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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAWS DON'T MATTER IF NOT ENFORCED



It goes without saying that resident and homeowner groups do not always see eye-to-eye with real estate developers so it came as a surprise when the Hillside Federation was recently contacted by the real estate industry.

Of particular concern was the illegal use of dump trucks in Stanley Hills contributing to two recent accidents. This is the same area focused on in our January newsletter about an application that was denied to build three 10,000 foot homes on a lot with a slope density exceeding 75%.

In one accident, the truck's brakes failed causing it to veer off the road, slamming into a house and starting a fire. In the second accident, a truck flipped over on a windy road, spilling 9000 pounds of payload in a homeowner's front yard.

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*Important Information
Enclosed*



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 6 2008
Social Hour at 7 PM/Meeting at 7:30 PM

ROOM IS COLD-DRESS WARMLY

UNIVERSAL CITY NISSAN

3550 Cahuenga Blvd. West
between Lankershim and Universal Bridge
off ramps: park in underground garage:
take elevator to "S" Street Level: follow
signs to second floor Conference room

AGENDA

Introductions: Members/Guests

November & January Minutes:

President's Report:

A. Issues and Motions

B. Yamishiro update

C. Las Lomas update

Executive Committee Reports:

A. Vice-Presidents

B. Treasurer

Old Business:

A. 405 EIR

Adjournment:

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No one was hurt but the accidents could have been prevented if truckers obeyed the posted signs. Code enforcement is the key but we, the public, must also take responsibility by writing down license numbers, taking pictures or descriptions and turning them in to LADBS as well as you council office.

The posted sign pictured on page one forbids loads in excess of 6000 pounds. This is just one example of the city not enforcing its own rules but as residents ... we too must do our part.

Many associations in the hills such as Laurel Canyon, Glassell Park, Woodland Hills and Cahuenga Pass feel that as important as safety is to our communities, it is not taken seriously and all but ignored.

JOAN LUCHS

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2008-2009 ELECTION

The following Board members have been appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee: Chairman, Niles Chapman, Dan Palmer and Ann Walnum.

Those who wish to place their names in nomination for the Hillside Federation Executive Committee may now contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

The slate of nominees will be printed in the March newsletter, and at the regular Board of Directors meeting March 5th where nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Nominating Committee's slate for the HF Executive Committee Election will be noticed in the April newsletter and the election will be held at the April 2nd Board of Directors meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time.

Names of the elected officers will appear in the May newsletter, and induction of those newly elected officers will be held at the May 7th meeting.



REMINDER

**2008
Hillside Federation
membership fees of
\$150 are now due.**

**Please bring your check to the
February 6th meeting or mail it in time
to be received by
March 1, 2008 to:
David Garfinkle
P.O. BOX 571448
Tarzana, CA 91357**



**VIEW
FEDERATION
WEBSITE
at**

www.hillsidefederation.org

**February Newsletter, News and Update
Links are available**

**If there is something else you'd like to see, or
if you want to send an article for the
newsletter, let us hear from you.
Call Joan Luchs at (213) 368-6120
with your suggestions.**

**CULTURAL HERITAGE
COMMISSION APPROVES
FURTHER REVIEW OF
YAMASHIRO
“CASTLE ON THE HILL”**



It has never been more important to keep up with the Hollywood Heritage preservation efforts. I almost missed the initial meeting at the Cultural Heritage Commission on Thursday, January 24th. It was Joan Luchs who phoned me as a courtesy and I was extremely appreciative. This meeting had been postponed so many times that I had this on my calendar for a “future” unknown date. Don’t let this happen to you!

