

**Hillside Federation
January 9, 2013
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

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

Guest Speakers:

A. Eric Menjivar - representative from Assemblyman Mike Gatto's office

Assemblyman Gatto represents the 43rd District which represents various communities, including the Oaks, Hollywoodland, Hollywood Dell, Los Feliz, Franklin Hills, Beechwood Canyon and Lakeridge Estates among others. The Assemblyman chairs the Appropriations Committee and serves on the Transportation Committee, Wildlife and Parks Committee and Banking and Finance Committee. Wendy-Sue Rosen mentioned that it would be important for Assemblyman Gatto to keep in regular contact with the Hillside Federation especially as he sits on the Wildlife and Parks Committee. Wendy-Sue Rosen additionally asked if Assemblyman Gatto would be meeting with newly elected Assemblyman Richard Bloom and he said yes. Tom Freeman asked about several of the Assembly bills sponsored by Assemblyman Gatto. AB61 which addresses broken parking meters is one of the bills he is working on in the Assembly that would close the loophole allowing cities, including Los Angeles, from opting out of the bill. Wendy-Sue Rosen asked that he take a message of good wishes on behalf of the Federation.

B. Eric Bruins - Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition

The Bicycle Coalition is a non-profit organization representing bicyclists all across the County with 11 local chapters and 5 local groups. Eric presented information regarding the implementation of the Los Angeles Bike Plan. There are 1680 miles of bikeways planned. They will be looking at where the gap in the network of bike lanes exist and connect them. They are looking at major corridors and hope to have bike lanes from downtown to the beach. They are looking at safety issues and standardization for streets. Wendy-Sue Rosen mentioned the Complete Street mandate legislation.

Michelle Mowery, City Senior Coordinator from Department of Transportation spoke about the Cahuenga/Lankershim bike lane plan. DOT will be moving forward to implement a 5 year Strategic Plan. The Lankershim/Cahuenga area is 1st which would extend bike lanes from the Hollywood Bowl to the Red Line and the NoHo Arts District via Cahuenga. She will send their PowerPoint presentation to Marian for the Federation.

Don Keller asked about signage to advise motorists about bike lanes. Patricia Weber voiced concerns about taking a lane of traffic away on Cahuenga and the potentially negative impacts to the community. George Abrahams added a few suggestions about the alternative areas for the location of bike lanes on Cahuenga.

There will be public hearings for a presentation by the Department of City Planning on the following dates: February 19 , 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Los Angeles DOT Parking Enforcement Office, 11214 Exposition Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064 and on February 21, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, North Hollywood Regional Library, 5211 Tujunga Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601.

C. Congressman Adam Schiff - 28th Congressional District

Schiff represents the area from West Hollywood to West Pasadena. Some of the issues he is working on are:

Helicopter Noise issue - Howard Berman, Brad Sherman and Congressman Schiff sponsored legislation requiring the FAA to regulate helicopter traffic. He is working with Senator Feinstein and is planning on re-introducing the legislation in February.

Rim of the Valley Corridor Study - Congressman Schiff introduced a bill for the expansion of the preservation and protection of the Rim of the Valley area to preserve wildlife connectivity and increase recreational uses. The National Park Service is considering expanding the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to further protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources in the area. It would establish greater cooperation and sharing of expertise of all the agencies involved. Public comment was due on Jan. 7, but Congressman Schiff mentioned that although the official comment period is over,

they will continue to accept comments. The Congressman supports a hybrid of alternatives C and D and will supply the Hillside Federation with a copy for distribution.

Contact information for Congressman Schiff:

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II. Approval of November 7 minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. Presidents Report - Marian Dodge

Marian thanked everyone, especially Don Andres, for a great Holiday Party.

MOTION: Marian moved to approve Carol Sidlow as Acting Secretary in Donna Messinger's absence. Motion passed.

Request for Action forms must be sent in a timely manner at least 7 days before the meeting to get on the agenda.

The Executive Committee approved sending a letter of support for the Rim of the Valley Corridor to meet the Jan. 7 deadline. The letter supports a hybrid of alternatives C and D. Marian will email the letter to all.

Marian circulated the latest Friends of Griffith Park Newsletter.

A presentation by Alan Bell and Erick Lopez from the Planning Department regarding the Zoning Code Revision sponsored by the Pacific Palisades Community Council will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26th, 9:30 – noon at Palisades Charter School, 15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) is request that City Council postpone any vote on the Street repair bond of \$3 billion until Neighborhood Councils can weigh in.

The Sign Ordinance will go before the Planning and Land Use Committee on January 22nd. All are encouraged to attend as the City is going to attempt to allow the illegal digital billboards to be included in spite of the recent court cases decision. Ban Billboard Blight suggests that people write to the Planning and Land Use Committee and to support the "Turn Them Off" campaign.

B. Treasurers Report - Don Andres

Don gave an up-date on the Holiday Party which was very successful with 130 people attending. Don gave a year end financial report. Dues notices to be sent out shortly – Dues: \$150 per year.

Don mentioned that Hillside Federation meeting room will be changing to across the hall at Pinz perhaps as early as March.

IV. New Business

A. Community Care Facilities - Tony Tucci

Tony Tucci spoke about the pending Community Care Facilities Ordinance and wanted to make the HF members aware that there was a letter written by Laurel Canyon Assn. asking that an amendment be added to the Community Care Facilities Ordinance regarding these types of facilities being located in High Fire Severity Zones or on substandard streets.

B. Stanley Hills Appeal - Matt Friedman

Matt Friedman from the Stanley Hills area spoke about his appeal to the Department of Building and Safety regarding the failure of the Department to enforce the many conditions originally attached to the approval of the 3-house development on Stanley Hills. Members discussed the issue of enforcement by the Department of Building and Safety with respect to conditions that are in the determinations issued by the Zoning Administration which continues to be an issue in our hillside areas.

MOTION: Mark Stratton moved that the Federation support Matt Friedman's appeal to the Department of Building and Safety. Motion passed.

C. Cell Tower on Mulholland Dr. - Barbara Dohrmann

Barbara spoke about the proposed cell tower being planned for the Bel Air Skycrest area on Mulholland Drive next to the scenic overlook. The Board of Public Works is to hear the issue in March.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation oppose the placement of cell phone towers in

close proximity to a scenic overlook and that this request is returned to the Mulholland Design Review Board for further review. Motion passed.

V. Old Business

Due to the late hour, the update on NBCUniversal's Sign District and Curtis School will be put on the February agenda.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Recording Secretary,
Carol Sidlow

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Lois Becker
	Barbara Dohrmann
Benedict Canyon	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Hills HA	John Given
Brentwood Residents	Don Keller
	Tom Freeman
Cahuenga Pass POA	Patricia Weber
Canyon Back All.	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Franklin Av/Hlwd Bl	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Resid.	Charley Mims
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Tony Tucci
Lookout Mt. All.	Carol Sidlow
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon	Madeline O'Donnell
Oaks Homeowners	Gerry Hans
Resid. of Beverly Glen	Gillian Calof
Roscomare Valley	Steve Twining
Sherman Oaks HOA	Elke Heitmeyer
Studio City Resid.	Claudia Freedle
Upper Mandeville	Elodie Lorenz

Officials Present:

Congress 28th Dist.	Adam Schiff
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AD 43 (Gatto)	Eric Menjivar

Guests Present:

LA Co Bicycle Coal.	Eric Bruins
	Alek Bartnosout
LADOT	Michelle Mowrey
	Tim Fremaux
City Planning	David Somlis
Stanley Hills Appeal	Matt Friedman