

Hillside Federation Agenda January 9, 2019

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Hagu Solomon-Cary - CD 5 Director of Planning

CD 5 is working on three policy issues. Hillside Construction Regulation Ordinance (HCR) - They are working diligently to update the regulations; however the area covered will not be expanded. Ridgeline Ordinance - CD 5 is working with LA County on the Ridgeline Ordinance to make it a comprehensive ordinance with wildlife protections. The Wildlife Corridor project - Alison Simard reported that Koretz has been working on the ordinance for 8 years to get wildlife protections. There are new developments and new ideas coming through.

Presentation: Wildlife PILOT Study – LA City Planning Department - Conni Pallini + Crew Conni + Nina + Lena

A pdf version of their presentation is available online under Policy on right side of home page – Nov 7, 2018. <https://planning.lacity.org/Documents/Citywide/WildlifePilotStudy/StudyBoards.pdf> Approximately 100 people attended their first open house in November. The goal of the study is to maintain and preserve the current open/wildlife corridors. The Pilot Study is located between the 405 and the 101 freeways in the Santa Monica Mountains. They will focus on new development at first. The goal of Protection Areas for Wildlife (PAWS) is to reduce wildlife deaths, designate sensitive habitat areas, and reduce fire risk. They are coordinating with LA County’s Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) and the federal Rim of the Valley project. The Bureau of Sanitation is heavily involved in the water and biodiversity aspects. The pilot study will fit in with the Mayor’s Sustainability Plan. The pilot study has developed design recommendations for fencing, landscaping, trash enclosures, buffers, lighting, and windows. They are seeking feedback from the public on their proposals.

Comments may be sent to: City of Los Angeles, Department of Planning, Citywide Unit
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Members comment:

Charley Mims requested contacts for the Bureau of Sanitation & Mayor’s Sustainability Plan.

Mark Stratton stressed the need for enforcement.

Cathy Wayne cited the need to protect trees and ridgelines, and Slope Density regulations.

Mary Ledding is concerned about fences for privacy and protection from two-legged animals.

Gerry Hans recommended expanding the pilot study to include at least a little land on the other side of the freeways in order to protect connectivity.

Marian thanked the Planning Department for making a full presentation to the Federation.

II. Approval of minutes

The November minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report - Charley Mims

1. Former County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky’s wife Barbara died.
2. Hollywood Community Plan comment period is closing Jan. 31. Check your neighborhood to see if any changes are planned; especially check height, zoning, and street use.
3. ADU Ordinance - Planning is waffling on the ordinance; you need to continue to contact your councilmembers to notify them that you are concerned and want ADU’s banned in hillside Very High Fire Hazard Severity areas. Ryu and Koretz support a ban in hillside areas.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

1. The Holiday Party was a great success with 107 attendees. It was sold out before Thanksgiving.
2. 2018 Year-end Report was discussed.

MOTION: Don moved that the financial report be approved. The motion passed.

MOTION: Steve Twining, on behalf of Patricia Bell Hearst, moved that the Federation make a contribution of \$100 to the Saban Community Clinic in memory of Barbara Yaroslavsky. The motion passed. All members were encouraged to make contributions as well.

IV. Old Business

A. Burbank Flight path over Santa Monicas update - Suellen Wagner

The flight paths are in somewhat of a "holding pattern." The FAA workshops were unsatisfactory as they did not address 4F noise sensitive areas. Councilmembers have written letters. The deadline to comment has been moved to April 25th, 2019. They have made some progress by speaking with Burbank Airport directly. They can request changes in flight paths. The FAA is likely to do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

V. New Business

A. 1446 Avon Pl. - Will Barrett, Silver Lake Heritage Trust

A developer has purchased open space known as Kite Hill. Avon Terrace is on a 39% slope. The project is located on a paper street. Owner would need concrete pylons to build a road, which requires variances. The community tried to purchase the property but the developer refused to sell and refuses to keep a trail that has been used by locals for decades open. Planning hearing with a ZA is currently scheduled for January 15th, 2019.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved that the Federation support maintaining natural habitat and the hiking trail on Kite Hill and request that the hearing time extended. The motion passed.

VI. Adjournment - 9:02pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Stephen Benson
Recording Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bel-Air Assn	Linda Whitford
Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	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
Doheny-Sunset Plaza	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlywd Bl W	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Laurel Cyn Assn	Cathy Wayne
Los Feliz Impvmt Assn	Marian Dodge
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans

Res of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Cyn	Heidi Mackay
	Suellen Wagner
Shadow Hills POA	Cindy Bloom
Silver Lake Herit Trust	Will Barrett
Studio City Res Assn	Alan Dymond
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

GUESTS:

CD5	Hagu Solomon-Cary
	Alison Simard
Planning Dept.	Conni Pallini-Tipton
	Lena Mik
	Nina Phinouwong
CLAW	Andrew Lasken
	Tony Tucci
	Megan Evans
CPPOA	Karen Reesenfeld
Shadow Hills	James Gutman