

Hillside Federation Newsletter May 2017



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Councilmember David Ryu to Install Federation Officers

The 2017 Hillside Federation officers will be installed at our May meeting by Councilmember David Ryu (CD4). The



secretary.

The 2017 executive committee is:

- President—Charley Mims
- Chairman—Marian Dodge
- Vice President—Mark Stratton
- Vice President—John Given
- Treasurer—Don Andres
- Secretary—Stephen Benson

In addition to installation of officers, this month we will hear updates on several hillside projects and the accessory dwelling unit ordinance, as well as learn about a new proposed subdivision in Sunland-Tujunga.

Finally, the Hillside Federation extends its heartfelt thanks to Carol Sidlow, who served as the board's recording secretary since 2013.

Agenda May 3, 2017 7:00 pm

Pinz Bowling Center, 2nd Floor
12655 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Officers' Reports
 - A. President's Report
- Installation of Officers**
LA City Councilmember David Ryu
 - B. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - A. 10101 Angelo View Dr. – John Given
 - B. Bellagio Pl. Tree Removal – Jamie Hall
 - C. 8150 Sunset/Lytton Savings Bank
 - D. Accessory Dwelling Units – Charley Mims
- IV. New Business
 - A. McGroarty Street Subdivision
- VI. Adjournment

next meeting

June 7, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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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.*

Hillside Federation
Draft Minutes
April 25, 2017

I. Call to Order

President Charlie Mims called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: **David Bocarsly** – Outreach Coord., Sen. Ben Allen’s office

Sen. Ben Allen is on Education and Transportation Committees and the environmental caucus. SB 1 – Gas Tax, SB 50 Public Lands Protection Act.

Guest: **Becky Bremser**, Trust for Public Land
“The Knoll” in Runyon Canyon Park has been purchased and added to the park. It was previously private property but is now protected forever. There will be a celebration August 10th.

Guest: **Seamus Garrity**, Field Rep., ASM Laura Friedman, 43rd District
AB 1350 addresses Affordable Housing. Steve Twining asked about SB 1818 enforcement. George Abrahams wants the ELDP component of CEQA eliminated.

Guest: **Angie Aramayo**, ASM Nazarian’s office
Assemblymember Nazarian is hosting a Senior Scam Prevention Clinic.
AB 25 Tour Bus Regulation would require CHP safety checks of modified vans, community safety; limiting hours, noise. Local cities could

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, along with supporting documents, to president@hillsidefederation.org and chairman@hillsidefederation.org no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation so that our meetings can flow efficiently, while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization’s request.

ban tour buses from certain streets. Considering traffic and safety as the main issues.
MOTION: Don Andres moved that the Federation submit a letter in support of AB25. The motion passed.

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report

The Hannah Carter Japanese Garden Historic-Cultural Monument nomination has been approved by PLUM.

The P-22 documentary, “The Cat that Changed America” may have a screening at the LA Zoo.

Marian Dodge attended the memorial service for Chair Emeritus Gordon Murley.

Marian announced the Public Access to Public Parks rally on April 15 and the Fish and Game Commission meeting in Van Nuys on April 26.

Nominating Committee – Election of Officers

Gerry Hans announced the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers for 2017:

President	Charley Mims
Chairman	Marian Dodge
Vice Pres.	Mark Stratton
Vice Pres.	John Given
Secretary	Stephen Benson
Treasurer	Don Andres

MOTION: With no alternative nominees for any office, the slate was approved by acclamation.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Don Andres

Thirty-seven member organizations have paid their dues. Balances were reported, taxes are filed, and Secretary of State filing has been submitted.

IV. Old Business

A. Accessory Dwelling Units – Charley Mims

The version that came out of PLUM is worse than an earlier version. The hillside definition needs to be modified and hillside areas need to be exempt. The Federation will send a sample letter to our members and ask them to submit letters.

B. Curtis School – Mark Stratton

The Federation met with Curtis school officials twice. They have dropped the 3rd access road across Caltrans property from their plans. This is a huge victory.

C. Baseline Hillside Ordinance – Marian Dodge

The amendments have been approved, but we need to submit changes in how institutions are regulated. Tom Freeman noted that institutions operate under a CUP. They should have to get a variance for over-in-height buildings which requires proving necessity.

Sign Ordinance – PLUM continues to ask the Planning Department for reports on signs outside Sign Districts and signs on city property. PLUM is pro signs.

D. Studio City Golf & Tennis– Alan Dymond

The new proposed project at Weddington Golf and Tennis is for 200+ condos, which would require a zoning change from agricultural.

MOTION: Alan Dymond moved that the Federation oppose the upzoning of the property and authorize use of the Hillside Federation logo in a letter to Councilmember Krekorian along with logos of other organizations that are also opposed to the Weddington condo project. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

Steve Twining – The new Bel Air Construction Overlay has many restrictions for projects over 17,500 square feet: limited working hours, specifics on hauling truck sizes and other things.

Stephen Benson – 10580 Selkirk, in Beverly Glen. The large retaining walls were approved by the West APC in March. Now they are waiting for the geological survey and haul plans to address the next steps.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Benson, Secretary

Members Present:

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| Bel-Air Hills | Steve Twining |
| | Robin Greenberg |
| Bel Air Skycrest | Mark Stratton |
| Cahuenga Pass POA | Krista Michaels |
| | Steven Kates |
| Canyon Back Alliance | Tom Freeman |
| Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl | Don Andres |
| Franklin Hills Res. | Charley Mims |
| Hollywood Dell Civic | Mary Ledding |
| Hollywoodland HOA | Jack Conrad |
| Kagel Canyon | Kit Paull |
| Los Feliz Impvmt. | Marian Dodge |
| Mt. Olympus POA | Joe Custer |
| Oaks Homeowners | Gerry Hans |
| Res. of Beverly Glen | Stephen Benson |
| Save Coldwater Canyon! | Wilda Rokos |
| Studio City Res. | Alan Dymond |

Guests:

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| SD 26 (Allen) | David Bocarsly |
| AD 43 (Friedman) | Seamus Garrity |
| AD 46 (Nazarian) | Angie Aramayo |
| Trust for Public Land | Becky Bremser |
| Upper Nichols Canyon | Amy Dantzler |
| Beachwood Canyon NA | George Abrahams |
| Bel Air Skycrest | Lois Becker |
| unknown | Janine Milne |

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