

THE FEDERATION

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FEBRUARY 2007 **MINUTES**

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THE FEDERATION OF HILLSIDE AND CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, INC. (DRAFT) MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF February 7, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations met on February 7, 2007 at the Osula School, Studio City

There being a quorum present, **Chairman Steve Twining** called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

Minutes of January 3rd were approved. An attachment included Executive Board minutes of January 9th, and a Code of Conduct proposed at that time. There was a discussion of By-laws; those proposed in 2000 were never adopted.. A lengthy discussion followed regarding possible adoption of a Code of Conduct, and how and to whom it might be applied. It was suggested that the 1996 By-laws and Standing Rules currently in force have sufficient provisions to act in a case of misconduct, that a Code of Conduct would more appropriately be placed in Standing Rules, or that it would be a good faith issue.

It was moved by **Barbara Dohrmann, and seconded by Charlie Mimms: *If the Executive Committee wishes to consider changes to the By-laws, the Committee should follow the By-laws by appointing a By-laws Committee to meet, consider such changes, and report back to the Board with their recommendations.*** **PASSED with one abstention.**

Niles Chapman proposed: *A possible Code of Conduct be turned over to the By-laws Committee.* **Moved, seconded and passed with two abstentions.**

The proposed FBI Building in Westwood was considered. There is a deed restriction on VA land for Veterans' purposes. There would be a huge traffic impact and it would constitute an illegal taking of land. **Charlie Mimms moved, and Carol Sidlow seconded: *Reaffirm current federal policy that no non-veteran use be made of veterans' land in Los Angeles.*** **Passed unanimously.**

It was announced that the **Mulholland Design Review Board** was adding meetings to overcome a backlog of projects.

Carol Sidlow reported that Lookout Mountain had lost an appeal on a Negative Mitigated Declaration on January 16 at the P.L.U.M. Committee hearing, but had gained significant mitigation measures:

- 1- deputy grading inspector on site on all days of hauling, paid for by developer;
- 2- report to Building & Safety Commission on a weekly basis;
- 3- use of independent deputy grading inspector (\$250/hour, 177 qualified persons)

These conditions according to Carol set important precedents, and will help "regain control of our hillsides." The developers usually don't follow the rules. Her organization is filming on a daily basis. Councilman Weiss requested at the P.L.U.M.hearing that these issues be revisited in thirty days. Further discussion revealed that these mitigations had been in the code, but not enforced for 10 years, and that a July report on grading and hauling from Building & Safety was inadequate and inaccurate.

RED FLAG DAY was discussed regarding:

- 1- help with alternative parking;
- 2- notification methods; check www.LAFD.org;
- 3- City looking into area specific weather stations, at a cost of \$20,000 each.

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Niles Chapman reminded swimming-pool owners of their water resource, and the importance of a water pump and periodic testing of its workability.

City Attorney follow-up on enforcement. It was stated that the City Attorney is reluctant to follow-up on enforcement actions which might cause a developer to file suit against the city. Therefore certain code provisions are rarely enforced.

MSP that Hillside Federation join appeal against granting a waiver on a substandard street; decision made by Zoning Administrator before report received. Hearing at Planning Commission February 23.

MSP that Hillside Federation support appeal against re-opening a questionable club on Cahuenga Blvd. West.

Treasurer Fritz Zeiser reminded directors that 2007 dues need to be paid.

Greater information on proposed building is scheduled to be provided to **Neighborhood Councils** on every single property and applicant. It was suggested that Neighborhood Councils secure an appointment with Planning Director Gail Greenberg. Notification on property matters can be secured online, or requested through the mail by calling Suzanne at 213-978-1271. City Council Committee activities can be accessed through www.lacity.org.

Niles Chapman brought up the loophole in the application of AB283 in creating greater density in Mulholland parcels.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, **ANN WALNUM**, Mount Washington, one-time volunteer secretary

FEDERATION OFFICERS PRESENT

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	Carol Sidlow
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BelAir Skycreat	Skip Nevell
Benedict Canyon	Marilyn Stefano
CahuengaPassN A	Joan Luchs
Forest Hillls	Marilyn Stone
Franklin Hills	Charlie Mimms
Franklin/Hollywood Blvd.	Yvonne Hessler
Hollywood Dell	Patti Negri
Lookout Mtn.Alliance	Carol Sidlow
Los Feliz	Marian Dodge
Mount Washington	Ann Walnum
Nichols Canyon	Madeline O'Donnell
N.Bev.Dr/Franklin	Robert Levy
Res/Beverly Glen	Dan Palmer
Roscomare Valley	Fritz Zeiser
Sherman Oaks	Niles Chapman
Tarzana	Liz Tigar
Whitley Heights	Alison Connell

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