

Hillside Federation Newsletter May 2020



Hollywood Center Project Looms



from Stop the Millennium

Even though the Mayor has put the City on lock-down, the Planning Department does not consider that COVID-19 an extenuating circumstance to the 45-day comment period. Planning is moving ahead with closing the comment period on June, 1 at 4:00 PM.

But even before the courts had finished shutting down the prior project, developer Millennium Partners (which is responsible for the Leaning Tower of San Francisco disaster) had released its newest version of this monster project, now named *The Hollywood Center*. The Draft EIR was released on April 16 to the public during the COVID-19 lock-down. The City Planning Dept. insists it stick to a minimal 45-day comment period. As stated in a letter by The Silverstein Law Firm, and as part of the public record:

- Agenda**
May 19, 2020
7:00 pm
- VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
- I. Call to Order**
 - Installation of Officers - David Ryu**
 - II. Approval of minutes - Julie Kremkus**
 - III. Officers' Reports**
 - A. President's Report - Charley Mims
 - B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres
 - IV. Old Business**
 - A. Hollywood Center (AKA Millennium project)
 - B. Burbank flight path update - Suellen Wagner
 - C. Wildlife Pilot Study
 - D. 8144 8148 Gould - Jamie Hall
 - V. New Business**
 - VI. Adjournment**
- Next meeting: June 16, 2020

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.*

While Mayor Garcetti announces that “LA is ‘under attack’ and will need to furlough thousands of city workers” (LA Times, April 19, 2020), the public is doubly under attack by a process so transparently designed to harm community members and groups under attack not only by COVID-19, but by a cynical DEIR comment process meant to elevate the interests of a developer over the rights of the public that City officials were elected to serve.

During this lock-down:

- Libraries where hard copies of the DEIR have been distributed for viewing are closed due to City mandate.
- Some people cannot drive. Taking public transit to view a copy downtown is not a choice for some, even if they could get into the building.
- Your choice, hoping that USPS will mail you a \$6.00 copy of the DEIR in time for you to read and comment.

Some of you receiving this email have already requested an extension. Thank you for doing so. If you have not, please write to Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org today to add your request to extend the comment period on the Hollywood Center Project DEIR.

If you can get your DEIR comments in by the window closing, please do so.

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.

Save these dates for Hillside Federation meetings

June 16, 2020

July 21

Holy Mother Nature, Batman! Griffith Park Gets Bigger Near The Batcave:



Friends of Griffith Park

That’s the catchy title of the LAist article on the purchase of two lots adjacent to the Bronson entrance to Griffith Park by a determined group of neighbors. Jason Greenwald and Gerry Hans spearheaded the drive to collect money for the purchase. The property, threatened with development, has been donated to the MRCA.

<https://laist.com/2020/05/14/griffith-park-bronson-batcave-expansion.php>

Tony Tucci congratulated all those who participated in the purchase:

Dear Fellow Open Space Lovers and Advocates:

Congratulations on this acquisition!!! This is such great news. Special kudos to Jason for having the courage and stamina to keep up this long effort and having faith that he could raise the money! He stuck his neck out to make this happen. And Team Ryu and Gerry with FOGP came forward with funds and support. And thank you to Paul with the Conservancy for taking ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

I love that we have a team of people committed to a common cause. This is how we succeed - when we work together.

Finally, realtor Heather Roy of Laurel Canyon helped coordinate and direct this open space acquisition! It gives me tremendous joy to know that the mission of Let's Buy a Mountain (which was always about encouraging others to do the same) continues to live on! Heather was part of the original LBAM acquisition team and is on the Laurel Canyon Land Trust Board of Directors.

AMAZING WORK!!!!!!



Web Site

The Hillside Federation web site is, www.hillsidefederation.org. One of the things we want to do is have live links to the web sites of all our member organizations. Please send us the link to your association's web site. In return, we ask that you post a link to the Hillside Federation web site on your web site.

You may also visit the web site for letters on positions taken by the Federation and past newsletters and minutes.

