

**Hillside Federation
November 5, 2014
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

President Marian Dodge called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Guest: Daniel Tamm, Westside representative of Mayor Garcetti

Daniel spoke about various issues the Mayor is working on including water usage; use of solar electricity in city warehouses and buildings; economic development; and transportation infrastructure projects already on the way. Questions were asked about Mayor's position on urban solar farms; local hires for development projects in the City; use of astro turf vs. drought resistant plants; exemption of hillsides re: water reduction; new units built in the City being equipped with individual water meters; City fountains wasting water; density bonuses for development; position regarding CF -14-1438, the City Attorney's request to hire outside legal counsel to fight the Millennium project; sprinkler issue at children's park at Coldwater Canyon and Beverly Drive; and AB 2222.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report: Marian Dodge

Marian gave an up-date regarding the LA River's new Zev Yaroslavsky Greenway Trail and the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, November 1. The Studio City project will provide accessible open space, restore natural habitat and create a walking trail along a half-mile section of the river. The LA River Greenway trail is expected to open spring 2016.

Wendy-Sue Rosen gave an up-date on the November 4, election:

Senator Ted Lieu won the seat in the House of Representatives currently occupied by Henry Waxman. Ben Allen won the 26th State Senate District over Sandra Fluke. Sheila Kuehl won the County Board of Supervisors seat currently held by Zev Yaroslavsky over Bobby Shriver. Congressman Adam Schiff won re-election to the House of Representatives.

Proposition 1 - Funding for Water Quality, Supply, Treatment, and Storage Projects passed. This proposition was a very important measure to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Proposition 2 – Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act passed.

Proposition P - Continue funding from the County's Neighborhood Parks tax for parks which sunsets in 2015 did not pass.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don gave an update regarding membership. Don reminded everyone about the Hillside Federation Holiday Party at the Mulholland Tennis Club, Thursday, December 11, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Everyone was encouraged to attend and to spread the word.

IV. New Business

A. 7107 Hollywood Blvd. - Don Mabry, Save Residential Hollywood, Inc.

Don gave a briefing of the proposed development at the corner of La Brea and Hollywood Blvd which will include 3 buildings including a 26 story building with commercial use on the first level. The development would include 410 residential units and 10,000 square feet of commercial space. The area is currently zoned R-3-1 with a church on the site; however, the developer is requesting a General Plan amendment from Medium Residential to Regional Center Commercial; Amend Footnote #9 of the Hollywood Community Plan; Zone and Height District Change, Site Plan Review and a Conditional Use

Permit (CUB). Don will keep the Hillside Federation informed when there are up-dates or actions requested.

B. Severe Fire Areas - John Given

John gave background regarding Councilman Paul Koretz's Motion 14-0713 regarding improvement to no smoking signs in Very High Fire Severity Zones with a possible increase in penalties for violations which was brought to the Public Safety Committee of the City Council in June and tabled for 90 days. This issue has not been agendaized yet although 90 days has passed. John requested that the Hillside Federation write a letter to the Public Safety Committee to get Motion 14-0713 back on the Public Safety Committee calendar.

MOTION: John Given moved that the Hillside Federation request that the Public Safety Committee schedule Council motion 14-0713 made by Councilman Paul Koretz regarding smoking signage in High Fire Severity Zones. The motion passed.

Further discussion about CF 09-1977-S1 by Paul Koretz –amendments to Fire and Municipal Code on the requirements that homeowners and their contractors must follow when clearing brush from their property and CF 12-1920 by Paul Koretz requesting a report from the Fire Department regarding its process for reviewing requests for deviations from the Municipal and Fire Codes which expired.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Hillside Federation write a letter to Councilman Paul Koretz with copies to the Public Safety Committee, City Council and the Fire Commission to bring back Motion 09-1977 and Motion 12-1920 to the Public Safety Committee for consideration. The motion passed.

C. Wildlife Crossing at Liberty Canyon: Wendy-Sue Rosen

Wendy described the proposed wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon and the 101 Freeway. Several mountain lions have been killed trying to cross at this location. There is a need for new genetic material to be introduced into the mountain lion population, or our mountain lion population will not survive. There is renewed interest in constructing a wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon. The supporters are asking people to write letters to John Donnelly at the state's Wildlife Conservation Board to seek and secure the \$650,000 which would go towards improvements in the area. This is known as the Liberty Canyon Interim Passage Enhancements which will make it safe for an undercrossing while they seek money for the over-crossing. An over-crossing will take time to design and build so this money is very important.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Hillside Federation write a letter to support the grant funding for Liberty Canyon Wildlife Enhancements. The motion passed.

