

Hillside Federation
March 19, 2019
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order in our new location at 7:19 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Cindy Villegas – for ASM Nazarian

Ms. Villegas was ill and could not attend.

II. Approval of minutes

The February minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

Jay Weitzler alerted the Federation to Scott Weiner's new bill, SB 50, which is similar to last year's SB 827. There are numerous bills coming that increase zoning near transit and in "job-rich areas." AB 587 (Friedman) would allow certain affordable housing groups to sell an ADU separately.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

We have 40 paid members with two more checks expected. All bills are paid.

IV. Old Business

A. Bel Air Country Club tree removal – Linda Whitford

Linda Whitford was absent and the item was continued to the next meeting.

B. Burbank flight path update – Suellen Wagner

Suellen was absent and the item will be continued to the next meeting.

C. Mega-wildfire Discussion report – Lois Becker

Lois Becker reporter on her attendance at a panel discussion co-sponsored by UCLA and the Nature Conservancy. The increase in the number and severity of fires is caused by many factors. Many of the recent fires have been caused by sparking power lines. Utility lines should be put underground; however that is very costly.

V. New Business

A. SB 50 – Steve Twining

Steve Twining was absent and the item was continued to the next meeting.

B. Council Motion (Blumenfield) to ban mobile digital ads on cars – Marian Dodge

Mobile digital ads, called Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), are mini digital billboards 55" x 17" mounted on the roofs of ride sharing vehicles. The message changes every eight seconds. They are illegal per the state Vehicle Code because they are brighter than permitted. CM Blumenfield's motion would instruct LAPD to enforce the code and delete a provision from taxi regulations authorizing rooftop advertising signage so as to clarify that the Los Angeles municipal code is consistent with state law.

MOTION: Marian Dodge moved that the Federation support CM Blumenfield's motion CF 19-0104 to have DOT and LAPD enforce vehicle code regulation prohibiting Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) on vehicles. The motion passed.

C. 2070 Nichols Canyon Road – Justine Schmidt, attorney Robert Silverstein

Information pages regarding the project were handed out. The property owner is proposing a 6-story structure, which was later inexplicably called a 3-story structure, an elevated driveway over 250 feet long, two retaining walls over 10 feet high, rooftop deck w/swimming pool and spa. Much of the property is vertical or nearly vertical in nature with a history of landslides. There are habitat and wildlife corridor issues. It is adjacent to the Trebec Open Space. Nichols Canyon Rd. is a substandard street less than 20 feet wide in numerous places so there is no place to stage equipment.

MOTION: John Given moved that the Hillside Federation communicate to the City that the proposed project at 2070 Nichols Canyon Road, in view of its mass and scale, location, geologic concerns, traffic and safety impacts, and overall land use incompatibility, including with regard to habitat and wildlife corridor areas, require appropriate environmental review and a public hearing before any discretionary action is taken by the City. The motion passed.

D. Lake Hollywood Tourism Management Plan

– Sheila Irani

Tourist traffic to view the Hollywood sign is blocking residential streets around Lake Hollywood. All parking spaces are filled on weekends, and streets have become a parking lot. There have been several accidents and fires. Lake Hollywood HOA proposes a Preferential Parking District (PPD) for their neighborhood. They also propose a reservation system with an \$8 fee for street parking around the lake with a reduced \$2 fee for Los Angeles residents and those with a California drivers license.

MOTION: Sheila Irani moved and Charley Mims amended that the Hillside Federation support study of Lake Hollywood Estates HOA's three-part plan regarding a reservation parking system for Arrowhead Drive at Lake Hollywood Park, establishment of a preferred parking district in the Lake Hollywood Estates HOA on other neighborhood streets and white glove enforcement to enhance the safety and protect the homes and property of residents of Lake Hollywood Estates, as well as review the overall impact on this area and neighboring hillside communities with regard to traffic and public safety. The amended motion passed.

Guest: Ali Simard, CD5 (Koretz) Communication Deputy Re: SB 50 (Wiener)

Councilmember Koretz is pushing awareness for two Scott Wiener bills that have potential for sweeping zoning changes. Density bills are proposed for transit rich area where developers can build up to 5 stories where there was Single Family Residence. SB 50 would override local planning jurisdiction. CM Koretz has initiated CF 19-0002-S38 to oppose SB 50.

Guest: Ami Field-Meyer, Office of Mayor Garcetti West LA Representative

Ami introduced himself and distributed his contact information:

Telephone: (323)552-6730

Email: ami.fields-meyer@lacity.org.

Announcements:

Thomas Ferguson, a resident of Glassell Park, is seeking information on the Walnut Park Abode development that has been in the works for several years. He found a Hillside Federation letter in the file and came to ask for assistance.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Benson, Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Argyle Civic Assn.	Cheryl Gaskill
Beachwood Cyn NA	Isabelle Megginson
Bel Air Hills Assn.	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Benedict Cyn Assn.	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Hills HOA	John Given
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Res Assn.	Charley Mims
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn.	Kit Paull
Lake Hollywood HOA	Kristina O'Neil
	Sheila Irani
LFIA	Marian Dodge
Nichols Cyn NA	Justine Schmidt
Oaks HOA	Linda Othenin-Girard
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res. Assn	Joann Deutch
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

GUESTS:

Mayor Garcetti's office	Ami Fields-Meyer
Council District 5	Ali Semard
Silverstein Law Firm	Robert Silverstein
Nichols Canyon	Shari S. Sakhetkhoo
	Mary Michiels
Glassell Park resident	Thomas Ferguson
Self	Frank Shotwell