An Historic-Cultural Monument application has been submitted to the city of Los Angeles by Hollywood Heritage to designate Yamashiro as an Historic-Cultural Monument. On Thursday, January 24th, there was a review of the application by the Cultural Heritage Commission. The commission needed a motion in support to move forward with the designation. After hearing statements of support from the L.A. Department of City Planning, representatives of the current Yamashiro owner (Hollywood Hills Hotel Apartments, LLC), Outpost Estates Association, The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Hollywood Heights Association, B.A.G Fuller residence (HCM LA 846) and forty-five individual emails, a motion was passed to take further consideration on the proposed application. The request is complex and includes the main Yamashiro (restaurant) structure (designed by Franklin M. Small and built in 1914), a few additional significant surrounding structures and part of the gardens that reside on the seven acre parcel that is currently up for sale.

It’s my understanding that the Cultural Heritage Commission will now schedule a field trip to walk the property and view the structures that are to be included as part of the historical designation. While they continue to push the application forward, sale of the property is pending. The current owners have disclosed this proposed historical status to all of the would-be buyers. The assumption is that the future buyer will not oppose such designation, however we must not be too comfortable with this. It will be the public’s responsibility to keep

this designation moving forward and support the Hollywood Heritage in their efforts. This process takes time and we don’t want to lose momentum. I will be tracking this application and do whatever I can personally to help the applicants to obtain the long overdue historical designation of the Yamashiro. This Hollywood icon that was originally a private residence commissioned in 1911 by the Bernheimer brothers later become known as their new “Yama Shiro”. Translated, it means “**Castle on the hill**”. As many of you know the Magic Castle that is also part of these seven acres up for sale is already designated an Historic-Cultural Monument, so if all goes well both castles on this hill will be preserved.

Lannette M. Pabon
President Hollywood Heights Association



**MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

**Meets the first and third Thursday of the
month at 6:30 PM**

**MARVIN BRAUDE CONSTITUENTS
SERVICE CENTER**

**6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA
First Floor Conference Room**

Free parking under the building:
Entrance just east of Van Nuys Blvd.
On Sylvan Street

UPDATE ON AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND MRCA PARKLAND

Since its inception last summer, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) reports that its automated enforcement program at Top of Topanga Overlook, Temescal Gateway and Franklin Canyon Parks, has reduced the number of stop sign violations in these parks by an astounding 70%. As a result, drivers are slowing down on the access roads within the parks, and the hundreds of hikers, school groups, joggers and other visitors are safer. In addition, park rangers are better able to promote public safety, including preventing wildland fires in all 60,000 acres of public parkland managed by the MRCA. "Public safety is the goal of the program," said Senior Ranger Jewel Johnson. "Clearly, the program is working."

Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority



SOUTHWEST MUSEUM COALITION JOINS DOO-DAH PARADE

The Friends of Southwest Museum Coalition marched in Pasadena's 31st annual Doo-Dah Parade on Sunday, January 20. The parade is a satire on the pomp of the venerable Rose Parade, described as "gigantic floats on wheels with girls waving in some kind of condition of "pre-housewifery."

This six block parade route was lined with spectators, five deep. It was a grand experience to perform our "Photo Ops and Broken Promises" skit on the wide expanse of Colorado Blvd., and to receive hearty applause. We sang and danced to a musical spotlight on our photogenic mayor. We chided his broken promise to his family and to our neighborhood for not serving his full coun-

cil term and for dropping his campaign promise to negotiate for a complete Southwest Museum. We wore stenciled black garbage bags featuring business suits and bikinis with Antonio and girl friend masks respectively.

Following the dancers were wagons and children walking, on roller blades or on bicycles. They were carrying signs with many messages, including "Save the Museum for Us." Finally, a tall costumed "Joker" carried a gigantic Southwest Museum picture captioned "Southwest Museum Galleries Closed for Autry Warehouse." He reported shocked reactions to the current museum status.

The cleverness and creativity of the DooDah satires were admirable and pertinent to their messages, whether outrageous or thoughtful. Amnesty International entered "Waterboard Safari." Velvety black and yellow bees pleaded "Save the Bees." The iconoclastic "Drunk in the Garage" truck carried a noisy rock band and admonished, "Don't listen to your parents."

