.

This month we will receive updates on several projects as well as hear from Supervisor Kuehl's representative, Fernando Morales. We hope you will join us!

### **Agenda**

**October 15, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

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

#### **I. Call to Order**

**Guest: Sr. Field Deputy Fernando Morales  
County Supervisor Dist. 3 (Kuehl)**

#### **II. Approval of minutes**

#### **III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres  
Holiday Party

#### **IV. Old Business**

A. Weddington Golf Course – Chip Meehan

B. 3003 Runyon Cyn. Rd. – Don Andres,  
Joan Cashel

#### **IV. New Business**

A. 11472 Laurelcrest Drive – Diana Zogran

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Next meeting: November 19, 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**  
**September 17, 2019**  
**Draft Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guest: Walt Young, MRCA Deputy Executive Officer** (MRCA phone: 310-456-7049)

1. Brush clearance has been done.
2. Homelessness has been combatted in the parkland fairly heavily
3. Arson Watch with Rangers and the Citizens Emergency Mobile Patrol (CEMP) volunteers have been added this year with the hope that they will be instrumental in helping keep the area safe. They assist with search and rescue and red flag days with the additional patrols in blue trucks.

**Presentation: 3003 Runyon Canyon Rd. —**

Manny Valencia (property owner),  
Nicole Kuklok-Waldman and Katherine Hennigan (ColLABorate [land use consultants])

The DEIR has been released and the comment period runs through October 7. Nicole described the proposed Runyon Canyon Park project, which would require numerous exemptions (variances) from the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan. Including the basement, the house would be 13,000 square feet and requires cut and fill of 14,000 cubic yards of earth.

**V. New Business** (*taken out of order*)

**A. 3003 Runyon Canyon — Joan Cashel**

Runyon Canyon is in the backyard of many people in Nichols Canyon and the Park cannot speak for itself. Several previous proposals for this site inside Runyon Canyon Park have correctly been denied. This project is out of scale and does not comply with the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan.

**MOTION:** Joan Cashel moved that the Hillside Federation support the motion submitted by HHWNC's PLUM and Parks and Open Space Committees opposing this project in any form as it is inappropriate for the site under the

Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan and the Mulholland Design and Preservation Guidelines. The motion passed.

**II. Approval of minutes**

The July minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers' Reports**

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

Recap of the newsletter and some other current events. PLUM is trying to make the Sign Ordinance (CF 11-1705) more favorable to the sign industry. Members are encouraged to write to their council members in support of the City Planning Commission's version B+.

Members are also encouraged to send messages to Gov. Newsom asking him to veto SB 330.

**B. Treasurer's Report—Don Andres**

The Holiday Party is confirmed for December 12 at the Mulholland Tennis Club.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. AB 1788 rodenticide ban update — Marian Dodge**

Assemblymember Richard Bloom has changed the bill from a 1-year bill to a 2-year bill so it can have a better chance to pass next year.

**B. Protected Tree Ordinance update — Linda Whitford**

Adding elderberry and toyon to the Protected Tree Ordinance will be voted on soon. Many folks went or provided comments supporting adding the trees; however the item was continued at the last minute. It will go to the Gang Reduction Committee and then to PLUM.

**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.

## V. New Business (continued)

### B. Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association membership

There was a discussion regarding what kind of organization Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association (MOSMA) actually is. The consensus of the attendees was that we needed more information about their organization prior to considering HF Membership.

### **Announcements**

Stephen Benson announced he will be stepping down at the end of the year from his post as the HF rep for Residents of Beverly Glen and in turn will be stepping down as Secretary from HF, "Thank you to everyone for everything I have learned and for all the knowledge that has been shared with me throughout my time with the Hillside Federation."

Heidi Mackay announced that the next meeting of the Burbank Airport task force is October 17.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Next meeting October 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Benson  
Secretary

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bel-Air Assn	Linda Whitford
Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
SteveTwining	
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Benedict Canyon Assn	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Res Coal	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlwd Bl W	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res Assn.	Charley Mims
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn.	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Cathy Wayne
	Jamie Hall
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Dennis Chew
	Marian Dodge
	Amy Gustincic
Nichols Cyn NA	Julie Kremkus
Res of Bev Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi Mackay
Studio City Res Assn	Joann Deutch
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

## GUESTS:

MRCA	Walt Young
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Nichols Cyn NA	Fabian Kremkus
3003 Runyon Cyn	Manny Valencia
CoLABorate	Nicole Kuklok-Waldman
	Katherine Hennigan

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