

**Hillside Federation  
March 7, 2018  
Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guests:**

**Party House Ordinance–Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin**

The Party House Ordinance (Loud or Unruly Ordinance) is effective April 15, 2018. The ordinance provides two avenues of enforcement, criminal and administrative. The Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) imposes fines, a financial penalty, under Loud and Unruly Conduct. (See list provided at the March 7th meeting.) Violators could be cited for one or more violations. LAPD makes the determination on scene at the time it is reported and writes citations. A notice is posted to the door for thirty days, first a warning, and mailed to the property owner. Criminal charges may be filed as well, as citations can be upgraded to a misdemeanor. Penalties can be levied upon the party thrower, the property owner, or both. Read the ordinance, Council File Number: 12-1824-S1. LAPD is the enforcement agency for this ordinance. Getting police response in the hills is sometimes a challenge. They are still figuring out the protocol for enforcement. Contact your Neighborhood Prosecutor to get a response.

**LA Beautification Team - Ryan Allen**

Ryan is the Director of Environmental Programs at LA Beautification Team. They do graffiti removal, neighborhood clean up, plant trees, pick up trash, and job training for youth. Trees are selected based on lot size and other limitations; you have little control over what kind of tree you might receive. It's all about beautifying Los Angeles, including schools and city parks. You can request cleanups at 311. Email concerns or complaints to Ryan Allen, [ralen@labteam.org](mailto:ralen@labteam.org), or call (323) 962-2163.

**Vickere Murphy – District Representative for Sen. Anthony Portantino.**

Sen. Portantino co-authored SB 5 which initiated Prop 68. He is a sitting member of the SMMC. SB 5 and Santa Monica Mountains issues are high on his list of priorities. She urges support for Prop 68.

**Prop 68 – Tori Kjer, Trust for Public Land**

Tori described Prop 68, the California Clean Water & Safe Parks Act, a \$4B bond measure that will be on the June ballot. She asked the Federation to join the Yes on 68 Coalition. There are lots of protections provided by this ballot measure. It is the first park bond measure in over 15 years, and it provides lots of protections for parks and the environment, and critical funding for preservation of open space. Prop 68 is supported by the Sierra Club. The Yes on 68 website will be [yes68ca.com](http://yes68ca.com). The money will be distributed to various conservancies like the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

**MOTION:** Don Andres moved that the Hillside Federation support Proposition 68. The motion passed.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The February minutes were approved.

**III. Officers' Reports**

**A. President's Report – Charley Mims**

Charley welcomed new member group Bel-Air Association.

Rep. Adam Schiff wants more letters in support of Rim of the Valley. You can be inspired by the Federation letter on our website.

Charley announced the members of the Nominating Committee: Jamie Hall, Krista Michaels, and Suellen Wagner.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Seven members still have not paid their dues. Don has filed all state and federal reports.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) – Charley Mims

The ordinance went to PLUM months ago. CMs Ryu and Koretz amended the motion to keep ADUs (granny flats) out of the hillside areas. A councilmember is holding it up. It has to go back to PLUM. Ask your councilmember why it has not been passed yet. We need a city ordinance to override state law which allows ADUs everywhere.

B. SB 827 – Jay Weitzler

Sherman Oaks is holding a community meeting to ask people to oppose SB 827 which would eliminate local control of zoning, especially building heights. Jay is asking for support of opposition to SB 827.

**MOTION:** Steve Twining moved that the Hillside Federation oppose SB 827. The motion passed. Please email opposition letters to [JCW@weitzlerlaw.com](mailto:JCW@weitzlerlaw.com).

**IV. New Business**

2251 Nichols Canyon Rd. – Jamie Hall

The applicant is proposing an 8,000 square foot, 2-story home with a basement. The proposed project involves an active year-round stream and the removal of numerous protected trees, large old sycamores and California Bay trees, on a steep bank of the stream. The MND is being challenged for ignoring the wildlife impact. The applicant would replace the trees with four times the number of small trees. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy opposes the project.

**MOTION:** Jamie Hall moved that the Hillside Federation oppose the project as currently proposed and oppose the tree removal permit. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Marian Dodge announced that The Coalition to Preserve LA is hosting an SB 743 and SB 827 workshop on March 25.

Steve Twining suggests following SB 828.

Patricia Hearst suggested identifying legislators who are undermining CEQA.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Benson, Secretary

**Members in Attendance:**

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| Bel-Air Assn          | Maureen Levinson |
|                       | Linda Whitford   |
| Bel Air Hills Assn    | Steve Twining    |
| Bel Air Skycrest POA  | Mark Stratton    |
| Brentwood Hills HOA   | John Given       |
| Cahuenga Pass POA     | Steven Kates     |
|                       | Krista Michaels  |
| Canyon Back Alliance  | Lois Becker      |
| Franklin/Hlwd Bl West | Don Andres       |
|                       | Yvonne Hessler   |

Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell	Mary Ledding
Kagel Canyon Civic	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn	Jamie Hall
Los Feliz Impmt Assn	Marian Dodge
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Res of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Cyn!	Heidi Mackay
Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

**Guests:**

Sen. Portantino's off.	Vickere Murphy
Trust for Public Land	Tori Kjer
City Attorney's Office	Steve Houchin
LA Beautification	Ryan Allen
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
CLAW	Andrew Lasken
	Tony Tucci