

Hillside Federation Newsletter April 2020



Hillside Federation ReZooms

The COVID-19 public health emergency, which caused the cancellation of the Hillside Federation's March meeting, appears likely to disrupt the Federation's regular in-person meetings for some time. Luckily, technology exists to allow us to hold our meetings via videoconference, specifically through a computer and mobile device application called Zoom. Member org representatives and alternates received instructions by email from our tech-savvy treasurer, Don Andres, explaining how to participate in the April meeting. Please contact us if you have not received these instructions.

Many businesses have been shuttered by state and local stay at home orders. Government operations are also significantly impacted, but City of Los Angeles planning and permitting continues, as these activities and the construction they support are deemed essential. The Hillside Federation's mission is thus as important as ever. We are committed to staying abreast of projects and policies that affect hillside areas during the COVID-19 crisis.

We hope you will continue to join us to protect our shared hillside resources.

Agenda April 21, 2020 7:00 pm

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of minutes**
- III. Officers' Reports**
 - A. President's Report – Charley Mims
Nominating Committee Report –
Election of Officers
 - B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres
- IV. Old Business**
 - A. Hollywood Center (Millennium Project)
- IV. New Business**
- VI. Adjournment**

Next meeting:

May 19, 2020

Hillside Federation mission: *To protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.*

Southern California Mountain Lions Gain Temporary Protected Status

The state Fish and Game Commission has granted temporary endangered species status to Central Coast and Southern California mountain lions, which would not end the use of depredation permits to kill mountain lions that threaten the safety of humans and livestock, but would make their issuance considerably more difficult.

As reported in the Los Angeles Times (see <https://tinyurl.com/y99gnc2m>) critics of the commission's action say chances for litigation are increased "if the commission says the endangered species act supersedes existing law."

The action protects an estimated 500 genetically distinct lions and could be made permanent by 2022 after further public hearings. The LA Times article reports that expert scientists say there is a 1 in 4 chance that lions in the Santa Monica and Santa Ana mountains could be extinct within 50 years due to rodenticides, vehicle strikes, loss of habitat, and depredation.

January 21, 2020 Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Erin Seinfeld, Supervisor Kuehl's office

There have been several changes in staff. Fernando Morales has been promoted to District Director. Zachary Gaidzik will cover the Westside and Bel Air. Erin is now covering east of Robertson. Erin described several county programs for youth, women, and homeless. She reminded all of the changes in the voting system.

II. Approval of Minutes

The January 2020 minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report — Charley Mims.

Charley congratulated long-time Federation member Don Keller on his 90th birthday.

Developer Arman Gabay, whom the Federation fought regarding his project at 10550 N. Bellagio Rd in 2014, has been charged with bribing county staff. He faces bribery & wire fraud charges.

B. Treasurer's Report — Don Andres

Thirty organizations have already paid their dues.

The policies of the Mulholland Tennis Club have changed. Thursday December 10 may not be available for our Holiday Party. Saturday night might be available. Don and an ad hoc committee will continue to negotiate with MTC and explore alternatives. TreePeople and Mountaingate Country Club were suggested.

IV. Old Business

A. Burbank Flight Path

There is another hearing tomorrow, 6:30pm at the Burbank Airport Marriott.

V. New Business

Diana is a horticulturalist with LA Audubon. The Sidewalk Repair Program is the city's response to the Willits Case re: wheelchair access on sidewalks. Although many organizations, including the Federation, requested an extension of the comment period, it is unlikely to be extended. Comments are due February 24. An estimated 12,000–17,000 mature street trees could be removed to repair sidewalks. There is very short notice on tree removals with little opportunity for public review.

The DEIR claims that after 30 years there will be no impact. It ignores impact to heat islands and wildlife. Little consideration has been given to alternatives. The types of trees available for

Bringing an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a Request for Action form (available at www.hillsidefederation.org) and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

replacement has been limited. The solution can't be a one size fits all. The removal of Historic-Cultural Monument trees must be approved by the Cultural-Heritage Commission.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation submit a comment letter stressing the importance of protecting street trees and seeking alternatives to their removal. The motion passed.

Robin Greenberg announced that tomorrow City Council is addressing CF 20-0103 to get grants for city trees.

B. Studio City ADU project 3747 Berry Dr.

Charley Mims talked to Councilmember Krekorian's planning deputy. The property owner took out a permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit under the old ADU rules. But he demolished the garage and built a new building with an ADU on top. The City allowed him to get a new permit to legalize what he had done, which was probably not proper.

C. Mountain Lion protection – Marian Dodge

City Council has initiated a motion (CF 20-0002-S20) to support state legislation which would end issuing depredation permits to kill mountain lions in the southern California area and place lions on the state's endangered species list. Gerry Hans commented that the State Fish and Game Commission will probably declare Southern California mountain lions an Endangered Species at their April meeting.

MOTION: Marian moved that the Federation support CF 20-0002-S20 to protect mountain

lions. The motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. Next meeting, March 17, 2020. St. Patrick's Day

Marian Dodge, Acting Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Bel Air Hills Assn | Robin Greenberg |
| | Steve Twining |
| Bel Air Skycrest POA | Mark Stratton |
| Brentwood Hills HOA | Carolyn LoBuglio |
| | John Given |
| Brentwood Res Coal | Wendy-Sue Rosen |
| Cahuenga Pass POA | Krista Michaels |
| Canyon Back Alliance | Lois Becker |
| Doheny-Sunset Plaza | Ellen Evans |
| Franklin/Hlwd Bl W | Don Andres |
| | Yvonne Hessler |
| Franklin Hills Res Assn | Charley Mims |
| Kagel Canyon Civic | Kit Paull |
| Laurel Canyon Assn | Jamie Hall |
| | Cathy Wayne |
| LFIA (Los Feliz) | Marian Dodge |
| Nichols Canyon NA | Julie Kremkus |
| Oak Forest Cyn Assn | Bruce Hollihan |
| Oaks HOA | Gerry Hans |
| Sherman Oaks HA | Jay Weitzler |
| Studio City Res Assn | Joann Deutch |

GUESTS:

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| Sup. Kuehl's office | Erin Seinfeld |
| Chair Emeritus | Patricia Bell Hearst |
| LA Audubon/WCSA | Diana Zogran |

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