

**Hillside Federation
January 3, 2018
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

Charley took a quick survey about changing the date of the January meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of the month to avoid the holidays. The first Wednesday seems to work best.

Update on the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance (ADU): the city made many unnecessary changes without public outreach. Mitch Meltzer prepared an ordinance comparison chart. The current proposal allows a large ADU if the house is large. Meltzer proposes 1200 sq. ft. or less with 0 sq. ft. in hillsides. The ordinance changes are stalled in council.

Members discussed ways to honor our fire departments after recent fires. The Executive Committee will look into various options.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres.

The Holiday Party was very successful with almost 100 attending including numerous State, County, and City representatives. The Federation members approved the 2017 year-end report.

IV. Old Business

A. Berggruen Institute - Mark Stratton

Mark distributed flyers for the January 21 community forum regarding the Berggruen Institute proposal which would be located entirely within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone with project proponents and community stakeholders. Charley will moderate. The agenda will have presentations by the Berggruen Institute and the community, followed by a Q&A. Everyone was urged to attend.

B. Laurel Canyon land purchase – Jamie Hall

Jamie shared several articles from the LA Times archives showing long-time collaboration with the Federation. It took 26 months to raise the funds. \$15,000 from Ryu, \$1M from SMMC. Takeaway: when we work together, we can achieve great things. Don Andres commented that the only way to protect open space is to buy it and give it to MRCA or the City of LA. Charley suggested looking for other properties that neighborhood communities might buy before they are threatened with development.

V. New Business

A. Protected Tree Ordinance - Linda Whitford

Linda Whitford and Maureen Levinson, former VP of Bel Air Association, asked the Federation to write a letter supporting CMs Koretz and Bonin's motion to strengthen the Protected Tree Ordinance (PTO). The current ordinance has a loophole that allows a tree to be removed to make way for "reasonable development." Some developers are cutting down trees before the tree inspector comes on the property. Urban Forestry is to meet with stakeholders to come up with ideas. The addition of native plants such as toyon and elderberry to the protected tree list will be addressed with the revision of ordinance. Trees of a certain size should be included because of the wildlife habitat they provide.

Charley made suggestions: 1) include a HF rep on the PTO revision task force, 2) add more native trees to list, 3) have projects designed around the trees, and 4) stronger enforcement. Jamie Hall suggested requiring an analysis of alternatives and noted that the city needs professional planners in forestry

MOTION: George Abrahams moved that the Hillside Federation support the strengthening of the Protected Tree Ordinance. The motion passed.

Linda requested that individual organizations write letters of support as well.

B. Sunset Blvd. Traffic Survey - Charley Mims

Communities west of the I-405 in and around Sunset Boulevard have requested a traffic survey. The survey will monitor traffic in real time with drones. The survey will be partially funded through private donations. CM Bonin (CD 11) may also make a donation, and needs a 501(c)(3) organization to act as a pass-through.

MOTION: Mary Ledding moved that the Hillside Federation act as pass-through conduit for the private/public collaboration of funding for the Sunset Blvd. Traffic Study. The motion passed. The President appointed Wendy-Sue Rosen to act as the Hillside Federation's representative for the study.

Announcements

Don Andres - The Trust for Public Land will speak in February on SB 5 (The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018) a bond measure to support clean water, natural resources, and parks.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Marian Dodge,
Acting Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	Thomas Howard
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland HA	George Abrahams
Kagel Canyon Civic	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn	Jamie Hall
Los Feliz Impvmt Assn	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon Assn	Julie Kremkus
Oak Forest Canyon	Bruce Hollihan
Oaks HOA	Bob Young
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi Mackay
Sherman Oaks HOA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Residents	Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel

Guests:

Mike Brown
Linda Whitford
Maureen Levinson
Connie Levy