

Hillside Federation
May 21, 2019
Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Fernando Morales - Supervisor Kuehl's office

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Some updates to Measure H. Impact of Homeless Housing initiative – 45,000 is their target. Many people have been placed in transitional/interim or permanent housing. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Guest: Jeanne O'Donnell - County Office of Emergency Management Regional Emergency Plans

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LA County is over 4,000 square miles with 88 cities. Santa Monica Mountains area has had very bad conditions over the last several years. Wind driven fires, high wind, high fire severity zones. The County set up the Emergency Response Center and teams. Hillside and canyon communities are especially vulnerable in fire and disaster situations. Jeanne stressed the importance of forming neighborhood networks.

The North Topanga Fire Council identifies homeowner vulnerability areas. First thing is evacuation routes. Contact them before a disaster strikes. Preparation is the most important

LA County Fire Department Priorities:

1. Life
2. Property
3. Environment

That's why when they say "evacuate," evacuate promptly so they can use their resources to save your house.

Jeanne distributed copies of the LA County Emergency Survival Guide which is available online at: <http://www.lacounty.gov/emergency/emergency-survival-guide/>.

II. Approval of minutes

The April minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

Installation of Officers—Chair Emeritus Patricia Bell Hearst created and read the oath of office for the officers.

Policy for approval of speakers - Charley Mims

Normally an officer will speak for the Federation. If an officer is not available, the president will ask someone else to speak on behalf of the Federation. It is more effective to have numerous individuals speak for themselves or on behalf of their own neighborhood HOAs or other organizations (if they are authorized to do so), rather than having everyone say they represent the Hillside Federation. More individual involvement along with Federation support through letters and officially authorized speaker shows the wider involvement of the community.

If you wish to speak on behalf of the Federation on some issue, you must talk to Charley first. Charley's cell is (213)479-9176.

MOTION: At hearings, meetings, etc., only the President or someone formally authorized by the President may speak for the Hillside Federation.
The motion passed.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don presented the April financial report.

MOTION: To accept and file the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Guest: Ali Simard - Councilmember Paul Koretz's office (CD5)

The city budget will likely include funding for the first year of the Wildlife Pilot Study. A City Council resolution to support AB 1788, the rodenticide ban bill, is waiting to be placed on the agenda.

Ali presented city proclamations to each officer signed by Councilmember Koretz.

IV. Old Business

A. SB 50 update - Charley Mims

Steve Twining cautioned that SB 50 is not over yet; it is only suspended. We must stay diligent and be more organized about opposing the bill.

Issues that must be addressed are lack of infrastructure, lack of water, and public safety such as egress in event of an emergency.

B. Protected Tree Ordinance update - John Given

Council File 13-1339. The revised ordinance will add elderberry and Toyon to the protected tree ordinance. Certain size limits or specifics have been worked out.

V. New Business

A. Succession Planning - Charley Mims

The Federation must encourage more new/younger members to get involved. If you are planning to step down in your organization, you need to try to find a replacement ahead of time.

Suggestions: We need to self-promote; come up with Hillside Federation list of accomplishments, post on the website; create email list of possible candidates, post on Next Door, etc. The more angles, the better.

Announcements:

Chair Emeritus Jerry Daniels is doing well, back home recovering from cancer treatments.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm. The next meeting is June 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Benson, Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Argyll Civic Assn	Stephen Krawchuk
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/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler

Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn	Cathy Wayne
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie Kremkus
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Res of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

GUESTS:

County Sup. Kuehl	Fernando Morales
County Office of Emergency Management	Jeanne O'Donnell
CD 5 Koretz	Ali Simard
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Nichols Canyon NA	Fabian Kremkus