

## Hillside Federation

### Minutes

April 19, 2022

via Video conference

#### I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

#### Guest Series: Getting to Know Candidates

##### Councilmember Joe Buscaino - Candidate, LA City Mayor

He is the Past Chair of Public Works and past LAPD Senior Lead Officer. His first job was working for the parks. He will support the preservation of public spaces, the Wildlife Ordinance Pilot Study, a citywide no camping law and affordable housing.

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##### Congresswoman Karen Bass - Candidate, LA City Mayor

She will support the Wildlife Pilot Study, Wildlife Habitat. LA has become unaffordable. There is a need to increase the housing supply; make it easier to build; Building and Safety needs to put all functions in one area.

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##### CD 5 Update - Ali Simard

Dylan Sittig, is CD 5's new Planning Deputy. He is a former project planner in WLA with City Planning.

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CD 5 will introduce the Wildlife Ordinance soon.

##### CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker

The Beautify LA deadline is May 4. Curtis School project goes to the Planning Commission May 26. Ferns will be planted in Fern Dell in Griffith Park for Earth Day.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

#### III. Officers Reports

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

Jamie Hall was a lead witness on April 7<sup>th</sup> before a state senate committee on SB 1425, a bill that requires cities to update their Open Space element by 2026. Jamie credits the Hillside Federation for introducing Sen. Henry Stern to him. Jamie made the suggestion and Sen. Stern followed through promptly by introducing SB 1425.

The report of the Nominating Committee by Steve Krawchuk was accepted. President - Charley Mims, Chairman - Marian Dodge, Vice Presidents - Mark Stratton & Jamie Hall, Executive Secretary - Julie Kremkus, Recording Secretary - Robin Greenberg, Treasurer - Don Andres.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

We have 46 members with 40 paid. An update on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at the TreePeople was provided.

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Mount St. Mary's University Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen

There is a lot of traffic and grading. They will probably have to go to court.

B. Curtis School Project - Mark Stratton

The project is back for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 13 years with a month delay for Design Review Board. The project is now in Council District 4, Nithya Raman.

C. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum update – Don Andres

The opening brief is due April 27<sup>th</sup> and the meeting with the city will be June 29<sup>th</sup>.

D. SB 9 and 10 update – Jamie Hall

Four cities have filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of SB 9 and 10: Carson, Torrance, Redondo Beach, and Whittier. LA has no draft ordinance yet.

E. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project – Alan Dymond

The school is building an athletic facility on the site of the Weddington Golf and Tennis site where Save LA Open Space had proposed a public park with a large water recapturing system. The Harvard/ Westlake project includes a two-story gymnasium and swimming pool, below grade parking lot. Grass will be replaced with artificial turf that contains a toxic fire retardant chemical. The plastic breaks down into small bits that contaminate ground water. 240 trees will be cut down. 27 tons of earth will be dug up and hauled away. Noise, light pollution, traffic. The project is now in Nithya Raman's Council District 4. Written DEIR responses have to be filed by May 10.

MOTION: Alan Dymond moved that the Hillside Federation oppose the Harvard Westlake Project as proposed. The motion passed with two abstentions.

F. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road – Don Andres, Joan Cashel

The private property is located in the middle of Runyon Canyon Park with the only access on a park trail ¼ mile driving down from Mulholland. The Federation opposed the grading in 2019. The basic problem is having a private residence in the middle of a park. The project will go before the Mulholland Design Review Board on May 18. Jamie Hall stated that we need to inform the public, the people who visit the park.

MOTION: Don Andres moved that the Hillside Federation continue to oppose this residential development in the middle of one of the largest natural parks in the city. The motion passed.

**V. New Business**

A. LA Department of Building and Safety policies - Stella Grey

Stella Grey, a member of DSPNA and the BABCNC, made a presentation on the LADBS policies and procedures. LADBS does not expire permits. LADBS is disinterested in community feedback. There is a

lack of dialogue between agencies. BOE erroneously lists many substandard streets as standard. They allow projects larger than permitted by code. The Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee is working to limit haul routes and construction hours, eliminate commercial activities in residential areas. Stella recommends letting DBS know you are paying attention.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51.

Next meeting May 17, 2022

Robin Greenberg

Recording Secretary

**Members Present:**

Argyle Civic Assn.	Stephen Krawchuk
Beachwood Canyon NA	Chip Clements
Bel-Air Assn.	Maureen Levinson
Bel-Air Hills Assn.	Robin Greenberg
	Wendy Morris
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Benedict Canyon Assn.	Nickie Miner
	Robert Schlesinger
Brentwood Hills HOA	Thomas Howard
	Carolyn LoBuglio
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
	Stella Grey
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.	Charley Mims
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn.	Don Andres
Hollywoodland Homeowners	Jeff Swofford

Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.	Bill Slocum
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Jamie Hall
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Marian Dodge
Mountaingate	Steve Drimmer
Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance	Lee McLoed
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie Kremkus
Outpost NA	Tom Davila
Oaks Homeowners	Kelly Lynch
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.	Jessica Rogers
Residents of Beverly Glen	Dan Palmer
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Save Our Canyon	Carolyn Fleck
	Mark Levin
Studio City Residents Assn.	Joann Deutch
	Alan Dymond
Upper Nichols Canyon NA	Joan Cashel

Guests:

Candidate for Mayor, Congresswoman	Karen Bass
Karen Bass Sr. Advisor & Policy Dir.	Joey Freeman
Candidate for Mayor, Councilmember	Joe Buscaino
CD 15 staff	Gaby Medina
CD 4 Field Rep	Mehmet Berker
CD 5 Communications Director	Ali Simard
CD 5 Planning	Dylan Sittig
Chair Emeritus	Alan Kishbaugh
Bel Air/Beverly Crest NC	Stephanie Savage
Getty Head of Gov't & Community	Mary-Elizabeth Michaels
Unknown	Caroline Andrews