

**Hillside Federation
February 7, 2018
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Our guest from the Trust for Public Land is sick and will be rescheduled for next month.

**Guest: Jill Stewart, Coalition to Preserve LA
Population Growth and Mapping Tools**

The City is off on some of the population numbers used for the community plans. The SCAG numbers are always high. There is fast growth in some places and slower than predicted growth in other places. According to the US Census, the growth rate is slowing significantly as millennials leave and birth rates drop. The Coalition will be hiring an expert to study the figures. Second source is the US Census American Community Survey, Mid-Decade Re-evaluation. When an area grows the city is not keeping track and not updating the community plans to reflect this growth.

SB 743 Transit Priority Area, exempts developers in Transit Priority Areas (land within half mile of major bus or rail stops. In LA that is practically everywhere). The Coalition to Preserve Los Angeles developed a mapping tool which is explained and linked here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7yu2285>.

SB 827 Developers can have a building without parking, removes maximum building heights if project is within 1/2 mile of transit. It would override the Ventura Blvd. Specific Plan.

**Guest: Walt Young – MRCA
Enhanced Fire & Safety Services**

Many of the things Walt Young mentioned previously have been put into effect: 24 hr. patrol during Red Flag and 24 hr. patrol along Mulholland. The MRCA is beta testing remote cameras mounted on poles in Wilacre Park in Studio City. The camera feed goes directly to the MRCA and to LAPD. Camera locations have been identified and they hope to have more installed in the next few months. Now, for the first time ever, during Red Flag warnings an Arson Watch individual is paired with a Ranger so they can patrol and educate together.

The Ranger Services Number (310) 456-7049. Rangers are out until 1:00am, 7 days a week.

II. Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

Update on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (ADU): they are going to take another look at Accessory Dwelling Units further to determine whether hillside areas are appropriate for ADUs near transit.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres.

Eighteen members have renewed so far. Another reminder will go out soon.

V. New Business*

B. Banning Density Bonuses in Very High Fire Hazard Severity zones – Wendy-Sue Rosen

Wendy-Sue Rosen asks why the City is not exempting the City's High Fire Hazard Severity Zones from density increasing measures. If we do not start pressuring the political folks that the hillsides are important and need to be protected we are going to be in for a lot of trouble.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Hillside Federation adopt as a matter of policy the following: Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and Low Density and/or Residentially zoned, Scenic Corridors (like Mulholland Drive and Sunset Blvd.) be exempted from Density Ordinances (like ADUs, Air B&B, and SB 827 (Wiener) (Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus), which seeks to

automatically increase zoning densities and building heights around transit corridors and transit stops). The motion passed as amended.

IV. Old Business*

B. Mulholland Corridor Traffic Study – Mark Stratton

The Mulholland Institutional Corridor needs a traffic study of the area and we need to push the 3 council offices that are in the affected areas to make this happen and have a moratorium on building in the area until this traffic study is completed. Efforts to obtain this long overdue study are being renewed in light of continuing piecemeal growth on the institutional corridor; new traffic configurations arising from the use of WAZE; and the Sherman Oaks traffic mitigation plan currently being implemented by LADOT, an effort which will only shift the problem from one Mulholland-adjacent residential neighborhood to another.

MOTION: Mark Stratton moved that the Hillside Federation request a Comprehensive Traffic Study on Mulholland Institutional Corridor from Woodcliff to Calneva, as well as Sepulveda from Valley Vista to the Getty Center, and that no new projects be approved in this area until this traffic study is completed. Motion Amended, Motion carried.

V. New Business*

A. Museum in Residential Areas – Mary Margaret Robinson

The MAK Center facility in the R.M. Schindler-designed residence at 8078 Woodrow Wilson Dr. has been holding large parties with lots of parking and many issues. A good neighbor policy requiring only small events was to be upheld. Per CD 4 planning deputy, Julia Duncan, they are supposed to be shut down until they obtain proper permits. They may get a CUP. Wendy will assist her.

IV. Old Business*

A. Berggruen Institute – Wendy-Sue Rosen Wendy thanked Charley for moderating the community forum last month attended by more than 500 community members. The project would build multiple large buildings on 425 acres of protected open space with dedicated public trails. It is very important that we fight this project in the hope of preserving the legally protected natural habitat within this proposed development.

Announcements

The Federation celebrated Don Keller's 88th birthday with a cake.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Stephen Benson,
Recording Secretary

*Items marked * were taken out of agenda order.*

Members Present:

Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills HOA	Thomas Howard
Brentwood Res Coal	Don Keller
	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back All.	Tom Freeman
	Lois Becker
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres

Franklin Hills Res	Yvonne Hessler
Kagel Canyon Civic	Charley Mims
Laurel Canyon Assn	Kit Paull
	Jamie Hall
	Anne Alexander
Los Feliz Impvt Assn	Marian Dodge
Mt Olympus POA	Joe Custer
Nichols Cyn Neigh	Julie Kremkus
Oak Forest Cyn Assn	Bruce Hollihan
Res of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Cyn!	Suellen Wagner
Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res Assn	Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

Guests Present:

MRCA	Walt Young
CD 4	Alice Roth
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Nichols Cny Neigh	Fabian Kremkus
Coal to Preserve LA	Jill Stewart
	Ileana Wachtel
CLAW	Tony Tucci
	Andrew Lasken
	Cassandra Chowdhury
Bel-Air Assn.	Maureen Levinson
Laurel Canyon	Mary Margaret Robinson