# Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations January 5, 2011 Minutes

**Presentation**: NBC Universal Evolution Plan

Thomas Smith, Senior Vice President, West Coast Real Estate, and Pat Gibson, traffic consultant, made a two-hour presentation on the NBC Universal Evolution Plan. Federation members had the opportunity to view the large model and ask questions about the project.

**I. Call to order**: Marian Dodge called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**: The minutes of the November 3, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

### III. President's Report

Marian thanked Nickie Miner, Dawneen Lorance, Cass Berrère, Charley Mims, and Lynette Robe who contributed to the December holiday party.

Since the Baseline Hillside Ordinance is still in the City Attorney's office, Marian urged everyone to please nudge Carmen Trutanich to fulfill his promise made at our party.

Everyone is invited to a CD 4 candidate forum on Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 pm at the Autry National Center. The candidates are incumbent Tom LaBonge, Steven Box, Tomás O'Grady.

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

#### A. Bel Air Presbyterian School - Mark Stratton

Mark moved that the Hillside Federation write a scoping letter on the Bel Air Presbyterian Church Pre-school that includes comments regarding lighting, traffic, wildlife, connectivity and other issues within our jurisdiction. The motion passed.

#### B. NBC Universal Evolution Plan - Marian Dodge

Marian asked everyone to get their organization's comments in regarding Universal project by February 4 to Jon Foreman. Marian will write the letter for the Hillside Federation. Concerns to include in the letter:

- 1. Remain within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan. Against signage.
- 2. Tax payers shouldn't have to pay for a new fire station to accommodate specialized equipment for high rises.
- 3. Don't widen the road through Griffith Park.
- 4. Keep new road through residential area open to the public for access to open space.
- 5. The affect of the loss of open space on wildlife
- 6. They should pay for traffic mitigations, not the tax payers.

#### V. New Business

A. Barbara Fine Mulholland Overlook - Dr. Niles Chapman

Dr. Chapman had to leave before the end of the NBC Universal presentation. He indicated that a single family residence has requested a variance for an over-height building which would block the view of people using the Barbara Fine Overlook. The Federation has notified both Alan Kishbaugh of the Mulholland Design Review Board and Jerry Daniel of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of the issue. Niles did not think the Federation needed to take any action at this time.

## VI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Recording Secretary, Donna Messinger

### **Members Present:**

Bel Air Skycrest Mark Stratton

Lois Becker

Benedict Canyon Michael Chasteen

Nickie Miner

Alan Fine

Franklin Ave/Hlwd Don Andres

Yvonne Hessler

Franklin Hills Res Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Patti Negri

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Hollywood Heights Donna Messinger

Dawneen Lorance

Kagel Canyon Marlene Rader
Laurel Canyon Jim Nelson
Los Feliz Impvmt Marian Dodge
N. Beverly/Franklin Robert Levy
Res. of Beverly Glen Tensie Palmer

Dan Palmer

Gillian Calof

Sherman Oaks Niles Chapman Studio City Res. Claudia Freedle Upper Mandeville Wendy-Sue Rosen

**Guests Present:** 

Supervisor's office Ben Saltsman
CD 4 Doug Mensman
Los Feliz Impv. Assn Dennis Chew
Foothills Trails NC Linda Hornick
Cahuenga Pass POA Florence Blecher

Judith Marlin

Franklin/Hlwd W. Joel Ashley N. Beverly/Franklin Connie Levy