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Draft Minutes for the April, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc.

The Board of Directors of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations met on April 5, 2006 at the headquarters of the TreePeople, located at 12601 Mulholland Drive in Beverly Hills, California.

There being a quorum present, President Polly Ward called the meeting to order at 8:05PM.

President Polly Ward: There are currently 36 paid-up members of the Hillside Federation (a good number). The highest ever was 40 to 42. 7 more associations on the list still unpaid.

Review of minutes, unanimously approved without changes.

Pres. Ward spoke to Dale Thrush (Planning Deputy to L.A. Councilperson Wendy Greuel) about the **Slope Density Ordinance**; he reports it's in process.

Pres. Ward: **Buckley School** update: There's been a huge change from the original plans. New plans avoid hillsides, more attention to neighbor's sight lines, buildings are lower. No EIR yet for the school.

Guest speaker Jackie Friedman (co-chairperson of the **Federal Building Coalition (FBC)**, which consists of Homeowners Associations and Neighborhood Councils and 16-20 other organizations which have joined them) reported the FBI's plans to move their central headquarters to the Federal Building in Westwood with a 1 million square foot addition. The Coalition continues to search for alternative sites, but so far the FBI has denied interest in all ideas and continues to change it's site criteria midstream

Chairperson Steve Twining: this project concerns the Federation because more congestion in Westwood and the 405 will increase traffic in the canyon passes as motorists search for alternatives

MOTION by Steve Twining: That the Federation support the FBC in its efforts to find an alternative location for the FBI headquarters and to oppose the current proposal at the Westwood site. Motion approved 13-1 with 1 abstention.

Vice-President Joan Luchs (Cahuenga Pass): We have a makeshift sign-in sheet because Executive Secretary Marilyn Stefano didn't appear this meeting.

Carol Sidlow (Lookout Mtn.Alliance): update on Laurel Canyon Blvd closure: closed over last weekend because of potential earth movement. Geologists found no earth movement on hillside in question, but movement typically occurs after ground dries out.

Chairman Steve Twining: Bob Steinbeck, head of New Construction and Grading, conducted a meeting to try to explain new procedure for **Large Scale Excavation & Haul Route**. They wouldn't address certain key points, including how many cubic feet is a "truckload".

Ann Walnum (Mt. Washington): Southwest Museum closure issue. The Autry Museum will expand and will be using the collections from the Southwest. Plans were presented to revitalize the S.M., but the Autry Museum rejected them because "they weren't economically feasible".

MOTION: That the Federation reaffirm its previous support of the Southwest Museum Coalition. Approved, 14-1, with 1 abstention.

Ann Walnum: MOTA Day (Museums Of The Arroyo Day): May 7, 2006: 5 Los Angeles museums, free admission to all:

a. The Gamble House

- b. Southwest Museum
 - c. Lummis House
 - d. Heritage Square
 - e. Pasadena Museum of History
- Ann Walnum: Lummis Day is June 4, 2006

Steve Twining: Hoag Canyon is for sale, \$36 million for undeveloped land, which is one of the largest parcels of still undeveloped land on the West side of Los Angeles. Dan March wants a deal with developers to develop a small portion and sell remainder cheap. Surrounding residents will oppose it.

MOTION: *That the H.F. support the purchase of the property for Conservancy or MRCA for park purposes, not for development, approved 15-0*

Skip Nevell: Mulholland Corridor development issue. Mulholland Corridor is a 1-1/4 mile stretch of Mulholland proximate to the 405 freeway, with 9 institutions, religious or educational, including Skirball, Milliken, etc. HomeOwners Assns in the area have sued the Bel Air church and L.A. city for approval of project that violates character of the corridor. Wants Master Plan for the area to help avoid individual suits each time a project is approved. **Joan Luchs** advised that Lynette Robe has written letters several times for Master Plan for that area. An Interim Control Ordinance would be a great solution.

MOTION: that the Federation request the City Council offices to issue an ICO for the Mulholland Institutional Corridor and support the preparation of a Master Plan before approval of any further development. Approved 14-1

Steve Twining issues:

- a. DWP water raise
- b. Immigration
- c. Breastfeeding

Pres. Ward announced that the Osula School in Studio City, corner of laurel Canyon and Ventura blvd, will be the next meeting place for the Federation beginning with the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

FRANK BUCHANAN
Recording Secretary

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LaTuna Cyn Comm	Frank Buchanan
Lookout Mtn.Alliance	Carol Sidlow
Mount Washington	Ann Walnum
Nichols Canyon	Madeline O'Donnell
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