

Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations
November 3, 2010
Minutes

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President, Marian Dodge. Members introduced themselves. Members discussed old business while waiting for a quorum.

IV. Old Business

A. Widening of 405 Update

Mark Stratton reported that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was postponed until Nov. 10. Mark suggested that it probably won't go their way. It looks like they went back and did additional studies showing the ramps need to be moved. Skirball will be the most negatively effected. Now it's going to be a nightmare.

B. Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) update

The Federation sent a letter to the City Attorney asking him to expedite the approval of the BHO. Marian thanked Wendy-Sue Rosen for drafting the letter. Please keep them coming; the more letters, the better! Nickie Miner read on Facebook that City Planner Erick Lopez stated that the BHO will be finished by the end of the year. Wendy added that Councilmember Reyes did not accept the grading motions submitted by Councilmember Koretz. Wendy will send the motions as passed. The grading issues may be handled by Q conditions. A 'Q' condition is a classification wherein a property or properties have "restrictions on property as a result of a zone change, to ensure compatibility with surrounding property."

II. Approval of Minutes

The October 6 minutes were approved as corrected.

III. President's Report

A. Comments

Marian announced that Donna Messinger is the new President of Hollywood Heights Assn.

B. Holiday Party

The party will be at the Mulholland Tennis club: 6:30 on Wednesday, December 8. The price will be \$35 each. The cost of dinner has gone up \$2 from 2008, and we're trying to keep other costs down. Charley Mims and Dan Palmer have an 'in' on wine; anyone who wants to share the cost with them can see them. The guests of honor are the team that put together the Hillside Ordinance: Erick Lopez, Jennifer Driver, Charlie Rausch and Vince Bertoni and the team that succeeded in the acquisition of the land at Laurel Canyon and Mulholland: Paul Koretz, Paul Edelman, and Anita Sokolsky.

There's been a little glitch in the land acquisition – the city cannot find the deeds to the property. It will take them approximately 2 weeks to find them.

V. New Business

A. Pilot Program for the homeless - Nickie Miner

Nickie alerted the Federation to a pilot program: "Homelessness Ends At Leo" – "Streets to Home" which would allow the homeless to park their vehicles in the Leo Baeck Temple parking

lot across from the Getty at night. They would have contracts that the homeless people sign. The requirements are they have to have a driver's license, insurance, leave at 8:00 am and return at 8:00 pm. The agency would seek permanent low cost housing for them. There are programs of this sort in Eugene, Oregon and Santa Barbara.

Nickie is concerned about who will monitor the homeless, safety, and sanitation. Councilman Rosendahl seems to be trying to move the homeless out of CD 11 to CD 5. Charley Mims was concerned about those homeless who have mental health issues.

B. Curtis School: Wendy-Sue Rosen

The Curtis School on Mulholland Drive has a new project which involves removing the ridgeline by removing 200,000 cubic yards of dirt. The school states that they are not planning to increase enrollment. It's an old school located in a bowl and a great neighbor. However, since the Mulholland Corridor is already saturated, they should be required to do a full EIR, not the Mitigated Negative Declaration they are recommending. Besides the aesthetic changes, the project will impact an active wildlife area that includes mountain lions. Joan Luchs pointed out that at the Federation holiday party in 2008, Councilman Rosendahl promised that he would work on a master plan for the Mulholland Institutional Corridor. The project must also go to the Mulholland Design Review Board.

Charley Mims moved that any development project in the Mulholland Institutional Corridor have an EIR unless and/or until a master plan is adopted by the city for the Mulholland Institutional Corridor. The motion passed unanimously.

C. NBC Universal Evolution Plan EIR Case No. ENV.-2007-0254 - Joan Luchs

Joan just received in today's mail the announcement for the draft EIR for the NBC Universal Evolution Plan. The project includes approximately 7 million square feet addition, including 2 million square feet of new commercial space, 500 hotel rooms and related facilities, and 2937 dwelling units. One part of the project calls for the removal of a portion of the project site from the Mulholland Scenic Corridor. They will also develop the SE corner of Barham and Cahuenga. The DEIR is available online: ENV-2007-0254.

Charley Mims moved that we oppose removing land from the Mulholland Scenic Corridor, in relation to the NBC Universal Evolution plan. The motion passed.

Charley Mims also moved that we oppose the NBC Universal Evolution plan as presently proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

We need to write a short letter now in order to meet the deadline for public comment. Joan suggested that we invite Tom Smith of Universal to make a presentation in January.

Mark Stratton commented that this past issue is an excellent example of why we need to be able to bring new issues to the Federation the day of the meeting and why we need an Emergency Committee in the event we don't have a quorum for voting on urgent issues. This issue had a deadline of December 13, and we have no meeting scheduled until January.

Mark also suggested that we need to find a place further west for our meetings as the drive is too far. Perhaps the Sportsman's Lodge or something near Ventura Blvd. and Laurel Canyon.

VI. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Recording Secretary,

Donna Messinger

Members Present:

Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Lois Becker
Benedict Canyon	Nickie Miner
Cahuenga Pass Neigh	Joan Luchs
Franklin Hills R A.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Heights	Donna Messinger
Laurel Canyon	Cassandra Barrère
Los Feliz Improv.	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon	Madeline O'Donnell
Res. of Beverly Glen	Dan Palmer
Sherman Oaks	Niles Chapman
Upper Mandeville	Wendy-Sue Rosen