

**Hillside Federation**  
**June 1, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guest speaker: Cindy Montañez**

Cindy Montañez, CEO of TreePeople, introduced herself and gave members background information about herself, the mission of TreePeople, and how TreePeople intersects with the Hillside Federation and our membership.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The May minutes were taken up during Old Business and approved as submitted.

**III. Officers Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The MRCA announced that the Los Angeles River Recreation Zone is now open. The public is welcomed to kayak, walk, and fish on the two sections of the River managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in Elysian Valley and the Sepulveda Basin in Encino.

A settlement has been reached in the lawsuit by Friends of Griffith Park regarding the ballfields in the Crystal Springs Picnic Area, which includes a blueprint for improving and enhancing future access for underserved Los Angeles children in the event a ballfield is developed in the park. The Heritage Western Sycamore, along with 44 other trees including many native trees, will be preserved for picnickers to continue to enjoy.

Carol Sidlow reported that the public meeting on the FEIR for the large development at 8150 Sunset at the corner of Crescent Heights was held. The Hillside Federation took a position regarding this development in November 2015. Recently Councilmember Ryu of CD 4 and the City of West Hollywood have weighed in with letters with specific mitigations.

Marian announced the ceremony for the completion of the 67-mile Backbone Trail and its nomination as a National Recreation Trail on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Will Rogers State Historic Park in Pacific Palisades. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to: [samo\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:samo_superintendent@nps.gov).

B. Treasurers Report - Don Andres

All Hillside Federation bills have been paid.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Second Dwelling Units - Mitch Menzer (Outpost Estates)

Mitch described the impacts of the proposed repeal of the Second Dwelling Unit (SDU) Ordinance on R-1 properties. It would basically end R-1. The existing ordinance bans "granny flats" in hillside areas and on substandard streets. If the ordinance is repealed, the City would default to the State standards which do not exclude any areas. The Department of City Planning staff report was issued and a hearing held before the City Planning Commission. The CPC voted to move the repeal forward to the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee. If approved it will go to the City Council for a vote.

There has been little community outreach or input from neighborhood groups and stakeholders in the City. We discussed other alternatives and concerns that were not fully addressed by the Staff report included lack of information provided to the CPC and the impacts to residential neighborhoods. Carol suggested that the Hillside Federation re-send its May letter to Planning Deputies in all Council offices. It was also suggested that a meeting with Councilman Huizar, including a Hillside Federation representative, might be a good idea.

#### B. Hollywood Community Plan Update - Carol Sidlow

Carol attended the May 17 Department of City Planning meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Hollywood Community Plan. There were strong protections for hillside areas in the 2012 Hollywood Community Plan (HCP), although other elements of the plan were problematic. Hillside Federation member groups in the Hollywood Community Plan area were encouraged to participate. George Abrahams read a list of items he would like studied in the DEIR.

The Hillside Federation supported the hillside land use policies in the 2012 HCP. The Federation's position letter will be recirculated and our member organizations in the HCP area encouraged to submit letters. We should look at what needs to be updated, i.e., paper streets. The comment period for the DEIR ends June 15, 2016.

#### C. BHO/BMO Amendments – Carol Sidlow

Carol announced a new round of public meetings for the second draft proposed Baseline Hillside Ordinance/Baseline Mansionization Ordinance Amendments. The Federation supports Councilmember Koretz's original motion.

### **V. New Business**

#### A. 2501 & 2505 Carob Drive – Joan Cashel (Upper Nichols Canyon)

Joan alerted the Federation to the 19,000- square-foot house on two lots being proposed on Carob Drive. It would replace a 2,500-square-foot house. There will be a hearing on the proposed project before the Mulholland Design Review Board on Thursday, June 2. Mark Stratton suggested that the neighbors familiarize themselves with the Mulholland Specific Plan with respect to this development.

#### B. 2471 Nalin Dr. - Robin Greenberg

The South Valley Area Planning Commission approved a house on a substandard lot near Hoag Canyon that appears to be taking advantage of the basement exemption by calling a story a basement. The decision has been appealed to PLUM, but no hearing date has been set. No action was taken because the president had not had the opportunity to circulate the Request for Action and there was no longer a quorum. If the hearing is held before the next Federation meeting, the Executive Committee will review the request.

Announcement: George Abrahams announced that the revised Neighborhood Integrity Initiative is being recirculated for signatures.

### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Sidlow, Recording Secretary

**Members Present:**

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel-Air Assn.	Bruce Kuyper
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	Deborah Hockemeyer
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Ave/Hlwd Bl	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Lookout Mountain	Carol Sidlow
	Steven Poster
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
N. Beverly/Franklin Can	Robert Levy
Oaks Homeowners	Wayne Schlock
Roscomare Valley	Steve Twining
	RobinGreenberg
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi Mackay
Studio City Res.	Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Canyon	Stacy Sillins

**Guests:**

TreePeople	Cindy Montañez
	Carlos Lanizar
Outpost Estates	Mitch Menzer
N. Beverly/Franklin Can	Connie Levy
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel