

Hillside Federation
Minutes
March 5, 2014

I. Call to order:

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

Guest speakers:

Eric Menjivar from Assemblymember Mike Gatto's office reported that Assemblyman Gatto is hosting an environmental forum Saturday March 29 at the Griffith Park Visitors Center from 10-11:30 am. It will cover how the environment has changed within the district. George Abrahams inquired about additional funding to complete the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Maps. Wendy-Sue Rosen reminded him not to weaken CEQA and to support a ban on rodenticides.

Daniel Tamm from Mayor Garcetti's office: The new head for DWP is Marcie Edwards. Her first task is to unravel the disastrous new billing system. The Mayor's mandate: Fix the problem now. Wendy-Sue Rosen thanked the Mayor for reappointing Tom Donovan to the West Area Planning Commission. Members commented on approving every variance requested, bringing back runaway production, giving away surplus property, and vague budgets.

II. Approval of Minutes: The February minutes were approved as submitted

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Marian Dodge

Marian welcomed new member organizations, CASM-SFV and Save Sunset Boulevard. The Federation now represents 44 organizations.

The Planning Department will host 7 community meetings for Re:code LA, the Mobility Plan, and Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

The segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail that runs through Griffith Park has been certified by the National Park Service.

The LA Fire Department wants to have an all day expo on brush clearance.

Nominating Committee - Steve Twining

The committee has proposed the following slate: President - Marian Dodge; Chairman - Charley Mims; 1st Vice President, Mark Stratton; 2nd Vice President, Wendy-Sue Rosen; Treasurer, Don Andres; Recording Secretary, Carol Sidlow; Executive Secretary, John Given. The election of officers will take place on April 2, 2014.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

35 of the 44 member associations have paid their dues. The large CD has been renewed for another 9 months. The four annual filings to the IRS and to the state of California were completed in February.

Upcoming elections for the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council are on March 30, 2014 at the Durant Library, 7140 Sunset Blvd from 2m to 8pm. Voter turnout is important.

IV. New Business

A. 3164 Abington Dr. - Marti Ornest was not present.

B. Tree Trimming - Tony Tucci

Trees are being lost because of DWP's aggressive tree trimming. The city's tree trimming policy is being revamped. Councilman Mike Bonin has a motion CF #14-0019 to assure that city licensed contractors comply with city guidelines.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation support Councilmember Bonin's motion CF #14-0019 and prohibit the topping of trees, require a certified arborist on site, and outreach to the community prior to scheduled tree trimming. The motion passed. Tony and Wendy-Sue will draft a letter.

V. Old Business

A. Re:code LA - Carol Sidlow is absent. Marian will send the dates of the community forums.

B. 10550 N. Bellagio Road - Steve Twining

The West Area Planning Commission rejected the variance to allow a 50' high house where only a 36' high house is allowed by the Baseline Hillside Ordinance. Then on March 4 PLUM approved the height variance after CM Huizar said action has already been taken but they are allowing people to make public comment. It was approved by Council on consent on March 5.

Two brothers own several lots and the LA times published an article on how LA Council members have gotten donations and voted to overturn the APC decisions. The neighbors are putting a lawsuit together.

C. Curtis School - Mark Stratton

The project was heard by the Mulholland Design Review Board on February 20. The City Planner gave the board wrong information. The applicant made no presentation but gave some materials to the board that the public had not seen. The MDRB did not approve the access road but approved the design. Any permit must come back to the MDRB. The City Planning Commission will hear the project on March 27.

D. 1400 Linda Flora - Steve Twining

There was a mud slide after the recent rains.

Acting Recording Secretary,
Lucy Gonzalez

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Lois Becker
Brentwood Res. Coal.	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Canyon Back Allian.	Tom Freeman
CASM-SFV	Dan Feinberg
Franklin Av/Hlwd Bl.	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Hollywoodland	Lucy Gonzalez
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon	Tony Tucci
Lookout Mountain	Patricia Bell Hearst
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
Mt. Washington All.	Dan Wright
N. Beverly/Franklin Can	Robert Levy
Oaks HOA	Bob Young
Roscomare Valley	Steve Twining
	Shirley Cohen
Sherman Oaks HOA	Elke Heitmeyer
Studio City Res.	Alan Dymond
Upper Mandeville	James Provenzano
Upper Nichols Canyon	Cyd Zeigler
Upper Riviera HOA	Stacia Thompson
	Nina Rosenfield

Guests Present:

AD 43 Gatto	Eric Menjivar
Mayor's Office	Daniel Tamm