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AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Agenda - May 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm

via Video Conference

1. Call to Order
 1. Guest Series: Getting to Know Candidates
 1. Rick Caruso - Candidate, LA City Mayor
 2. Assemblymember Laura Friedman - Candidate, AD 44
 3. Greg Good - Candidate, Council District 11
 2. Guest: Wildlife Ordinance - Kat Superfisky, Conni Pallini
 3. CD 5 Update - Dylan Sittig, Ali Simard
 4. CD 4 Update - Mashaël Majid, Mehmet Berker
2. Approval of minutes – Robin Greenberg
3. Officers' Reports
 1. President's Report - Charley Mims
 2. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres
 1. HF 70th Report
4. Old Business
 1. Mount St. Mary's University Project - Jacqueline Bacal

2. Curtis/Mirman School Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen
 3. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum update - Don Andres
 4. SB 9 & 10 update - Jamie Hall
 5. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond
 6. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road – Don Andres, Joan Cashel
5. New Business
 6. Adjournment

Next meeting June 21, 2022

April 15, 2021 - Draft Minutes

NEWS

Hillside Federation's 70th Anniversary



From Don Andres
May 14, 2022

The Hillside Federation celebrated decades of hillside protection at the beautiful TreePeople facility on Saturday, May 7th with nearly 100 members, guests and elected official and staff. It was a great opportunity to socialize with our hillside partners as we honored three outstanding individuals with our **Jerome Daniel Hillside Protector Award** for their extensive contributions and tireless efforts to protect our environment and hillsides:

Senator Henry Stern = Environmental Leader

Joe Edmiston = Environmental Visionary

Paul Edelman = Environmental Protector

The Federation also honored our eight Chair Emeriti by planting a tree in each of their names at the Hillside Chair Emeriti Grove in an area to be designated: Alan Kishbaugh, Patricia Bell Hearst, Steve Twinning, Shirley Cohen, Jerry Daniel, Brian Moore, Gordon Murley and Polly Ward.

Read more about it [here](#)

Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance Announced



From City Planning
April 25, 2022

City Planning is pleased to announce the release of the [Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance](#) for public review and feedback. The Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance aims to promote wildlife habitat and connectivity within the Santa Monica Mountains between the 405 and 101 freeways, with the overall goal of maintaining essential habitat and wildlife corridors for animals and plants that are important to LA's urban ecosystem.

The revised ordinance incorporates community feedback gathered over the last several years, including public comment that was received after the initial release of the ordinance. Among changes in the revised ordinance, City Planning determined that the most holistic way to protect ridgelines is to address them within the Wildlife Ordinance, rather than creating an independent Ridgeline Ordinance. By consolidating ridgeline protection efforts into the Wildlife Ordinance, City Planning has incorporated ecological, biological, and environmental resource considerations and will be applying them uniformly across ridgelines within the Wildlife Ordinance District.

The Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance refines concepts developed in the previous draft (released in 2021) making the ordinance simpler and more straightforward to implement. The Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance includes updated regulations to minimize grading and disturbance to soil and

native vegetation, and offers simplified standards for fencing, lighting and setbacks, among other protections. Updated resource and ridgeline maps, as well as an address searchable [interactive map](#), are now also available.

The Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance is the product of extensive outreach and coordination with stakeholders, wildlife experts, and implementing Departments of the City of Los Angeles. The release of the revised draft will be followed by public hearings in the summer of 2022 and additional opportunities for public comment.

Please visit the project website planning4la.org/wildlife to view the Revised Draft Wildlife Ordinance, interactive maps, and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Learn more about the Wildlife Ordinance and [sign up](#) for updates or provide feedback by emailing OurLA2040@lacity.org.

Motions by Councilmember Nithya Raman

From Councilmember Nithya Raman
April 29, 2022

Wildlife Linkages

I introduced a [motion](#) to promote biodiversity and habitat preservation in our city, in partnership with many of my Council colleagues. My motion proposes the development of a Regionwide Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Plan encompassing LA County and Ventura County, connecting the Rim of the Valley to the LA River and Arroyo Seco and the Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains, and beyond. It asks the City to formally collaborate across departments, neighboring jurisdictions and with conservation organizations.

Why is this coordination all the more important now? We desperately need new housing in LA - people are moving farther and farther out of the City's borders because they cannot afford to live here, leading to a [significant decrease in our population](#). That means longer commutes, more time spent on the road, and a rise in air pollution, as well as hiring shortages that are crippling businesses and the public sector. We desperately need more housing in LA.

However, accommodating more people in Los Angeles simply does not have to come at the expense of our environment. We *can* and *must* build a system where plans for housing and plans for the environment work in tandem – it is fully possible.

Homesharing Motion

Our Homesharing Motion ([CF 14-1635-S10](#)), co-presented with CM Koretz was passed by Council last week. This motion is asking for a Report back from City Planning and other agencies on needed reforms for the Homesharing Ordinance. This motion owes so much to the work of DSPNA and BABCNC and our constituents who helped bring issues to our attention.

ABOUT THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

The Hillside Federation is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) organization *founded in 1952*. Our mission is 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.

Organizations

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon NA
Bel Air Association
Bel Air Hills Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest POA
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills HOA
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Bundy Canyon Association
Cahuenga Pass POA
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood
Dixie Canyon Association
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn
Highlands Owners Assn
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Heights Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills HOA
Kagel Canyon Civic

Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
LFIA (Los Feliz Improvement Association)
Mountaingate
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Nichols Canyon NA
Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners
Oaks Homeowners
Outpost Neighborhood Association
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn
Residents of Beverly Glen
Save Coldwater Canyon!
Save Our Canyon
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Silver Lake Heritage Trust
Studio City Residents Association
Sunset Hills Homeowners
Tarzana Property Owners
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Association

Bring 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](#) 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.

SUPPORT US

We're fighting to protect the Santa Monica Mountains, hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs and we can't do it without you. In order to do the important work we do, we rely entirely on support from people like you!



Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund

In honor of his great achievements, the Hillside Federation has established the Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund to provide resources to help maintain and improve the Jerry Daniel Overlook on Mulholland Drive above the Hollywood Bowl, as well as resources for other environmentally sensitive efforts in his memory.

Please support the Hillside Federation's mission and DONATE today!

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