

# THE FEDERATION

OF HILLSIDE & CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, INC.  
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## MINUTES

FOUNDED IN 1952

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### THE FEDERATION OF HILLSIDE AND CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, INC. (DRAFT) MINUTES - GENERAL MEET- ING OF October 4, 2006

**Location:** Osula School, Studio City

**President Polly Ward** called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Recording secretary Frank Buchanan arrived late at 8:12 pm.

**President Ward:** Discussion on voting rights at Hillside Federation meetings for former Board Members who no longer represent a HOA, but can participate in the meetings.

**Carol Sidlow: Lookout Mountain update,** regarding Haul route approval: appeal that we won resulted in the construction sites being subjected to environmental review. Sept. 14 review report was posted with virtually no notice to anyone. 20 days for public comment nearly passed...a few written comments did get in. Today the comment period ended. Carol requested a Mitigated Negative Declaration be re-reviewed, and then start the process over again. Carol requests advice from anyone who has ever appealed a similar case.

**Frank Buchanan:** brief discussion of minutes, corrected **June, July, August, and draft September** copies prepared and handed to Polly.

**President: Benedict Canyon Fire and brush clearance issues,** 6-page handout for our consideration.

Fritz Zeiser: Financial report was made.

**President:** letter from **Crests Neighborhood Association,** they want to join H.F. Pauline Anakin wrote the letter, the association represents all of the crests off Coldwater Canyon. To join the H.F., an association needs 1) Non-profit status

2) Board of Directors 3) Mission statement

**President:** Frank Zugwelter died last month.

**President: Ballot measures discussion.** 3 handouts provided. Prop1A Transportation funding, bond issues cost taxpayers one way or another. Prop H. affordable housing for the homeless...concerns discussed as to how the money actually will be spent...homeless generally don't want housing.

**Jeff Jacobberger, attorney, guest speaker,** to speak about **Prop R** (he's from not-propr.com) 1) Term limit extension 2) ethics reform. There are problems with the measure: applies only to L.A. city council...not mayor, controller, city attorney, etc....simply because they didn't ask for it. He's from Mid-city West Community Council 1, and the 912 commission. Ethics reforms: some weakening occurs: \$4,000 lobbyist limit changed to 30 hours lobbying, which is more than \$4,000 in many cases. This change makes it harder to enforce because tracking is near impossible when different offices are lobbied one after the other. He claims the measure is written in a misleading way, and his group has sued the city over its wording. There is a potential legal issue because it illegally combines two separate issues in one measure, and if it passes it will be challenged in court.

*Carol Sidlow: proposes a motion that we take a position on Prop R: Passes non-unanimously*

*Carol Sidlow: proposes another motion that we state our position on Prop R: Unanimous against Prop R.*

*Carol Sidlow: proposes another motion that we take a position on Measure H: passes*  
*Carol Sidlow: proposes another motion that we oppose Measure H: passes 8 to oppose, 3 in favor, 2 abstain*

**Brian Gavin: Kagel Canyon** update, provides a map per requests by H.F. last month to show 27 proximate homeless relocation

centers within a 5-mile radius of Kagel. (The map clearly showed 27 color-coded pins attached to it). The total number of "residents" at these centers is 3,600 people. Recent CUP asks for 349 residents, which is contrary to the 35-50 families reported to us by Andy Bales when he appeared before the H.F. 3 months ago. The former Forester Haven site is 77.5 acres, but 71 acres is buildable. Lopez canyon landfill is 350 feet deep; methane gas exudes from buried municipal waste. Green waste mulching occurs on site now over the closed landfill.

**Patricia Hearst: Title 27:** state law that states that developments within 1000 feet of a landfill must have audible monitoring equipment.

**Joan Luchs:** city law and revising hearing notices for **various planning matters.** This includes better detail in notices to better describe projects including potential areas of concern. Bob Sutton from the planning dept. consulted with her and he seemed interested in suggested revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

**FRANK BUCHANAN, Recording Secretary**

## FEDERATION OFFICERS PRESENT

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Mount Washington	Ann Walnum
Nichols Canyon	Madeline O'Donnell
Residents/BevGlen	Dan Palmer
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