Ann Walnum
Mt. Washington Association

REMINDERS: ISSUES & MOTIONS

Federation meetings are scheduled to start at 7:30 PM and end by 9:30 PM. In order to end on time, issues to be brought to the Board require a complete outline and a background, including what is being requested, then emailed to president@hillsidefederation.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting along with a direct hone and fax number or phone and email address if available.

MOTIONS to be made at the meeting should be well thought out and printed so that they are clear and concise, with enough copies for all member associations. Each presenter will be given 5 minutes to make a presentation so that meetings can be kept on time. All requests to agendize an issue **MUST** be approved in writing by the President before the item will be placed on the Agenda.

JANUARY MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES HILLSIDE FEDERATION

General Membership Meeting: January 9, 2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Joan Luchs at 7:45 PM. Members and guests were welcomed and introduced.

MINUTES: A quorum not being present, approval of November minutes was postponed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- 1) **BASELINE FLATS MANSIONIZATION:**
This is the major issue before the Federation at this time. It was heard at PLUM on January 6 and passed on to the City Council. All organizations need to be involved in contacting their own council offices to let their views be known. Councilmembers representing the hillside areas are Wendy Greuel (2), Dennis Zine (3), Tom LaBonge (4), Jack Weiss (5) Bill Rosendahl (11).
- 2) **SB 1818:**
This is the state bill aimed at controlling density. The way it is being implemented at the local level is turning into a tragedy. It calls for increased density, increased building height, reduced parking, reduced setbacks and loses affordable housing by allowing more market rate units, all under the guise of providing affordable housing. Reduced parking restriction requirements will force people to park in nearby neighborhoods.
- 3) **HISTORIC DESIGNATION BEING SOUGHT FOR YAMASHIRO**
Robert Nudelman, Director of Preservation for Hollywood Heritage is working to achieve historic designation for Magic Castle and Yamashiro.

These properties have been a landmark in Los Angeles since early in the 20th century. On January 24, 2008 at 10 AM, the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission is taking his request under consideration. Federation members are urged to support this nomination either by letter or appearing at the meeting which will be at held at City Hall on the 10th floor.

MANSIONIZATION

In discussion, Carole Sidlow (Lookout Mountain) spoke to her concern about the amendments and stated the criteria should be as strong as a variance and each community given an opportunity to opt out. Reference was made to the Federation's suit against the county in which Atty. Larry Teeter proved that the EIR did not address where funds for transportation would come from. It was quoted that \$53 million would be required.

405/SEPULVEDA WIDENING PROJECT

The EIR is scheduled to be released in January. Asked to comment on the project's effect in their communities, Robin Greenwood (Roscomare) said the biggest impact would be the Mulholland Bridge work, traffic from Skirball and the schools (4500 teachers) on Mulholland; Wayne Williams (Sherman Oaks) has said the main issues of southbound traffic are not addressed; Ron Galperin (Crests) has asked about the surplus dollars that will be available; Skip Nevell (Bel-Air Skycrest) said the agencies are well aware of public concern on this project.

Joan Luchs said a special meeting should be called when the EIR is released to digest and discuss it. Choices need to be made on the value of the issues. Pressure is going to have to come from the involved City Council members, Rosendahl, Zine and Weiss. Biggest impact will be on the area's people with the least power.

JANUARY MINUTES

SOUTHWEST MUSEUM v. AUTRY

Ann Walnum, Mt. Washington Association, reported that there has been no change in the aim of the Autry Center to completely absorb the Southwest Museum collection and move it to a proposed extension of the Autry Center in Griffith Park.

There has been no support from the Mayor or the area's Councilman, both of whom initially were very supportive of the SW Museum's remaining a vital force in the community. The Autry group has formed the "Southwest Society" which purports to represent both its own interests and the community. It is purely a paper organization and has no legal status.