Hillside Federation Meeting

April 21, 2020 7:00 pm

Via video conference

Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Don Andres did a Zoom overview. All member's names were on screen so no introductions were needed.

II. Approval of minutes - Marian Dodge

The February 2020 Minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

1. Nominating Committee Report - Julie Kremkus, chair with Cathy Wayne and Dennis Chew. The following officers were nominated by the Nominating Committee for the 2020-21 year:

President - Charley Mims
Chairman - Marian Dodge
Vice President - John Given
Vice President - Mark Stratton
Secretary - Julie Kremkus
Treasurer - Don Andres

No additional nominations were received from the floor. Twenty-one organizations were represented making a quorum. The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and the Officers were elected.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

1. 42 of 44 organizations have already paid their dues. Two new: Dixie Canyon (2019) and Hollywoodland (2020).
2. Holiday party is on hold. Dec. 10th is secured at the Mulholland Tennis Club.

IV. Old Business

A. Hollywood Center (former Millennium Project) - Marian Dodge

ENV-2018-2116-EIR. Rejected in 2013. It's now renamed. Project site would be redeveloped with 1,005 residential units, comprised of 872 market-rate and 133 senior affordable units, and up to 30,176 square feet of commercial uses, within four new mixed-use buildings. Site is next to Capitol Records and the building will be dwarfed.

The East building is 46 stories, the West building is 35 stories, and then there are the two smaller buildings. It is located next to the 101 Hollywood Fwy. The DEIR was just released, and they have given us the minimum amount of time to review the project, 45 days.

MOTION: Request the Hollywood Center (former Millennium Project) - ENV-2018-2116-EIR public comment period be extended to 120 days past the ending of the Stay at Home orders. The motion passed.

V. New Business

- A. High speed train rail authority - Cindy Bloom
Extended comments to June 1. It is not a green project. The biggest issue is the costs. It is now \$90B. <https://hsr.ca.gov/>
- B. Earth Day Online Activities - Marian Dodge
 - 1. Friends of Griffith Park - <https://www.friendsofgriffithpark.org/>.
 - 2. NHM sponsoring a city nature challenge Apr 24-27 - <https://nhm.org/stories/earth-day-2020>
 - 3. LA Zoo has free shows online - https://www.lazoo.org/visit/showsandactivities/?gclid=Cj0KCQjws_r0BRCwARIsAMxfDRi9zsmiOrXiFWGkyecO2GIAAqYPIx_Ak_m6qIdrqJ9YuuhzdQqCxo0aAgP4EALw_wcB
 - 4. LA Times article about wildlife during COVID-19 - <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2020-04-21/wildlife-thrives-amid-coronavirus-lockdown>

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm. Next meeting via Zoom: on May 19, 2020.

Julie Kremkus - Secretary

Members in Attendance:

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| Argyle Civic Assn | Stephen Krawchuk |
| Bel-Air Assn | Linda Whitford |
| | Maureen Levinson |
| Bel Air Hills Assn | Robin Greenberg |
| | Steve Twining |
| Bel Air Skycrest POA | Mark Stratton |
| Brentwood Hills HOA | Carolyn LoBuglio |
| Brentwood Res Coal | Wendy-Sue Rosen |
| | Donald Keller |
| Cahuenga Pass POA | Krista Michaels |
| | Steven Kates |
| Canyon Back Alliance | John Given |
| | Lois Becker |
| Doheny-Sunset Plaza | Ellen Evans |
| Franklin/Hlywd Bl W | Don Andres |
| | Yvonne Hessler |
| Franklin Hills Res Assn | Charley Mims |
| Laurel Canyon Assn | Jamie Hall |
| | Cathy Wayne |
| LFIA (Los Feliz) | Dennis Chew |
| | Marian Dodge |
| Nichols Canyon NA | Julie Kremkus |
| Save Coldwater Canyon | Suellen Wagner |
| Shadow Hills POA | Cindy Bloom |
| Sherman Oaks HOA | Jay Weitzler |
| Studio City Res Assn | Joann Deutch |
| Upper Nichols Canyon | Stacy Sillins |

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