# Hillside Federation November 7, 2018 Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm and welcomed new member Argyle Civic Assn. Members and guests introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of minutes

The October minutes were approved as written.

### **III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims, Marian Dodge

The Federation asked Caltrans to submit an amicus brief regarding the Millennium project; however our request was denied.

The Planning Department will give a special presentation on their Wildlife Pilot Study to the Federation in January. They are presenting it tonight at the American Jewish University.

Fix the City has settled its lawsuit with the developer of the 229-unit project at 8150 Sunset Bl. Town-scape Partners will contribute \$4,000 to a fire station in Hollywood. The developer must install pedestrian safety traffic signals. The City will have to conduct a public hearing regarding the change of street alignment that would eliminate the existing eastbound right turn lane at Sunset and Crescent Heights.

The California Public Utilities Commission is seeking stakeholder guidance on the Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

The members voted to move the January meeting from Jan. 2 to Jan. 9.

## B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

The Federation currently has 41 paid members.

Don encouraged all to attend the Holiday Party on December 13.

The January meeting will be held in the PINZ VIP room.

#### IV. Old Business

#### A. Hollywood Center Project (Millennium) - Cheryl Gaskill

Argyle Civic Assn. is discussing the next steps in opposing the project. Mindy in the Planning Dept. is now handling the project. Cheryl has created a time line of the project starting with Millennium. In spite of letters recommending against, it was approved for ELDP (Environmental Leadership Development Project) fast tracking which has some serious implications. The information about the earthquake fault line running under the Millennium project didn't get submitted in time to be considered by the first judge. The developer is preparing the DEIR. They have conducted the Scoping meeting.

#### B. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - Charley Mims

The ADU Ordinance goes to the City Planning Commission on November 29. Write lots of letters and attend the hearing to speak. Kit Paull commented that LA County prohibits ADUs in hillsides and on roads under 24 feet wide.

# C. Mission Canyon Park update - Mark Stratton

The Initial Study/MND did not adequately address traffic and other issues. The letter from the Federation requesting a full EIR provided powerful support for the community. The MND was withdrawn. A new MND with more accurate, in-depth analysis of impacts has been promised. The public entrance and parking lot off Mulholland will be eliminated from their plans. The Sepulveda entrance will be reconsidered/redesigned. They are requesting that the City do a comprehensive traffic study on the entire Mulholland Corridor.

## **IV. New Business**

# A. Burbank Flight Path over Santa Monicas - Suellen Wagner

NexGen is the new GPS-guided technology being used by the FAA instead of radar. Planes used to complete turns north of 101. The FAA shifted the path and moved it south over Studio City and Sherman Oaks. Congressman Adam Schiff had the FAA do a study which confirmed that the path was moved without public knowledge. The airport serves 180 planes/day. The new wait area is 1622 feet above ground over an elementary school and passes over the Buckley School. The path is 1/2 mile wide flying at lower altitude. Neighbors are supported by Brad Sherman and Paul Krekorian. Sen. Feinstein's representative attended the workshop. They had a good meeting with MRCA today.

MOTION: The Hillside Federation will make official comment to FAA (via web portal) to oppose any Burbank concentrated departure path that traverses the Santa Monica Mountain hillside communities and public park lands. Further, state that FAA must complete full Environmental Impact Study prior to any plans to publish or implement these paths, and should extend public comment, now scheduled to end November 18, to ninety (90) days. The motion passed.

#### Announcement:

Steve Twining and Nickie Miner - CM Koretz came out opposing the Retreat at Benedict Canyon hotel although the developer is reportedly still going forward with the project.

# VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Next meeting Holiday Party - December 13, 2018

### **Members in Attendance:**

Argyle Civic Assn Cheryl Gaskill

Beachwood Cyn F. Isabelle Megginson

Bel Air Hills Assn
Bel Air Knolls POA
Bel Air Skycrest POA
Benedict Cyn Assn
Brentwood Hills HOA
Cahuenga Pass POA
Franklin/Hlywd Bl

Steve Twining
Mike Antin
Mark Stratton
Nickie Miner
John Given
Steven Kates
Don Andres

Yvonne Hessler

Franklin Hills Res Assn Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn
Laurel Cyn Assn
Los Feliz Impmt Assn
Nichols Cyn N Assn
Oaks HOA

Franklin Hills Res Assn Charley Mims
Mary Ledding
Kit Paull
Cathy Wayne
Marian Dodge
Julie Kremkus
Rob Young

Oaks HOA Bob Young
Res of Beverly Glen Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Cyn Suellen Wagner
Studio City Res Assn Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Cyn NA Joan Cashel

#### **GUESTS:**

Dixie Canyon Assn. Kris Stieg

**Edward Stieg**