

**Hillside Federation**  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City  
12355 Moorpark Street, Studio City  
**February 18, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**Guest: Erin Seinfeld, Supervisor Kuehl's office**

There have been several changes in staff. Fernando Morales has been promoted to District Director. Zachary Gaidzik will cover the Westside and Bel Air. Erin is now covering east of Robertson. Erin described several county programs for youth, women, and homeless. She reminded all of the changes in the voting system.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The January 2020 minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report — Charley Mims.

Charley congratulated long-time Federation member Don Keller on his 90th birthday. Developer Arman Gabay, whom the Federation fought regarding his project at 10550 N. Bellagio Rd in 2014, has been charged with bribing county staff. He faces bribery & wire fraud charges.

B. Treasurer's Report — Don Andres

Thirty organizations have already paid their dues.

The policies of the Mulholland Tennis Club have changed. Thursday December 10 may not be available for our Holiday Party. Saturday night might be available. Don and an ad hoc committee will continue to negotiate with MTC and explore alternatives. TreePeople and Mountaingate Country Club were suggested.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Burbank Flight Path

There is another hearing tomorrow, 6:30pm at the Burbank Airport Marriott.

**V. New Business**

A. Sidewalk Repair Program DEIR: Preserving Street Trees

Diana is a horticulturalist with LA Audubon. The Sidewalk Repair Program is the city's response to the Willits Case re: wheelchair access on sidewalks. Although many organizations, including the Federation, requested an extension of the comment period, it is unlikely to be extended. Comments are due February 24. An estimated 12,000–17,000 mature street trees could be removed to repair sidewalks. There is very short notice on tree removals with little opportunity for public review.

The DEIR claims that after 30 years there will be no impact. It ignores impact to heat islands and wildlife. Little consideration has been given to alternatives. The types of trees available for replacement has been limited. The solution can't be a one size fits all. The removal of Historic-Cultural Monument trees must be approved by the Cultural-Heritage Commission.

**MOTION:** Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation submit a comment letter stressing the importance of protecting street trees and seeking alternatives to their removal. The motion passed.

Robin Greenberg announced that tomorrow City Council is addressing CF 20-0103 to get grants for “CityTrees.”

B. Studio City ADU project 3747 Berry Dr.

Charley Mims talked to Councilmember Krekorian's planning deputy. The property owner took out a permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit under the old ADU rules. But he demolished the garage and built a new building with an ADU on top. The City allowed him to get a new permit to legalize what he had done, which was probably not proper.

C. Mountain Lion protection – Marian Dodge

City Council has initiated a motion (CF 20-0002-S20) to support state legislation which would end issuing depredation permits to kill mountain lions in the southern California area and place lions on the state’s endangered species list. Gerry Hans commented that the State Fish and Game Commission will probably declare Southern California mountain lions an Endangered Species at their April meeting.

**MOTION:** Marian moved that the Federation support CF 20-0002-S20 to protect mountain lions. The motion passed.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. Next meeting, March 17, 2020. St. Patrick’s Day

Marian Dodge, Acting Secretary

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills HOA	Carolyn LoBuglio
	John Given
Brentwood Res Coal	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlwd Bl W	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Kagel Canyon Civic	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn	Jamie Hall
	Cathy Wayne
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie Kremkus
Oak Forest Cyn Assn	Bruce Hollihan
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res Assn	Joann Deutch

**GUESTS:**

Sup. Kuehl's office	Erin Seinfeld
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
LA Audubon/WCSA	Diana Zogran