

**Hillside Federation
March 13, 2013
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

President Marian Dodge called the meeting to order at 7:10. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest speaker - Millennium Hollywood Project

The Millennium project was presented by Alfred Fraijo, their land use attorney. It is a mixed-use project with residential, sports club, retail, restaurants, and office space. The design and planning team is Handel Architects, Roschen Van Cleef Architects and James Corner Field Operations.

Open space is to preserve views of the Capitol Records building although the new buildings are more than twice the height of Capitol Records. They are requesting a CUP for a restaurant, hotel with an observation deck, and to tie the development because the lots are on both sides of the street. They are requesting variances for parking and for outdoor dining and a zoning change for a FAR greater than 4.5:1.

The project has been approved but is being appealed before the Planning Commission on March 28.

Members had many questions. How much parking? 1961 spaces. How does the project deal with traffic issues? 47 intersections will be affected and 2 of them cannot be mitigated: Franklin/Argyle and Franklin/Highland. How many years for construction? Construction will be phased with one side of the street taking 3 years and the other side 3 years. President of the City Planning Commission Bill Roschen will recuse himself. Will Millennium consider lowering the height of the project? If height is lowered there will be less open space because Millennium will not budge on the increase to the FAR requested. Millennium pointed out that other heights had been considered –220, 400, 550 & 585 – but that a reduced FAR is not considered an option.

The project shown is very conceptual. Due to the equivalency program the use can change so even though the concept is presented as mixed use this can change for example to all residential or all office space.

II. Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Marian Dodge

Good news – Kim Lamorie from Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation has been designated Woman of the Year by Zev Yaroslavsky. She is an unequivocal supporter and ardent follower of open space issues.

We are having issues with cell poles being installed on scenic overlooks. There is a hearing coming up on April 8th. Let's keep an eye out for these eyesores so the Federation can write letters.

Marian asked if the Federation should add their logo to the Planning and Conservation League's CEQA Works web page. Motion passed.

The finalists in the City Attorney's race will be present next month. Please send Marian questions to ask the candidates.

The election of officers will take place next month.

Marian will send a reminder about the DWP project closing of Coldwater Canyon.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Almost all organizations have renewed their dues. Don reported on the status of our bank accounts.

The Holiday party will be held Thursday, December 12 at the Mulholland Tennis Club. If the party is held on a Thursday rather than on Wednesday, then the Federation will have the whole club, more guests can come and more parking is available.

IV. New Business

A. Millennium Hollywood towers - Terri Gerger & Greg Johnson (Hollywood Dell)

Hollywood Dell and others are opposed to the Millennium Project because it is too dense (FAR 1:6); height is unacceptable; under parked; bigger than Staples, LA Live and Hollywood and Highland; project short on hard details and too conceptual.

MOTION: Terri Gerger moved that the Hillside Federation oppose the Millennium Hollywood project as currently proposed since it is out-of-scale and character to the recently approved Hollywood Community Plan, and has an excessive cumulative negative impact on the health, safety, traffic, and infrastructure of Hollywood and the neighboring hillside communities. Motion passed.

Hollywood Dell is asking Federation member organizations to contribute to a fund to hire an attorney to present the appeal to the Planning Commission on March 28th.

V. Old Business

A. Sign Ordinance - Marian Dodge

At PLUM's request the Billboard and Visual Landscape Visioning Group was formed. Marian Dodge represented HF. Wendy-Sue Rosen attended as well. Many sign companies were present. The California Supreme Court refused Clear Channel's appeal so the Summit decision holds: Digital billboards must be removed. The original judge will issue an order to revoke the permits. The day before the Visioning Group's first meeting Clear Channel sent threatening letters to the City Council vowing to sue to recover \$100 M in lost revenue. No decisions were made at the group meeting. Marian thinks the real purpose of the Visioning Group was to make Clear Channel and CBS Outdoor's attempt to get digital signs outside of sign Districts appear to have had public input. The community wants the Sign Ordinance to be respected with digital signs only permitted in Sign Districts; the Summit decision complied with; and illegally permitted signs removed. The consultant who facilitated the Visioning Group will present to PLUM on March 26. Get comments in to Alan.Bell@lacity.org. Letters should ask the City to follow the Sign Ordinance and to remove illegal digital billboard conversions.

B. NBCUniversal - Marian Dodge

The LA County hearing on NBCUniversal was held Feb. 27. Wendy-Sue Rosen, Lois Becker, and Marian spoke about concerns of visibility of signs outside the project. There will be no off-site signage; all signs face inward. The original regular billboard at Buddy Holly Drive will be moved back 10 feet to accommodate road widening but will not be converted to digital. Ben Saltsman says the County has included a lot of protections. The project was approved.

C. Helicopter Noise Relief Update - George Abrahams

There was a meeting with the FAA and helicopter pilots. The FAA will issue a report in May of all discussions so far. According to current law residents have no property rights over helicopters flying over their property. We are asking that helicopters have to fly under instrument flight rules. The LA City Council supports H.R. 2677 (112th): Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011.

Announcement - George Abrahams gave an update on the lawsuit against the Hollywood Community Plan.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Lucy Gonzalez
Acting Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Barbara Dohrmann
	Lois Becker
Benedict Canyon	Nickie Miner
Brentwood Residents	Don Keller
Cahuenga Pass POA	Dan Bernstein
Franklin Av/Hlwd Bl	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Resid.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell	Terri Gerger
	Greg Johnson
Hollywoodland HOA	Lucy Gonzalez
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Tony Tucci
	Jamie Hall
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
N. Beverly/Franklin Can	Robert Levy
Oaks Homeowners	Caroline Schweich
Resid. Beverly Glen	Gillian Calof
Sherman Oaks HOA	Elke Heitmeyer
	Niles Chapman
Studio City	Claudia Freedle

Guests Present:

Millennium Hlwd	Laurie Goldman
Sheppard Mullin	Alfred Fraijo
	presenter
N. Beverly/Franklin	Connie Levy
Oaks Homeowners	Wayne Schlock
Outpost Estates	Gary Nestra
	Vladimir Velasco
Upper Nichols Canyon	Susan Mullins
	Stacy Sillins
	Cyd Zeigler