

**Hillside Federation
Draft Minutes
November 2, 2016**

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

No vote was taken or changes made on the October minutes due to lack of a quorum.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report

Councilman David Ryu was successful in getting a Party House Ordinance passed which includes escalating fines, host and property owner fines; record of citations among other provisions. This long awaited ordinance was met with kudos from the Hillside Federation members. Carol Sidlow thanked the homeowner groups who have been involved in this issue especially Mary Ledding of Hollywood Dell who has worked on this issue to get this done.

Hastain Trail - Tom Freeman filed an appeal of the lower court's decision to the California Supreme Court on behalf of the MRCA. The California Supreme Court chose not to review the case which means that the developer wins the right to close the trail.

Carol Sidlow recommended that everyone read the LA Times article on campaign donations and the Steve Lopez article on Nov. 1, 2016.

BHO/BMO Amendments - The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the City Council has not yet agendized the item and President Mims will write to PLUM Chairman Jose Huizar to encourage PLUM to get these important amendments on their agenda as soon as possible.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

All the Federation's expenses are paid. The up-coming Holiday Party will be Dec. 8th at the Mulholland Tennis Club and everyone was encouraged to spread the word to all member groups and others to attend. Don Keller donated \$480.

IV. Old Business

A. 8150 Sunset - Jamie Hall

Councilman David Ryu spoke at the PLUM hearing and was successful in getting the developer to lower one of the towers to 178 ft; widen the street and to give money to replace the traffic island among other concessions. There were five appeals of this project and two of the appellants settled with the developer – the City of West Hollywood who received money for infrastructure improvements and the Laurel Canyon Association for community benefits. Some of the benefits may include sidewalk improvements to lower Laurel Canyon; a bus stop on Kirkwood, but the first step is a "feasibility study" which has to be undertaken and there is not a timetable established yet. The three other appellants did not settle and are moving forward. Carol Sidlow suggested benefits for the Lookout Mountain area such as using smaller busses and paving Laurel Canyon Bl. Charley suggested that LCA and the Lookout Mountain Alliance work together on these community benefits.

B. Secondary Dwelling Unit - Mitch Menzer

City Council adopted a motion to reject the State standards and to remove the Conditional Use Permit requirement from the city's 1985 ordinance. Councilman Koretz has asked that this issue move forward before the Dec. 31st deadline. As of January 1, 2017, the state's lenient regulations under AB 2299 would apply. If the city cannot meet the deadline, Council can cure the ordinance in the first few weeks of January.

It was suggested that the Federation send a letter to Councilmembers Koretz, Ryu, Bonin and Council President Wesson expressing our thanks for their leadership on this issue.

E. Weddington Golf and Tennis Proposed Development - Alan Dymond

There are new plans called Studio City Golf and Tennis to develop the area with 200 condos and fewer tennis courts. This issue was first brought to the Federation's attention in 2012 and a Draft EIR was done. The property is privately owned and is currently zoned Agricultural so there would need to be a General Plan amendment. It appears that the developer is re-visiting their plans. Councilman Krekorian first opposed the project 2012, but the Studio City Residents Assn. is monitoring this new development and will keep the Hillside Federation up-dated.

V. New Business

Neighborhood Integrity Initiative - Patricia Bell Hearst and Steve Twining gave an up-date on the status of this initiative which will be on the March ballot. Santa Monica has proposed something stronger on their ballot in November.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Carol Sidlow,
Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel-Air Assn.	Bruce Kuyper
Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates Krista Michaels
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Don Andres Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon	Jamie Hall
Lookout Mt. All.	Carol Sidlow Steven Poster
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Res.	Alan Dymond Beth Dymond
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel

Guests:

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
attorney	Mitch Menzer