

**Hillside Federation  
January 4, 2017  
Draft Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The October minutes were approved as corrected. The November minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

Charley read a letter of thanks from Senator Fran Pavley for her award. Charley read the proclamation from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl to Chairman Marian Dodge for her work in preserving open space.

Marian encouraged everyone wishing to have the Hillside Federation hear an issue to submit a completed Request for Action form, which can be found on the Hillside Federation website and submit it 10 days prior to the next scheduled meeting. In addition, Marian suggested that members use the City of Los Angeles ZIMAS website for information about a particular property.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Don requested that members update their information on the roster. The budget for next year will be discussed at the February Hillside Federation meeting. Don described the success of the Holiday Party. He thanked Mel Remba, Don Keller, and Charley Mims for their extra financial support for the party.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Accessory Dwelling Units – Charley Mims

Charley and Mitch Menzer met with Councilman Herb Wesson's senior staff regarding ADUs. Mitch Menzer crafted a streamlined version of the ordinance which would protect hillside areas. The City Planning Commission's December 15, 2016 recommendation would allow ADUs in hillside areas that are on standard streets when they are within half a mile of public transit (not "major" transit, just transit). This change would have major impacts on hillside areas. The issue may be going to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the City Council by the end of January. Charley suggested member groups write letters to councilmembers with their concerns, as hillside designation and substandard lot size may no longer exempt a parcel from obtaining a permit to construct an ADU.

B. Amendments to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance and Baseline Mansionization Ordinance – Carol Sidlow

Carol and Charley attended the December PLUM meeting. The PLUM Committee passed the amendments and sent them onto the City Attorney to draft an ordinance.

C. Abode at Glassell Park – Eric Tallman (Glassell Park Improvement Association )

Eric described the proposed development of 32 homes in the green space area of Walnut Canyon in the Glassell Park neighborhood. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was issued in 2015. The Hillside Federation wrote a letter of concern regarding development in Walnut Canyon in November of 2015 supporting NELA Greenspace and efforts to secure funding to purchase the land to be preserved as open space. The community has hired the law firm Chatten-Brown & Carstens to respond. A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been circulated. The comment deadline on the DEIR is February 21, 2017.

A community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th. Eric will keep Federation members updated.

## V. New Business

### A. Saving Distressed Trees – Bruce Hollihan (Oak Forest Canyon Assn.)

Bruce described the effect of drought on our trees with massive die-offs of oak, walnut, sycamore, and other species and how simple winter watering plans can save many of these trees. Those who live near SMMC, MRCA or other parklands can provide supplemental water to the trees. The ideal is to provide approximately 4 inches of water per month under the tree canopy to sufficiently hydrate the root mass. For more information please contact Dr. Arnold Newman at [rain.forest@earthlink.net](mailto:rain.forest@earthlink.net).

### Announcements

*Measure S.* George Abrahams gave an update on the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, which will be on the February Hillside Federation agenda. It is on the March ballot as Measure S.

*Studio City Overlay Zone.* Alan Dymond reported that Studio City has an overlay zone that is not included on Building & Safety notices.

*York vineyard project.* Sheila Irani gave an update on the York vineyard project (6459 Innsdale Dr.). The applicant is appealing the city's denial of permits and wants to build a guest home on the property.

*10580 Selkirk.* Stephen Benson reported that 10580 Selkirk in the Beverly Glen area will have another hearing.

#### *Recommendation on younger board members.*

Steven Poster, noting the age of the majority of our members, suggested that everyone bring a younger member of his or her organization to the Federation meeting to maintain the Federation's vitality.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

Carol Sidlow,  
Recording Secretary

### **Members Present:**

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland HOA	Jack Conrad
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Lake Hollywood	Sheila Irani
Lookout Mt. All.	Carol Sidlow
	Steven Poster
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
Oak Forest Canyon	Bruce Hollihan
Oaks Homeowners	Linda Othenin-Girard
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Studio City Res.	Alan Dymond
	Beth Dymond

**Guests:**

Glassell Park Impv Assn Eric Tallman  
CLAW Alison Simard  
Tony Tucci