

### **Hillside Federation Monthly Meeting**

July 21, 2020 7:02 pm Via video conference Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

# Guest: Ethan Weaver, Hollywood Neighborhood Prosecutor

- 1. Ethan gave an update on party houses. If there is a party: Call ASK-LAPD to create a paper trail. When the LAPD party car goes out on the weekend, they track the houses. Leave a name and contact number when calling LAPD non-emergency for a follow up. Email your Neighborhood Prosecutor and SLO
  - 1. West of the 101: Ethan Weaver <a href="mailto:ethan.weaver@lacity.org">ethan.weaver@lacity.org</a> and Brett Cohen (acting SLO)
  - 2. East of the 101: Veronica de la Cruz (NP) and SLO Heather Matt

### Guest: Brett Cohen, LAPD

1. Brett gave an update on the party houses as well. Email is the best way to get in touch with him: 40760@lapd.online

### II. Approval of minutes - Julie Kremkus

The June Minutes were approved with correction.

### III. Officers' Reports

A. <u>President's Report</u> – Charley Mims

Welcomed Ricky de Laveaga from Fellowship Heights NA. Confirmed Adam Schiff will be attending the Sept 15th meeting.

- 1. Wildlife team and City Planning Department sent an email thanking the Hillside Federation for their efforts in helping retain current staff for the Wildlife Pilot Study.
- 2. Jerry Daniel passed away recently. He was a force in conserving and protecting the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills. Executive committee is making a contribution and raising funds from member and associations to memorialize his work. The board agreed the executive committee will determine the amount of HF contribution. Wendy-Sue Rosen made a statement that Mulholland overlooks are because of Jerry, he was the longest serving member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, served as the chair several times and as a board member, chair emeritus of the Hillside Federation.

### B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

- 1. All bills paid no outstanding expenses. Expenses are reduced due COVID-19 and not having to pay for a meeting room.
- 2. All 44 members have paid dues for 2020.
- 3. Holiday party on hold due to COVID-19. No deposit to MTC.

4. Hillside Federation financial support policy and process was updated to receive donations for a specific purpose.

**MOTION**: Update to the financial support policy was approved.

#### IV. Old Business

A. <u>Hollywood Center Project (AKA Millennium Project)</u> - Robert Silverstein, Attorney for Stop the Millennium

Robert Silverstein presented the project which was opposed in 2013 as the Millennium Project.

**MOTION**: Stephen Krawchuk and Alexa Iles Skarpelos move that the Hillside Federation oppose the Hollywood Center Project on the basis of (i) all the objections already made to it by constituent members as referred to in Charley Mims' June 1, 2020 comment letter on the DEIR, (ii) the risk to life and safety caused by it being built over multiple earthquake faults as disclosed by the California Geologic Survey, in violation of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, (iii) the potential liability of the City and people of Los Angeles for catastrophic collapse of the project when the earthquake hits. The motion passed.

**MOTION**: Stephen Krawchuk made the motion to allow the Hillside Federation to accept funds to oppose the Hollywood Center Project. The motion passed.

# B. 3003 Runyon Canyon Rd. - Joan Cashel

The project is in the center of Runyon Canyon. Chris Parker, the expediter, presented the project to the MDRB with approximately 40 people via zoom. Over 20 people voiced concerns on size, location, carbon footprint. No one on the call supported the project. Renee Weitzer from CD4 voiced concerns about entitlements. MDRB discussed their view about size, location, calculations being incorrect, concerns about actual plans. MDRB recommended decreasing the project from 22,000 sq. ft. to 5500 sq.ft., reduce the garage to 400 sq. ft., overhangs and mechanical rooms to count as floor area, no basement or three stories, higher quality drawings and renderings to be submitted and location at ridge line will be reevaluated.

### C. AB 3279 Update - John Given

Charley Mims, Marian Dodge, Wendy-Sue Rosen and John met with Laura Friedman's office concerning modifications to the bill. There are concerns the modifications would have a detrimental effect on small groups' ability to file petitions. Some of the components of the proposal would allow for the ability to prepare the record, usually the petitioners can opt to do for far less than the rates the city agency prepares the record (ie \$3,000 vs \$10K - \$20K). The bill would also allow interlocutory remand. Many environmental justice groups have weighed in hoping to just kill the bill entirely some hoping to push it to next year.

### V. New Business

# A. Housing Element - Wendy-Sue Rosen

The city of Los Angeles is redoing their General Plan which includes the Housing Element. Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zones will not be exempt nor are they addressing it in policy. Wendy requested the Hillside Federation request a future presentation from the Planning Department or the executive committee draft a letter by the comment dead-

line regarding fires, as a matter of public safety in hillsides, and exempting hillside areas from density. No objections were made.

### Announcements:

Linda Whitford encouraged everyone to call their senators to vote yes on AB 3030. It is part of a global initiative to designate 30% of land and sea as protected by 2030 and 50% by 2050.

# VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm in memory of Jerry Daniel. Next meeting: September 15, 2020. No meeting in August.

Julie Kremkus - Secretary

# **Members in Attendance:**

Arayle Civic Association Stephen Krawchuk Beachwood Canvon NA Fda Hallinan Beachwood Canvon NA Fran Reichenbach Bel Air Skycrest POA Mark Stratton Bel-Air Association Maureen Levinson Bel-Air Association I inda Whitford **Bel-Air Hills Association** Steve Twining **Benedict Canyon Association** Nickie Miner Benedict Canvon Association Schlesinger Bob Brentwood Hills HOA Carolyn LoBualio **Brentwood Residents Coalition** Keller Don **Brentwood Residents Coalition** Wendy-Sue Rosen Cahuenga Pass POA Krista Michaels Canvon Back Alliance Lois Becker Canyon Back Alliance John Given Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA **Fvans** Fllen Franklin Hills Residents Association Charley Mims Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn. Andres Don Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn. Yvonne Hessler Hollywood Dell Civic Association lles Skarpelos Alexa Hollywood Dell Civic Association Marv Ledding Hollywoodland Homeowners Crosby Doe Hollywoodland Homeowners Swofford Jeff Kagel Canvon Civic Katharine Paull Lake Hollywood Homeowners David Benz Laurel Canvon Association Cathy Wavne Los Feliz Improvement Association Dennis Chew Los Feliz Improvement Association Marian Dodge Nichols Canvon NA Julie Kremkus **Outpost Estates Homeowners** Tom Davila Residents of Beverly Glen Tensie Palmer Shadow Hills Property Owners Cindv Bloom Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Weitzler .lav Studio City Residents Association Deutch Joann The Oaks Homeowners Othenin-Girard Linda Upper Nichols Canvon NA Cashel Joan Upper Nichols Canvon NA Stacv Sillins

#### **Guests:**

Chair Emeritus Patricia Bell Hearst
Hollywood Center - Opposing Legal Firm Roberts Silverstein
Hollywood Neighborhood Prosecutor Ethan Weaver
LAPD Acting Senior Lead Officer Brett Cohen