

**Hillside Federation**  
**February 21, 2023**  
**via video conference**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Charley Mims.

**Guest:**

**Office of Senator Anthony Portantino** - Declan Floyd

Senator Portantino introduced 31 bills last year. Bills of interest include:

SB 2: Concealed carry permits - sponsor Rob Bonta

SB 98: Could bring 3 billion dollars for the schools

SB 257: Women's follow-up tests should be covered by insurance

SB 411: Allows neighborhood councils to meet virtually

SB 422: CEQA review streamlining bill

SB 538: Create office of a bicyclist czar

SB 691: Requires students K thru 2 grade to be screened for dyslexia

Wendy-Sue Rosen requested a clarification of "streamlining of CEQA" since we see it as possible weakening of CEQA.

**CD 4 Update** - Mehmet Berker

The Wildlife Ordinance is still pending before going to the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Cahuenga 101 underpass: Inside Safe rehoused of 29 people; next step permanent housing.

Hillside repairs near Summit Circle are wrapped up.

Motion CF 23-0142 Report back on goal of zero emissions of green house gas in city parks.

Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan 23-0105 - Rescoping, restores ecology, serves as flood control

Griffith Park: They are beginning the installation of T-gates, adding humps, speed feedback signs for the permanent closure of Griffith Park Dr. to private vehicles from Travel Town to the mulch facility.

**CD 5 Update** - Jarrett Thompson

Wildlife Ordinance: getting it scheduled to committee

Motion on Senderos Canyon for report back to see if there is funding available to purchase the property as green space. They are looking for state funding.

Charley Mims: LA County agreed to provide social services and mental services

Nickie Miner - There is no enforcement on the Home Sharing Ordinance.

**CD 11 Update** - Michael Amster

Sepulveda projects: Berggruen Institute - they will provide input based on community concerns. Steve Drimmer pointed out that when Traci Park was campaigning, she stated that she was opposed to the Berggruen project. Eric

Edmunds stated that Brentwood strongly opposes the Berggruen project.

**AD 44** - Skylar Payab is the new field deputy for Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin.

## **II. Approval of Minutes** - Robin Greenberg

The January 2023 minutes were approved as written.

## **III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims - no report

B. Operations and Treasurer Report - Don Andres

Don reviewed HF finances. 28 members have paid annual dues which are due by March 1. We are waiting for a resolution of the legal fees regarding the Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum writ.

## **IV. Old Business**

A. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum - Don Andres - Nothing new to report.

B. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road - Don Andres - No new action.

C. Billboard Blight - Marian Dodge

The Coalition for Beautiful Los Angeles filed a lawsuit against the city regarding the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP). Metro is still trying to put up 97 billboards. Eric Edmunds: The Sunset Strip is visual clutter; there is a live movie screen on a billboard.

D. Zoo Vision Plan - Marian Dodge - The Final EIR has not been released.

E. Mount St. Mary's University Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen - It is still in litigation.

F. Curtis School Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen - It should be scheduled at PLUM.

G. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond - The DEIR must be recirculated because many parts were missing. AB 1423 is going to try to ban the use of artificial turf which is made of "forever chemicals."

H. SB 9 and 10 Update - Jamie Hall - not present

Ellen Evans discussed a proposed lot split in DSPNA.

I. Hollywood Sign Lighting - Jeff Swofford

Jeff provided a draft HUNC Report on 25 recommendations for mitigating traffic around the Hollywood Sign.

J. Digital "Canvas" at 9176 Sunset Blvd - Ellen Evans

DSPNA hired an illumination engineer. The Illuminating Engineering Society studies lighting

zones from 0 - 4 , 0 being the darkest, 4 being the brightest. West Hollywood is a 4; Times Square is a 4.

K. California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Draft EIR - Kelly Erin Decker/Kit Paull - Not present.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. EF International Language Campus - Shawna Marino, Education First VP**

Education First is purchasing the American Jewish University Campus on Casiano. They provide English instruction to foreign students who either live on campus or with host families. They are not planning any major square footage additions. EF will be adding a pool and a basketball court. The architectural team, Gensler, will create a new front door, add native plants, add security enhancements, with 4 entrances and exits and up to 1400 students. There will be no more than 1000 students on site at any one time Monday through Friday. There will be up to 116 faculty and staff and up to five 22-passenger shuttle buses.

Charley Mims suggested the addition of solar panels but they have no plans to do so.

Wendy-Sue Rosen suggested they meet with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy regarding permeable fencing and the installation of fire-spotting cameras.

### **B. Senderos Canyon - Wendy-Sue Rosen**

Councilmember Yaroslavsky initiated a motion to seek funding for the purchase of Senderos Canyon as open space. CF 23-0129.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Hillside Federation support CF 23-0129. The motion passed.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Next meeting:

March 21, 2023 7:00 pm

Robin Greenberg

Secretary

### **Attendees:**

#### **Members**

Mark	Stratton	Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Association
Robin	Greenberg	Bel-Air Hills Association
Steve	Twining	Bel-Air Hills Association

Nickie	Miner	Benedict Canyon Association
Thomas	Howard	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Eric	Edmunds	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Carolyn	LoBuglio	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Wendy-Sue	Rosen	Brentwood Residents Coalition
Lois	Becker	Canyon Back Alliance
Ellen	Evans	Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Jeff	Swofford	Hollywoodland Homeowners
Marian	Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement Association
Stephen	Drimmer	Mountaingate
Lee	McLoed	Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Alan	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Linda	Othenin-Girard	The Oaks Homeowners
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

**Officials and Reps**

Michael	Amster	CD11 - Field Representative
Mehmet	Berker	CD4 - Transportation Deputy
Declan	Floyd	Rep - Sen Anthony Portantino
Alan	Kishbaugh	Chair Emeritus & MRDB Chair
Skylar	Payab	Rep - Asemblymember Jacqui Irwin
Jarrett	Thompson	CD5 - Field Representative

**Guests**

Meghan	Conway	EF International Language Campus
Pat	Gibson	EF International Language Campus
Jess	Hazelton	EF International Language Campus
Stacie	Henderson	EF International Language Campus
David	Johnson	EF International Language Campus
Kelsey	Manes	EF International Language Campus
Shawna	Marino	EF International Language Campus
Daniel	Reardon	EF International Language Campus
Brenna	Wylder	EF International Language Campus