

Hillside Federation
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:00 pm
via video conference
Minutes

I. Call to Order at 7:04 pm

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

Guest: Marylee Guinon, of the **State Alliance for Fire Safe Road Regulation**, a not-for-profit enacted in 1991 to propose fire safe road regulations in state. New developments are required to allow access by large fire fighting equipment and evacuation. SB 901, which passed in 2018 and became effective in July 2021, applies to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. No dead end road can be over one mile long and all roads must be at least 20' wide. In October 2022 the Attorney General issued guidelines to reduce the risk of lawsuits by recommending limits on how development can be built in VHFHSZ. Shelter in place is not an alternative; ultimately you still have to evacuate. Steve Drimmer stated that Mt. St. Mary's violated fire regulations.

CD 5 Update - Fernando Morales, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations.

The Bulgari Hotel could be reconsidered by City Council tomorrow or next Wednesday. Jamie Hall thanked Fernando for cleaning up the homeless encampment on San Vicente and Beverly Grove.

CD 11 Update - no update

CD 4 Update – no update

Hillside Federation Officers Installation - Alan Kishbaugh, Chair Emeritus of the Hillside Federation, installed the officers for the next year:

Charley Mims	President
Marian Dodge	Chairman
Mark Stratton	Vice President
Jamie Hall	Vice President
Robin Greenberg	Secretary
Don Andres	Treasurer

II. Approval of Minutes: Robin Greenberg

The April minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports:

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

Charley Mims thanked our attorney John Given for helping to reverse the action of the Planning Director regarding the Mulholland Design Review Board.

B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres

Don Andres acknowledged that there are 47 member associations and that Encino Property Owners is interested in joining. The recovered legal fees will go into a legal fund.

Charley Mims received and filed the Treasurer's Report.

IV. Old Business

A. Bulgari Hotel Project - Marian Dodge

There was a tie vote in City Hall today. CM Traci Park voted No on CM Yaroslavsky's motion to rescind the General Plan amendment that would permit a hotel in Benedict Canyon. Save Our Canyon brought 120 speakers to support motion to rescind. Many labor unions talked about the jobs that would be created.

B. Berggruen Institute Project - Steve Drimmer

The Berggruen Institute lost his appeal and did not appeal to the Supreme Court so now the original case can proceed. Eric Edmunds stated that Berggruen has unlimited funds and is in for the long haul.

C. Education First Language Institute - Mark Stratton

Lois Becker stated that EF is offering Wise Temple usage of a soccer field and overflow parking, increasing security and agreeing not to open the property for outside events.

MOTION: Mark Stratton moved that the Hillside Federation support the Education First reduced project. The motion passed. Jamie Hall recused himself.

D. Short-term Rentals - Ellen Evans - not here

E. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project- Alan Dymond

The Final EIR report was issued. The public hearing for May 31 has been moved to June 7. Studio City Neighborhood Council has asked for an extension of 10 weeks to read 6000 pages and whether or not they can do the hearing by video conference.

F. IKE - kiosks with Digital Ads - Marian Dodge

Kiosks with digital ads are being planned especially in tourist areas. The City did not go through the RFP process. They are now required to do so.

G. Digital "Canvas" at 9176 Sunset Blvd. - Ellen Evans - not here

V. New Business

A. Milken School Project - Lois Becker (RFA)

The 500-space Bel Air Church parking lot on the south side of Mulholland is for sale; the original mitigation for the parking lot was that it would be open space. Milken School plans to purchase the parking lot, underground the parking and build a college-level playing field and aquatic center on top. People coming to games will increase traffic. Eric Edmunds stated that the parking lot is underused and is subject to sinkage. They rent it out to film production companies. The proposed project will go before the Mulholland Design Review Board.

MOTION: Lois Becker moved that the Hillside Federation oppose the sale of the parking lot and the CUP request. The motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting is June 20, 2023.

Robin Greenberg,
Recording Secretary

Hillside Federation Attendees - 16 May 2023

Members

Stephen	Krawchuk	Argyle Civic Association
Mark	Stratton	Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Robin	Greenberg	Bel-Air Hills Association
Steve	Twining	Bel-Air Hills Association
Thomas	Howard	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Eric	Edmunds	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Carolyn	LoBuglio	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Steven	Kates	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Krista	Michaels	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Lois	Becker	Canyon Back Alliance
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Jamie	Hall	Laurel Canyon Association
Marian	Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement Association
Stephen	Drimmer	Mountaingate
Aaron	Sosnick	Oaks Neighborhood Association

Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Alan&Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Officials and Reps

Fernando	Morales	CD 5 Deputy Chief of Staff, Katy Yaroslavsky
Jarrett	Thompson	CD 5 Field Rep, Katy Yaroslavsky

Guests

Marylee	Guinon	State Alliance for Firesafe Road Regulations
Alan	Kishbaugh	Chair Emeritus