Charley Mims stated the GGPNC (Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council) has not yet taken a position on this issue but is watching with interest and would like to have a thorough traffic study made on the effect of increased traffic that would result from Autry's proposed expansion in Griffith Park. The topic will be on their February agenda.

The Southwest Coalition will have an entry in Pasadena's annual DooDah parade on January 20th.

9100 CRESCENT DRIVE:

This is the property of approximately 108,000 sq.ft. with a slope density in excess of 75% on which the developer proposed to build three houses. As reported in the January Newsletter, the CAPC denied the application. This favorable decision was due both to the hard work and research of Lynn Harper (Head Parcel Maps City Planner) as well as Atty. Bill Eick (Hillside Federation) and the following organizations that attended countless meetings/hearings: Lookout Mountain Alliance, Laurel Canyon, Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC), Sunset-Doheny Homeowners and Hillside Federation.

In his letter to the Central Area Planning Commission, Eick stated that "..... as a matter of law the Slope Density Ordinance must apply to the project which will not allow more than one dwelling unit for the entire parcel due to the 75% Average Natural Slope of the property."

FEDERATION OFFICERS PRESENT:

President	Joan Luchs, Cahuenga Pass
Vice-Pres.	Charley Mims, Franklin Hills
Exec. Sec.	Liz Tigar, Tarzana POA

FEDERATION DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Skip Nevell	BelAir Skycrest
Marilyn Stefano	Benedict Canyon
Ann Walnum	Mt. Washington
Madeline O'Donnell	Nichols Canyon
Robert Levy	No. Beverly Dr/Franklin Cyn
Robin Greenberg	Roscomare
Niles Chapman	Sherman Oaks

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

Patricia Hearst	Chairman Emeritus
Frank Buchanan	La Tuna Canyon
Dee	La Tuna Canyon



NEXT MEETING

UNIVERSAL CITY NISSAN

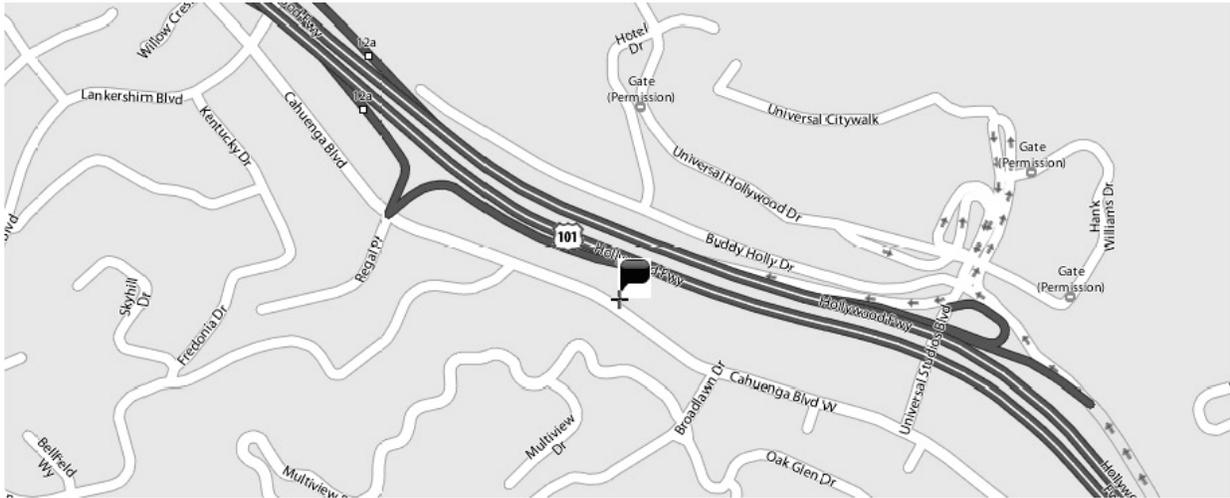
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Los Angeles, CA 90068

Office Building-Left on Showroom

Second Floor

Between Lakershim and Barham off ramps



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