### THE FEDERATION

OF HILLSIDE & CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, INC.
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**JULY 2006** 

# **MINUTES**

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CHAIRMAN IN MEMORIUM Brian Moore THE FEDERATION OF HILLSIDE AND CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, INC. (DRAFT) MINUTES - GENERAL MEET-ING OF July 5, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations met on July 5, 2006 at the Osula School, Studio City (2nd meeting at this location, this time in a classroom.) **President Polly Ward** called the meeting to order at 8:08pm without a quorum; only 13 voting members in attendance (the day after 4th of July holiday.)

President Ward read a letter from Vice President Paula Fern, resigning from the Hillside Federation because of too many other commitments. President Ward advised of the following: Girl Scouts private auction notice, requesting donations; Briar Summit member John Poag will reinstate membership in the Hillside Federation.

**President Ward**: A question of whether **Highland Homeowners Association** is a different group from Highland Park group; asks for information.

**President Ward** stated the difficulty in running the meeting with so many people, and so many issues. She requested that all issues be introduced to her prior to the meeting date, and that proposed motions be brought in writing for clarification and ease of communication.

Minutes for both May and June 2006 were discussed; no quorum present so no approval vote.

President Ward: Jerry Daniel email requesting quotes by Dan March and Paul Edelman from the Conservancy; Studio City: developers were contacted immediately and invited to discuss what the community really wants, to avoid strife with the neighborhood.

Guest speaker **Dan March** discussed working with developers and Councilman **Jack Weiss** on the future development of **Hoag Canyon**. Discussion about the size and value of the development. March was asked about his 24-acre ownership next to Hoag Canyon and how he would be affected if it's developed, and he explained that he'll be "personally hurt", but that he wants to organize citizen-type pressure to limit the development. President Ward said that the Federation cannot do anything until the property is sold, and a development is proposed.

Carol Sidlow: Lookout Mountain development appeal is at PLUM Tuesday, July 11, at City Hall, regarding haul route approval. Joan Luchs asked for members to attend collectively because of cumulative impacts in this area of Laurel Canyon. The developer's grading amount was misleading and a Haul Route hearing should be required. Both Carol and Joan advised the City must stop this excessive development in Laurel Canyon hills because of dangerous landslide conditions.

Patricia Hearst: Mountaingate developers have postponed 7 PLUM hearings in a row, citing reviews and discussions with various authorities. Four state agencies get involved when building near a landfll. Building & Safety ignored all four agencies even though some of the houses are built ON the landfill itself because there was no Boundary Tract Map in the original EIR.

Patricia Hearst: Getty Museum is the catalyst for Leo Beck temple pre-school expansion at Getty Center Drive with a fourstory parking structure on Sepulveda, as they share the same driveway. Bel Air Assn. supports it, saying it gets the parking problem out of their neighborhood. 210 students now, 460 students proposed. No secondary access road exists.

Joan Luchs: Hollywood Community Plan

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increased density proposal. Cahuenga Pass sentiment is to join this plan, and exit the Toluca Lake Community Plan.

Ann Walnum: Southwest Museum and the Autry Museum. \$40 million to repair Southwest, according to press reports by the Autry. Mayor Villaraigosa promised a Southwest Museum agreement before he would allow development in Highland Park, but his position is unclear at this time.

Frank Buchanan: Sunland/Tujunga/La Tuna Canyon's Whitebird Corp.'s Canyon Hills development approval by the city and pursuit of a lawsuit against the city on a multitude of issues. Met with attorney Robert Glushon, and asked advice from Federation members about the history on Glushon. He also asked about locating attorney Robert Fine. A written timeline for Whitebird proceeding is desired by several members of his HOA.

Joan Luchs: Los Angeles River and five sites along it. Natural habitats, water quality, other improvements; 50/50 project with the Army Corp of Engineers (owners of river); 32 miles of River Revitalization Master Plan; 20-year plan with workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.

FRANK BUCHANAN, Recording Secretary

#### **FEDERATION OFFICERS PRESENT**

President Polly Ward
Chairman Steve Twining
Treasurer Fritz Zeiser
Vice President Joan Luchs
Executive Secretary Marilyn Stefano
Recording Secretary Frank Buchanan
Chairman Emeritus Patricia Hearst

ATTENDANCE LIST TO BE CORRECTED - PLEASE ADVISE IF YOUR NAME IS MISSING!

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