

Hillside Federation
October 15, 2019
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Vice President Mark Stratton called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Fernando Morales — Supervisor
Kuehl's Office

Fernando described the changes in the Los Angeles County voting system for the 2020 election. There will be 150 polling centers throughout the county and people will have 11 days to vote. More information is available at the website VSAP.lavote.net.

Fernando distributed the County's Quarterly Update on Homelessness. The county needs more housing units. The hardest element of the homeless crisis is increasing the number of units available; it takes quite a while for them to come online. But whenever a new site is proposed, all of them are considered.

II. Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report — Marian Dodge reported on behalf of Charley Mims

The Federation received a happy Rosh Hashanah card from Councilmember David Ryu (CD4). Beloved Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres died on October 12 after falling ill during the Saddleridge Fire.

The first episode of season 4 of KCET's Lost LA features Griffith Park [*ed.* - This terrific show can be found online at: <https://www.kcet.org/shows/lost-la/episodes/griffith-park-the-untold-history>].

P-22 Day Festival is October 19 in Griffith Park.

B. Treasurer's Report — Don Andres

All bills are paid.

The Holiday Party will be held December 12, 2019. Tickets may be purchased online at the Hillside Federation website.

IV. Old Business

A. Weddington Golf Course — Chip Meehan, Save LA River Open Space

Community members have fought to have the property protected and maintained as public open space. Community members are concerned that Harvard-Westlake School, which purchased the property, is planning development of the property that is out of scale with its surroundings, including a 500-space subterranean garage. Because of the high water table, water will have to be pumped out of the subterranean garage and locker rooms. They are not changing zoning but requesting a CUP. Harvard-Westlake is now the largest land owner in Studio City. Harvard-Westlake held invitation only meetings with alumni to garner support for the project. Save LA River Open Space is working with Councilmember Krekorian to scale back the project. The golf course will be removed, but they are trying to save tennis courts for public use.

B. 3003 Runyon Canyon Rd. update — Don Andres, Joan Cashel

Three organizations wrote letters opposing the project. The community has hired an independent consultant to analyze the DEIR. The owner did not tell the Federation about a tunnel. The plan would consider the existing Headley/Handley House as an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), even though the maximum size of an ADU is 1200 square feet. The Headley/Handley House, at more than 2,000 sq. ft., doesn't qualify.

V. New Business

A. 11472 W. Laurelcrest Dr. — Diana Zogran, Sunshine Hills Neighborhood Residents Assoc.

The Board of Public Works (BPW) approved the tree removal permit and determined the project was exempt from CEQA. Community members have argued the project is within a special Sensitive Natural Community with numerous protected Coast Live Oaks, and a California Bird Refuge. Sunshine Hills filed an appeal with the BPW, supported by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and are seeking support from the HF in opposition to this project. The council file for the appeal is CF 19-1134.

MOTION: Don Andres moved that the Federation write a letter to CM Krekorian in support of Sunshine Hills' appeal of the 11472 Laurelcrest Dr. project on the grounds of CEQA and the protected tree ordinance. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Burbank Airport noise issue is ongoing. The next meeting has been rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 N. Hollywood Way.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next meeting November 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Benson
Recording Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Benedict Canyon Assn	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Hills HOA	John Given
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlywd Bl W	Don Andres
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn	Kit Paull
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Dennis Chew
	Marian Dodge
Nichols Cyn N Assn	Julie Kremkus
Residents of Bev Glen	Stephen Benson
Shadow Hills POA	Cindy Bloom

Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res Assn	Joann Deutch
	Chip Meehan
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

GUESTS:

Supervisor Kuehl's office	Fernando Morales
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Nichols Cyn N Assn	Pam Wick
Studio City RA	Diana Zogran
Tujunga resident	Mark Dutton
Berry Hilltop resident	Nina Heller
Sunshine Hill resident	Natasha Garcia