

Hillside Federation
July 18, 2023
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
via video conference
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Announcement: LA Fire Safe Council Town Hall

July 20, 2023, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

(Audio of the meeting will be available approximately two weeks after the meeting. To listen: www.mysafela.org/wildfire/)

CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker

Wildlife Ordinance Update passed PLUM in June, is now at final stage but Council is in recess so no committee meetings for another week. CD 4 sent a support letter with CD 5.

Office starting to work with communities (west to east) on traffic calming measures. Found money for this in 47H account. Encino; 1) potential turn sign restrictions, 2) talking to Buckley about paying for addition of edge lines and speed humps. (Question raised about whether speed hump benefits outweigh the negatives, especially re: delayed emergency response time and double axis emergency vehicles.)

Resurfacing money comes from a mix of dedicated outside funds, like SB 1. Discussion about repaving Laurel Canyon, which is mostly concrete, not asphalt. City has special concrete panel replacement program. Charley asks that CM Raman prioritize putting more money into concrete street repair as this is of great concern to the hillsides.

Awaiting Hillside Street Study. UCLA is creating tool to help prioritize streets for repair.

Working with County Parks on design for walkway between Ford Amphitheatre and Hollywood Bowl.

Trying to reduce vehicular trips around Zoo, Hollywood. Looking at paid parking on Canyon Lake Drive to relieve Hollywood sign congestion.

Zoo Vision Plan EIR passed with “friendly amendment” intended to put pressure on Zoo for dedicated staffer to deal with traffic issues.

CD 5 Update – Jarrett Thompson - Not available

CD 11 Update – Michael Amster - Not available

II. Approval of Minutes – Robin Greenberg.

The June minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims.

B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres

Major milestone – We received money from City reimbursing HF for \$75,000 in legal fees for the Mulholland Design Review Board Memo lawsuit. We need to discuss adding more to our Legal Fund over time as this won't take us far for any future legal needs. Finances are good. Executive Committee will meet soon to discuss what to do with money in Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund.

IV. Old Business

A. Zoo Vision Plan (RFA) - Marian Dodge

On June 28th Zoo Vision Plan Alt 1.5 passed the Neighborhood and Community Enrichment Committee with just a small amendment, leaving in Condor Canyon and the California Visitor Center on a prominent ridge (not compliant with Wildlife Ordinance). CD 4 supported this plan – in spite of opposition by 18 environmental groups including the Federation. It will come before full Council at some yet TBA date.

B. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond

Alan Dymond has stepped down as President of SCRA but stayed on as President of Save LA River Open Space, which held a very successful rally on July 7. There will be another on July 20. FEIR failed to comply with CEQA requirements.

C. Bulgari Hotel Project

There will supposedly be another vote in August. No sign that CM Park will change her stand that Project should continue through EIR process.

D. Berggruen Institute Project - Steve Drimmer

Berggruen's slap suit has failed twice. MOSMA is suing re: 1999 agreement that only homes will be built on the property and that the project shall have no access through Mountain Gate.

E. Short Term Rentals - Ellen Evans

Planning Dept. plans to release report this or next month. Evans still has postcards to send, contact her at dspna@dspna.org.

F. IKE, Kiosks with Digital Ads - Marian Dodge

The Metro TCN project would allow Metro to install 86 giant digital billboards along 10 LA freeways and a dozen city streets. To make this legal requires a non-contiguous sign

district and zoning changes (spot zoning). Lights would be on till midnight; 8-second refresh. Billboard at Union Station will be 1,000 sq. ft. Others will be situated in environmentally, culturally and historically sensitive areas. CPC hearing Aug. 17. Deadline to submit public comments is Aug. 4. Staff report to come out between the two dates – not enough time.

G. Digital “Canvas” at 9176 Sunset Blvd.– Ellen Evans
Still awaiting final EIR.

V. New Business

A. N/A

VI. Adjournment

No meeting in August.

Next meeting:

Sep 19, 2023 07:00 PM

Lois Becker
Acting Recording Secretary

Hillside Federation Attendees - 18 July 2023

Members

19 Member Associations

Chip	Clements	Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
Linda	Rose	Bel Air Knolls Property Owners' Association
Mark	Stratton	Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Patricia	Templeton	Bel-Air Hills Association
Nickie	Miner	Benedict Canyon Association
Robert	Schlesinger	Benedict Canyon Association
Thomas	Howard	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Carolyn	LoBuglio	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Wendy-Sue	Rosen	Brentwood Residents Coalition
Steven	Kates	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association

Krista	Michaels	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
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
Jay	Weitzler	Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Alan & Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Kathryn	Richards	The Oaks Homeowners
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Officials and Reps

Mehmet	Berker	CD4 - Transportation Deputy
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