

Hillside Federation
June 18, 2019
Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City
12355 Moorpark Street
Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

SB50 is not dead. SB 592, the gut and amend bill - We are researching to have more information to report at a future meeting

Fire Safety: Be Ember Aware - Marian Dodge

Assemblymember Laura Friedman held a town hall with a lot of good information about what to know and be aware of in cases of fire. A handout was provided with lots of very useful information and tips to protect and harden your home against embers. Please share the information with your groups.

Steve Twining suggests requesting funds from your councilmember for pool pumps for fire stations in your area.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

All bills are paid. The annual Holiday Party will be Thursday, December 12, 2019. [Note: the date of the party was later changed to December 19.]

IV. Old Business

A. AB 1788 Rodenticide ban update - Gerry Hans

The bill has passed three Assembly committees and the full Assembly and has moved on to the Senate. It goes to the Senate Environmental Committee tomorrow. Good news so far; they have kept it as currently written.

B. ADU Ordinance - Charley Mims

The Planning Dept. made changes and have weakened it by dropping the fire severity or hillside exemptions. They may ban ADUs in certain hillside areas in Community Plans. We need to continue to apply pressure to have hillside area exemptions since some councilmembers want ADUs in their area.

V. New Business

A. Helicopter Complaint System - Gerry Hans

The website and phone complaint system has been active for six to eight years. Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition (LAAHNC) has been working since 2012 to document the noise problem. The FAA declared significant progress, but there was almost none. The complaint system has been shut down since July 2018. FAA refused to renew funding for the system. LAAHNC is asking LA County to fund a newer, more robust system for about \$50,000 / yr.

MOTION: As FAA no longer will support a local helicopter noise complaint system, the Hillside Federation requests the continuation of a countywide helicopter noise complaint system funded by Los Angeles County. The motion passed.

C. Aerial Tram in Griffith Park - Alix Soubiran (FHRA)

Alix listed several concerns about an aerial tram in the park: destruction of habitat, change the beauty of the view, commercialization of the park.

Announcements

A. Berggruen Institute / Retreat - Patricia Bell Hearst Approval for a 28-house building project is going to City Council on June 25. Berggruen has hired Steve Soboroff as a lobbyist.

B. Guest speakers for SOHA - Jay Weitzler The company that is bidding to build a Monorail over the 405 will be presenting their idea.

C. Burbank Flight Paths Suellen Wagner Meetings have been held in regards to the FAA mishandling of NextGen roll out and impacts on major metro areas around the country. CM Krekorian spoke on behalf of his constituents and is requesting city funds for possible litigation.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn	Kit Paull
Lake Hollywood HOA	David Benz
	Sheila Irani
Laurel Canyon Assn	Cathy Wayne
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Dennis Chew
	Marian Dodge
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Residents of Bev Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi Mackay
	Suellen Wagner
Sherman Oaks HOA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res Assn	Joann Deutch
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

GUESTS:

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Franklin Hills Res	Alix Soubiran