

Hillside Federation
March 7, 2012
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Marian Dodge called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Feb. 1, 2012 minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report

Marian welcomed new member organizations: Brentwood Hills Homeowners Association, Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association, and The Oaks Homeowners Association.

The Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers for the April elections will be: Claudia Freedle, Carol Sidlow, and Nickie Miner.

Koretz' fire safety motion was turned down by the Fire Department. Carol Sidlow clarified that they could include provisions to require extinguishers when doing brush clearance and construction without having a special motion.

Assemblymember Betsy Butler will be at our April meeting.

Wendy-Sue Rosen announced that Assemblymember Mike Feuer has selected Marian Dodge as his Woman of the Year. Wendy was Feuer's first Woman of the Year in 2006.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

We now have 37 member organizations. This is the best start in a long time in getting dues renewed. His goal is to have 42 members this year.

The 60th Anniversary Party will be held on April 28, 3:00 - 7:00 pm at TreePeople. Mark Stratton has confirmed architect and author Alan Hess to MC the event. Donna Messinger has confirmed architect Eric Lloyd Wright and is working on Diane Keaton. Charley Mims has confirmed landscape architect Melinda Taylor. Don Andres has confirmed actor Kent McCord to present the public service award. There was a long discussion about the party. The ticket price will be \$60. All members of your organization are invited to attend. Members are encouraged to ask merchants if they would be a sponsor and contribute something to the party. There will be tours of TreePeople, music, and a neighborhood slide show. Gillian Calof will put together the slide show so send your photos to hillside@beverlyglen.org.

IV. New Business

A. Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011 (H.R. 2677 and S. 2019)

B. Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) - Fran Reichenbach and George Abrahams

Our hillside neighborhoods are impacted by the noise of low-flying helicopters taking shortcuts across the Santa Monica Mountains without increasing their altitude. This was exacerbated by "Carmageddon" with the removal of the Mulholland Bridge over the 405. Sherman Oaks working with Councilmember Tom LaBonge took the lead establishing a 2000-foot minimum above ground level and had the CLA draft the bill that Howard Berman introduced. Berman's bill H.R. 2677, co-sponsored by Brad Sherman, Henry Waxman and Adam Schiff, would require the FAA to issue height regulations to

any residential areas in Los Angeles County. The Senate bill 2019 is sponsored by Feinstein and Boxer. They have met with pilot groups without result. Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, and Hawaii have height restrictions. Assemblymember Mike Feuer introduced a joint resolution in the California legislature urging Congress to pass H.R. 2677. Beachwood Canyon chose an area for a SFAR that would apply the height restriction to the area from the Hollywood Bowl, the Hollywood Sign, and the Greek Theatre.

MOTION: Charley Mims moved that the Hillside Federation support Howard Berman's H.R. 2677 and that it support an Federal Aviation Agency regulation which would create a 2000-foot above ground limit for helicopter flights in the general area of the Santa Monica Mountains and the Hillside Federation member group area. The Special Federal Aviation Regulation would be modeled on the Beachwood Canyon petition. The motion passed.

C. Redistricting - Nickie Miner

Under the current City Council Redistricting plan the dividing line between CD 4 and CD 5 would be Benedict Canyon Drive, splitting the community of Benedict Canyon, which is a cohesive community of 3000 homes, in half. The new plan would also split the Bel Air/Beverly Crest Community Plan area in half.

MOTION: That the boundaries of Council District 5 be redrawn to include Benedict Canyon and Laurel Canyon in their entirety. The motion passed.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that Hollywood Heights stay in CD 4 and not be split into CD 13. The motion passed.

C. Hannah Carter Japanese Gardens - Steve Twining

UCLA is planning to sell the gardens which were donated to them in perpetuity because their budget has been cut so drastically. Bel Air and Westwood are strongly in favor of preserving the garden. George Abrahams suggested that the property be transferred to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved that the Federation support the preservation of the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden as a garden. The motion passed.

V. Old Business

A. Sign Ordinance - the ordinance is to be heard in early April.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Donna Messinger, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	Fran Reichenbach
	George Abrahams
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Barbara Dohrmann
	Lois Becker
Benedict Canyon	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Brentwood Residents	Don Keller
Canyon Back Alliance	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Franklin Av/Hlwd Bl	Don Andres

Franklin Hills Res.	Yvonne Hessler
Hollywoodland	Charley Mims
Kagel Canyon	Lucy Gonzalez
Laurel Canyon	Kit Paull
Lookout Mountain	Tony Tucci
Los Feliz Impvmt	Carol Sidlow
Nichols Canyon	Marian Dodge
Oaks Homeowners	Madeline O'Donnell
Resid. of Beverly Glen	Alexander Von Wechmar
Roscomare Valley	Gillian Calof
	Steve Twining
	Shirley Cohen
Sherman Oaks	Niles Chapman
Studio City	Claudia Freedle

Guests Present:

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Upper Nichols Canyon	Susan Mullins
	Stacy Sillins