

**Hillside Federation
Minutes
May 2, 2012**

I. Call to Order

President Marian Dodge called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Members introduced themselves. Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association rejoined the Federation—welcome!

Don Andres showed the slide show that Gillian Calof prepared for the 60th anniversary celebration. He added some photos from the party.

II. Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections made to the April 4, 2012 minutes, but they could not be approved because of a lack of a quorum.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Marian Dodge

Valley Wildlife Care is not available to speak during the spring and summer because they are so busy with rescues.

Marian read a thank you letter from Park Rangers for supporting them. No Rangers will be laid off in the coming fiscal year.

The new Deputy Director of the Department of City Planning Is Lisa Weber from Santa Clarita.

PlanCheckNC will host their annual CEQA workshop Saturday, May 12. All are encouraged to attend to learn how to use CEQA as a tool.

The Hollywood Community Plan is scheduled to go to PLUM on Tuesday, May 8 at 2:30 pm. Marian is working with CD 4 and CD 13 to get height restrictions from Cahuenga to the Hollywood Freeway.

The Planning Department is looking for a location in the Valley for public outreach meetings on the Retaining Wall Ordinance for late May or early June. Meetings will be held at the Glassell Park Community Center and at the Hollywood Constituent Center on Fountain Ave.

The Zoning Code revisions went to PLUM for funding approval. The revisions will *not* override existing Specific Plans or overlays. We need to participate in the outreach when it happens and work with Planning to get what we want.

The officers were installed by Assemblymember Mike Feuer at the party on April 28. All the Chairs Emeritus were there to join in the celebration.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don reviewed the 60th Anniversary celebration. Eighty people attended, 58 of them were paid members. Thanks to the sponsorships that Charley obtained, and several discounts and donations, the party only cost the Federation only \$400.62. There was a big round of applause for Don for all his work to make the party a success.

Don summarized the bank accounts.

IV. New Business

A. Voluntary Conditions not enforceable

Marian read a letter from Sandy Brown explaining that voluntary conditions, such as those that communities frequently place on restaurants with a liquor license, are not enforceable according to a City Attorney. This will apply to conditions placed on all projects. An applicant could agree to all the conditions that a community wants and later decide not to do any of the volunteered conditions. The situation is in flux. This afternoon Marian received an email from Paul Koretz' office regarding establishing a Condition Compliance Unit. The Federation needs to follow this and see if there are conflicts with the Clean Hands Ordinance or Administrative Citation Enforcement.

V. Old Business - none

Marian stated that it is important that the Federation get in on the beginning of issues. The Millennium project is a huge proposed development next to the Capitol Records building, but so far no member organization has asked the Federation to address it. The developer has already filed for permits under the existing Hollywood Community Plan so it has nothing to do with the proposed Hollywood Community Plan. Because the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of the project is 6:1, well above the trigger of 4.5:1, it is a discretionary project and will require public hearings. Madeline O'Donnell read that the Millennium project does not have an EIR yet and that they are going to have to revise their plans.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Donna Messinger, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Barbara Dohrmann
Benedict Canyon	Nickie Miner
Cahuenga Pass POA	Patricia Weber
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Ave/Hlywd Bl	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Resid.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Heights	Donna Messinger
Kagel Canyon Civic	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Tony Tucci
Los Feliz Impvmt	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon	Madeline O'Donnell
Oaks Homeowners	Caroline Schweich
Studio City Resid.	Claudia Freedle