



## Hillside Federation Monthly Meeting

September 15, 2020 7:02 pm

Via video conference

Minutes

### I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

#### Guest: Congressman Adam Schiff

The pandemic has devastated the US both in lives lost and economically. The focus of his work right now is to ramp up testing and tracing capabilities and provide support to families and small businesses.

For the past 20 years he has worked on the Rim of the Valley / Valley Corridor Preservation Act that doubles the size of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Most recently a bill passed as part of the defense bill. He is hoping he can bring this long term project to a successful conclusion. Great American Outdoors Act passed with bipartisan support which will be helpful to the Rim of the Valley legislation.

Safest way to vote is by mail and to vote early so it arrives on time. Bipartisan support is there to extend the Census count to the end of October.

### II. Approval of minutes - Julie Kremkus

The July minutes were approved as corrected.

### III. Officers' Reports

#### A. President's Report – Charley Mims

1. Charley recognized Julie Kremkus for the new newsletter design.
2. The Hillside Federation is co-hosting a CD4 debate with Councilmember David Ryu and Nithya Raman on October 2nd.
3. Recognition was given to Jamie Hall from Laurel Canyon Land Trust in raising funds to purchase three parcels of land for open space.
  1. AB1788 is awaiting the Governor's signature. Charley encouraged members send emails for the governor to sign it.
  2. Marian Dodge requested members send her a separate email as opposed to replying to the newsletter to ensure a response if they have an issue.
  3. John Given gave an update on a project in Sullivan Canyon with a a protected tree permit. The permit allows for 56 trees to be cut down but they cut down a few trees not in the permit. One of the trees that was cut down was on city property and not allowed. John is continuing to monitor and will follow up.

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

1. All bills paid, nothing is due.

2. Three Hillside Federation funds were set up in July: Stop Hollywood Center Fund, Jerry Daniels Fund and a General Use Fund.
3. Executive Committee decided to match up to \$2500 for the Jerry Daniels Fund.
4. The city is moving rapidly so it is very import to raise money as soon as possible for the Stop Hollywood Center Fund.

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. Hollywood Center Project (AKA Millennium Project) - John Given

John Given gave a report on the hearing. More people were opposed than he expected. Typically the EIR would have been available before the hearing but this was not the case and very unusual. We have enough interested members and he recommends we appeal to make sure we have the right to sue in the future. We think Stop Hollywood Center will file the appeal and ask for the Hillside Federation to be included. It seems appropriate to join them.

**MOTION:** John Given, on behalf of the executive committee moved to approach Robert Silverstein to have Hillside Federation join his appeal and authorize \$2000. The motion passed.

##### B. Hollywood Community Plan- Marian Dodge

Marian participated in the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, Planning Land Use Management meeting and asked about restricting density in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, they took note. She also asked why there was no height limit around the Capitol Records building. No answer to height limit as time ran out but suggested we formally ask. Wendy Sue-Sue Rosen brought up the slope density section from the last iteration of the plan that the Hillside Federation supported and make sure it is included. Marian agreed to verify. Ellen Evans requested a presentation from the planners to the Hillside Federation. Wendy requested a housing element be presented by the planners as well.

##### C. Berggruen Project Update - Ileana Wachtel

Ileana updated the proposed 223,880 sqft event center and think tank in the Santa Monica Mountains. Recently, the city attorney determined they cannot use the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) on their application as they are not an educational institute. A specific plan has been filed but it has been in quarantine due to COVID and no one has seen it. The project is a conversion from residential to commercial use. It will need to go through a general plan amendment with the public and committee meetings.

#### V. New Business

##### A. Aerial Tram in Griffith Park - Marian Dodge

Marian presented feasibility studies that the city is conducting on four aerial tram routes that take tourists to a viewing platform to see the Hollywood Sign. All routes would be built across pristine, undisturbed canyons causing permanent destruction of habitat. All displace current park users for parking lots and would visually impact the iconic view of the park and of the Hollywood Sign. Many associations have opposed the project because of the destruction of open space, habitat and disruption to wildlife. There are concerns the tram will create more of an attraction and traffic will get worse. Jeff Swofford from Hollywoodland Homeowners said the their association opposed it based on noise and traffic. Dennis Chew mentioned the Los Feliz Improvement Association once sup-

ported the aerial tram but it was a different version. LFIA sent a letter of retraction to not have any tram in the park.

**MOTION:** Marian Dodge moved that the Hillside Federation opposes any aerial tram in Griffith Park. The motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Wendy-Sue Rosen announced there are three fire bills, two from Assemblymember Laura Friedman and one from Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson. All are fire protective and prevention policies in front of the Governor right now. Wendy will send a summary to forward to the members. The Executive Committee will write letters once the information is received.

Don Andres announced the annual holiday event will be virtual this year. The Jerry Daniel Award are open to member nominations. Nominations should be sent to Julie Kremkus.

Wendy-Sue Rosen requested we have a moment of silence for the people that died in the fires.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.  
Next meeting: October 20, 2020

Julie Kremkus - Secretary

**Members**

Beachwood Canyon NA	Eda	Hallinan
Beachwood Canyon NA	Fran	Reichenbach
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark	Stratton
Bel-Air Association	Maureen	Levinson
Bel-Air Association	Linda	Whitford
Bel-Air Hills Association	Robin	Greenberg
Bel-Air Hills Association	Steve	Twining
Benedict Canyon Association	Mindy	Mann
Benedict Canyon Association	Nickie	Miner
Benedict Canyon Association	Bob	Schlesinger
Brentwood Hills HOA	Carolyn	LoBuglio
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Don	Keller
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Wendy-Sue	Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven	Kates
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista	Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois	Becker
Canyon Back Alliance	John	Given
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen	Evans
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA	Leslie	Rubinoff
Franklin Hills Residents Association	Charley	Mims
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn	Don	Andres
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn	Sarah	Boyer

Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn	Yvonne	Hessler
Hollywood Dell Civic Association	Mary	Ledding
Hollywoodland Homeowners	Crosby	Doe
Hollywoodland Homeowners	Jeff	Swofford
Kagel Canyon Civic	Katharine (Kit)	Paul
Lake Hollywood Homeowners	David	Benz
Lake Hollywood Homeowners	Kristina	O'Neil
Laurel Canyon Association	Cathy	Wayne
Los Feliz Improvement Association	Dennis	Chew
Los Feliz Improvement Association	Marian	Dodge
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie	Kremkus
Outpost Estates Homeowners	Tom	Davila
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn	Barbara	Kohn
Residents of Beverly Glen	Dan	Palmer
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi	MacKay
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen	Wagner
Shadow Hills Property Owners	Cindy	Bloom
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association	Jay	Weitzler
Studio City Residents Association	Joann	Deutch
The Oaks Homeowners	Linda	Othenin-Girard
Upper Nichols Canyon NA	Joan	Cashel
Upper Nichols Canyon NA	Stacy	Sillins

### **Guests**

Berggruen Project	Ileana	Wachtel
Chair Emeritus	Alan	Kishbaugh
Chair Emeritus - Guest	Stella	Resnick
Congressman Ted Lieu	Janet	Turner
Mountaingate	Kay	George
Sen. Portantino's Office	Vickere	Murphy
US Congressman - 28th District	Patrick	Boland
US Congressman - 28th District	Jenna	Galper
US Congressman - 28th District	Adam	Schiff