V. Old Business

A. 10220 Scenario Lane: Sue Campbell

Sue gave an update regarding the proposed development of two homes on Scenario Lane in Beverly Glen. A letter from Residents of Beverly Glen was distributed expressing their concerns. The status of the Lot Line Adjustment among other environmental impacts were discussed.

B. Hollywood Sign Shuttle Service: Lucy Gonzalez

Councilmember Tom LaBonge has proposed a shuttle service through a residential area to view this popular attraction. In November, 2013, the Hillside Federation wrote a letter to the City asking for a comprehensive plan for the area before going forward with any piece-meal solutions. Lucy will continue to keep the Hillside Federation informed about this important public safety issue.

C. 6459 Innsdale Drive: David Benz, Lake Hollywood Homeowner's Association

The Central Area Planning Commission voted to deny the applicants appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Determination. Renée Weitzer from Councilman LaBonge's office spoke against the property owner's appeal at the meeting which lasted until midnight. David thanked the Hillside Federation for our support of the Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association in their opposition to this development.

D. 8150 Sunset Blvd.: Adara Salim, Save Sunset Blvd.

Save Sunset Blvd. is sponsoring a fundraising event on November 11, 2014 at the Chateau Marmont to raise funds to oppose the large development project at the corner of Crescent Heights and Sunset in the

City of Los Angeles. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was just released and comments are due January 5. Adara would like lots of people to submit comments on the massive project.

E. 360 N. Stone Canyon: Steve Twining

The lawsuit against the City regarding the 50-foot over-in-height wall and the variance granted the applicant by the City at 360 Stone Canyon in Bel Air will be heard in Superior Court, Dept. 86 on December 10 at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.

The appeal by the neighbors of the Small Lot Subdivision at 11767 Bellagio Road was denied at the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission hearing.

The 350-acre Hoag Canyon, located between Casiano Estates and the 405 Freeway in Bel Air has been sold.

Steven Poster notified the Federation that the 7-acre Yamashiro property in Hollywood is for sale and the possibility that it will become condos.

F. Recode LA: Carol Sidlow

The 35-page Zoning Code Approach will be sent to Federation members and is also available on the Recode LA website. At the Planning and Land Use meeting in October, the Planning Department gave a report regarding the Neighborhood Conservation initiative which laid out a four-step approach to address tweaks needed to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO). In addition, the Residential component to the revision of the Zoning Code will be reviewed beginning in January along with the Downtown component. The Residential component was speeded up after an article about loopholes in the BMO in the LA Times. There were questions regarding D conditions

G. Closure of Barham off-ramps at the 101 Freeway: Krista Michaels

As part of the NBC Universal Evolution Plan, Universal is required to build a drop ramp from the bridge onto the 101 Freeway. After review, Caltrans determined that the Barham off ramp has to close because it is too close to the new ramp. There have been a number of accidents at the location. George Abrahams mentioned alternative remedies that exist in other parts of the City. He is meeting with Caltrans to discuss options.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Secretary,
Carol Sidlow

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
	Lois Becker
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Brentwood Residents	Don Keller
	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
CASM-SFV	Dan Feinberg
Franklin Av/Hlwd Blvd	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Hollywoodland	Lucy Gonzalez
Lake Hollywood	Sheila Irani
	David Benz
Laurel Canyon	Tony Tucci

Lookout Mt.	Alison Simard Steven Poster Carol Sidlow
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
N. Beverly/Franklin Can	Robert Levy
Oaks Homeowners	Wayne Schlock
Resid. Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Roscomare Valley	Steve Twining
Save Sunset Bl.	Adara Salim
Sherman Oaks	Elke Heitmeyer
Upper Mandeville Can	James Provenzano
Upper Nichols Canyon	Stacy Sillins Susan Mullins

Guests Present:

Office of the Mayor	Daniel Tamm
Hlwd. Versailles Towers	Donald Mabry Lisa Marie Milat
Scenario Ln. residents	John Campbell Sue Campbell
resident	Connie Levy