

**Hillside Federation**

**June 21, 2022**

**via video conference**

**Minutes**

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Guests:

A. LA County District 3 Update – Rachel Sherrell

The County’s Climate Action Plan to help unincorporated communities reach carbon neutrality by 2045 and the DRAFT EIR is now open for comments:

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/meetings-hearings/>

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/los-angeles-county-cap>

LA County Regional Park and Open Space District is currently accepting applications for grants.

[https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dpr/1125359\\_2022RecAccessGuidelines.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dpr/1125359_2022RecAccessGuidelines.pdf)

[http://file.lacounty.gov/SDInter/dpr/1121553\\_Natural\\_Competitive\\_Guidelines\\_2021.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/SDInter/dpr/1121553_Natural_Competitive_Guidelines_2021.pdf)

B. Wildlife Ordinance Update - City Planning

Virtual Information Session: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Virtual Public Hearing: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Comments may be submitted by email to [ourla2040@lacity.org](mailto:ourla2040@lacity.org) or by hard copy by July 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. Any written communication must include case numbers CPC-2022-3413-CA and CPC-2022-3712-ZC.

Major Points to be made regarding the Wildlife Ordinance:

1. Native Woodlands identified by 2006 National Park Service vegetation mapping is a resource.
2. All undeveloped City properties (except DWP) with APNs are Open Space.
3. Identify “Paper Streets” (dedicated street easements) as habitat linkage.
4. Open Space mapping shall be revised and updated at least annually. Update should include all land preserved for open space by either public or private organizations.
5. Conservation easements and open space deed restrictions shall be “open space” under this Ordinance.
6. Have a required Finding for Site Plan Review such that the environmental impacts of the project have been evaluated, mitigated, and reduced to the maximum extent feasible.

7. The requirement for tree removal permits by the Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services with review and approval by the Board of Public Works shall not be changed by this ordinance.

Footnote: Unused city-owned parcels shall be zoned as open space

C. CD 5 Update - Dylan Sittig/Ali Simard – not present

D. CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker

4<sup>th</sup> of July, LAPD Hollywood will designate a car if they can.

Recently there have been a lot of big trees put on Mulholland and Macapa.

City Council adopted Nithya Raman's motion that charges the Department of Building and Safety working with the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office to be built so that they will achieve zero-carbon emissions as our electric grid becomes carbon free.

Griffith Park pilot road closure June 14 - August 2 Griffith Park Drive at Travel Town and the gate near Mt. Hollywood Drive. The Department of Recreation and Parks is piloting this closure to observe the effects on eliminating cut through freeway traffic

II. Approval of Minutes

The May Minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The hearing on the Mulholland Scenic Design Review Board lawsuit will be July 29.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

There were 93 attendees at the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at TreePeople.

The Treasurer's Report was filed without objections.

IV. Old Business

A. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road - Stacey Brenner of Brenner Consulting Group

Presentation of newly proposed project by the development team presenters: Sheri Bonstelle of Brenner Consulting Group, Chris Parker. Manny Valencia, property owner, has been living there 7 years. The initial filing was in 2015. A discretionary request was filed in November of 2016 to allow grading within 50 feet of a prominent ridge. July 1, 2020 the Mulholland Design Review Board comments on proposed project: 1) Reducing the house to 5500 sq. ft. plus a 400 sq. ft. garage. 2) Reducing the building from 3 to 2 stories without a basement that daylight.

Charley Mims asked the presenters:

Is the landscaping native to the Santa Monica Mountains?

Is there access to the house off of Mulholland?

Is the access used by patrons to the park?

Will there be safe access for patrons of the park utilizing the trail?

Jamie Hall mentioned that there will be a huge impact on the people who visit the park during construction. Ellen Evans mentioned that the 2000 sq. ft. of patio lends itself to hospitality. Wendy Rosen asked about a zone variance to grade to a prominent ridge.

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

There will be a mandatory settlement conference in July.

C. Curtis School Project – Wendy-Sue Rosen

Curtis came to the Mulholland Design Review Board with a dreadful presentation and the Mulholland Scenic Design Review Board disapproved unanimously. The project is going to the City Planning Commission in August.

D. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum update - Don Andres

It will go to Superior Court July 29<sup>th</sup>.

E. SB 9 and 10 update - Jamie Hall - nothing to report

F. Harvard Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond

The ZA found that the subject of the property is at its highest and best use. The response to the draft EIR will be filed by the end of summer or later.

V. New Business

A. Mission Canyon Helispot - Mark Stratton

The LA Fire Department has come up with an agreement with the county. Each helipad will have its own source of water. The hydrant will be moved from one side to another location.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next meeting is on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Members Present:**

Beachwood Canyon NA	Chip Clements
Bel-Air Hills Assn.	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Knolls	Linda Rose
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton

Benedict Canyon Assn.	Nickie Miner
	Robert Schlesinger
Brentwood Hills HOA	Carolyn LoBuglio
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Dan Bernstein
	Steven Kates
	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.	Charley Mims
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn.	Don Andres
Hollywood Heights	Doug Williams
Hollywoodland Homeowners	Jeff Swofford
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Jamie Hall
	Cathy Wayne
Mountaingate	Steve Drimmer
Mt. Olympus Property Owners	Joe Custer
Outpost NA	Andrea Falco
Sherman Oaks HOA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Residents Assn.	Alan Dymond
Upper Nichols Canyon NA	Joan Cashel
	Stacy Sillins

**Guests:**

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office	Rachel Sherell
CD 4 Field Rep	Mehmet Berker
Chair Emeritus	Alan Kishbaugh
3003 Runyon Canyon Rd.	Ameen Ayoub
	Sheri Bonstelle
	Chris Parker
	Shana Sherwood

Michael Sullivan

Stacy Brenner

Manny Valencia