

Hillside Federation
April 16, 2019
Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of minutes

The March minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy added two parcels contiguous to Fossil Ridge and Oak Forest Canyon Parks. Arnie Newman wrote a note thanking the Federation for its support.

In the York vineyard case in Lake Hollywood, the Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's opinion denying 80,000 cu. yds of grading where only 3,300 cu. yds. of grading are permitted.

The Federation sent a letter in support of AB 1788 (Bloom) banning the use of second generation rodenticides.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Forty-one members have paid their dues; there is one check in the mail. We are operating within our budget. All expenses are paid.

IV. Old Business

A. Report of Nominating Committee – Jay Weitzler

The current officers have been re-nominated by the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

B. Election of Officers

The slate of officers was approved.

President	Charley Mims
Chairman	Marian Dodge
Vice Pres.	Mark Stratton
Vice Pres.	John Given
Secretary	Stephen Benson
Treasurer	Don Andres

C. Bel Air Country Club Tree Removal

This item was reported in February.

D. Burbank flight path update

Suellen Wagner was absent, but submitted a written report that Marian read in her absence. The FAA will conduct an Environmental Assessment of the flight path over the Santa Monica Mountains. The Mayor and City Attorney wrote letters regarding the increased noise. A new terminal at Burbank Airport will make it 50% larger with more flights.

Benedict Canyon has been fighting the flight paths for about 10 years. Benedict Hills sued, and the FAA may have required the airport to pay for replacement windows in the affected homes. For more information see:

www.quietskiesnow.org or studiocityforquietskies.com

V. New Business

A. SB 50 – Steve Twining, Jay Weitzler

Nickie Miner reported that Councilmember Koretz's (CD 5) motion to oppose SB 50 passed unanimously in City Council today.

Steve Twining presented information that SB 50 would force cities to allow residential towers in areas of single-family residential zones if it is within 1/4 mile of a bus stop or 1/2 mile of a rail station. Only a small number of units would need to be provided for low income housing. The bill would take planning decisions away from local planning departments. Steve read former LA City Planner Dick Platkin's article on SB 50's faults, noting that the bill would benefit developers.

Jay Weitzler added that people may email comments about SB 50 to:

anton.favorini-csorba@sen.ca.gov.

Cheryl Gaskill noted there is an interactive map to see the potential impact of SB 50 on your neighborhood at 2PreserveLA.org.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved that the Hillside Federation oppose SB 50. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Steve Twining raised the issue of Measure EE regarding a school parcel tax.

Patricia Bell Hearst noted that Bob Anderson presented information to the Bel Air Transportation Committee regarding Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor project and noted people may sign up to get Bob Anderson's article and other information about the project.

Krista Michaels raised the issue of e-scooters

Patricia Bell Hearst shared a brochure on "monarch way stations" and plants that attract monarch butterflies, which have been in decline.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Dodge, Acting Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Argyle Civic Assn.	Cheryl Gaskill
	Stephen Krawchuk
Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Benedict Cyn Assn	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Hills HOA	John Given
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn	Cathy Wayne
LFIA	Dennis Chew
	Marian Dodge
Oaks HOA	Bob Young

Sherman Oaks HOA
Studio City Res Assn
Upper Nichols Cyn

Jay Weitzler
Joann Deutch
Joan Cashel

Guests:

Chair Emeritus

Patricia Bell Hearst