

Hillside Federation
September 19, 2023
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
via **Video Conference**
Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

Guests:

CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker CD 4 Deputy mehmet.berker@lacity.org (818) 925-0465

He works on transportation and infrastructure. Deputy Chief of Staff Geoff Thompson left for a position in the Mayor's office; Mehmet will be taking over the aviation issues. The Studio City office is open. Assemblymember Laura Friedman has identified \$4 M for transportation improvements and and traffic calming on Zoo Drive. The Commonwealth Nursery in Griffith Park - phase 1 repairing the terraces has been completed. Buckley School in Sherman Oaks has money for a Neighborhood Protection Fund. They will install a round-about at Beverly Glen and Valley Vista to reduce cut thru traffic.

Geotechnical: 8589 Appian Way - they finished putting steel piles into the ground to hold up the street. 2057 Sunset Plaza Drive - sink hole in February.

Tour Bus – Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council and DOT discussed new tour bus regulations.

NE Trees Project near Forest Lawn, funded by a grant MRCA, is part of the Upper LA River Master Plan Restoration.

Lois Becker asked if there has been an increase in helicopter traffic. CD 4 will include the reporting link in their newsletter.

Jay Weitzler asked about repairing roads in Griffith Park. The estimate to repave Griffith Park Dr. is \$2.5M.

Beth Dymond asked about a park from Laurel Canyon to Whitsett. They need to work with the LA Parks Foundation for lighting.

Steven Kates asked about FAA regulations on the take-offs from Burbank Airport. The city has filed a lawsuit against Burbank; talk to your congressional representative.

CD 5 Update - Haley Martinez

In response to a Council motion from CM Katy Yaroslavsky, Planning Director Bertoni has rescinded the General Plan Amendment that would have allowed the Bulgari Hotel to be built in a residential area.

The Wildlife Ordinance is with the City Attorney's office.

They are trying to figure out ways to buy Senderos Canyon. Don suggested the Trust for Public Land; Charley suggested the Annenberg Foundation.

CD 11 Update - Michael Amster - not available

II. Approval of Minutes –

The July minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

Our legal file will be preserved at the UCLA Library Archives.

The Federation sent flowers to Patricia Bell Hearst who is now recovering at home.

New Federation member - Save LA River Open Space applied for membership; they met all the requirements. They are a (501)(c)(3) and have been around for 20 years and are focused on opposing Weddington expansion.

MOTION: Charley Mims moved that the Federation accept Save LA River Open Space's application for membership. The motion passed.

B. Operations/TreasurerReport - Don Andres

SB 423 (Weiner) to facilitate building of housing. AM Zbur wanted to have Hillside Federation input before voting for the bill. Zbur organized a Zoom meeting with proponents. Wendy-Sue Rosen and Jamie Hall worked with them to get language that exempts VHFHSZ.

We now have 48 member organizations. 45 members have paid.

IV. Old Business

A. Zoo Vision Plan - Marian Dodge

Friends of Griffith Park filed a lawsuit against the city on September 13 for failure to adequately analyze the impacts of the Zoo's proposed projects and to mitigate the impacts. Although many of the egregious features of the original Vision Plan were eliminated, Condor Canyon, a 60'-deep gorge excavated through a ridge, and the California Visitor Center, an 18,000-sq. ft. building on the top of a ridgeline, still remain.

B. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond

Save LA River Open Space will file an appeal on the determination. Jamie Hall will also file an appeal on behalf of Save Weddington. Artificial turf with forever chemicals is now banned, but you can still use it if it was already in your plans.

C. Bulgari Hotel Project - Mark Levin

On September 6 Planning Director Bertoni rescinded the general plan amendment that would have permitted the Bulgari Hotel to be built in a residentially zoned area. We want to express our appreciation to Traci Park, who changed her first vote.

D. Berggruen Institute Project - Steve Drimmer - No Update

E. Short Term Rentals - Ellen Evans - Not here

F. IKE, Kiosks with Digital Ads - Marian Dodge

The Metro TCN project will have 86 billboards, most near freeway interchanges, or on major streets near a Metro stop. Only one 8-second ad/hour will be a public service announcement. Metro TCN originated in Metro; it did not go through the Planning Department. The CPC approved the Staff Report for TCN on September 14. It goes to PLUM next.

Commissioner Millman is the CPC only member on the 2015 Commission which supported a strong Sign Ordinance B+. City Council never put it on an agenda so it was never voted on. The B+ Sign Ordinance expired this year.

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

V. New Business

Steve Twining said that 9560 Cedarbrook Drive, a Muhammed Hadid project, is in bankruptcy; the permits expired. New permits were issued under the influence of the bankruptcy judge.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm with by a minute of silence for longtime Hillside Federation representative Barbara Dohrmann.

Robin Greenberg
Recording Secretary

Attendance:

Members	16 Member Associations	
Stephen	Krawchuk	Argyle Civic Association
Chip (William)	Clements	Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
Eda	Hallinan	Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
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
Robert	Schlesinger	Benedict Canyon 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
Jan	Hohenstein	Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Jamie	Hall	Laurel Canyon Association
Marian	Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement Association
Mark	Levin	Save Our Canyon
Jay	Weitzler	Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Alan & Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association
Officials and Reps		
Mehmet	Berker	CD4 - Transportation Deputy
Haley	Martinez	CD5 - Hillside Deputy
Alan	Kishbaugh	Chair Emeritus