

## Hillside Federation

March 1, 2017

Draft Minutes

### I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:25. Members and guests introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

### III. Officers' Reports

#### A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance is not scheduled go to PLUM. The revision isn't ready yet.

**Nominating Committee** - Charley Mims announced 2017 Nominating Committee members: Gerry Hans (the Oaks), Stephen Benson (Beverly Glen), and Lois Becker (Canyonback Alliance).

Marian invited all to attend a screening of the P-22 documentary "The Cat that Changed America" at UCLA on March 16.

#### B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Our insurance is paid (\$2500). Thirty member associations have paid their dues. Thank you. Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn. has joined the Federation.

### IV. Old Business

#### A. Abode at Glassell Park (Walnut Canyon) - Eric Tallman

*Abode at Glassell Park* proposes to build 32 single-family homes in a pristine canyon. Glassell Park Improvement Assn. (GPIA) and Greenspace want the county and/or state to purchase the property for public open space. Their attorney Chatten-Brown & Carstens responded to the DEIR, and cite insufficient mitigation. Councilmember Cedillo has been unresponsive. The SMMC appraised the property in 2015; they made an offer to purchase the property, but it was rejected. GPIA requests a Hillside Federation letter to all the politicians involved.

**MOTION:** John Given moved that the Hillside Federation review the Chatten-Brown & Carstens DEIR letter and draft a letter in support of GPIA. The motion passed.

#### B. Baseline Hillside Ordinance - Marian Dodge

Marian attended the Special Meeting of City

Council this morning where the amendments were approved. Before the meeting she spoke to CM Koretz who said this was the first he had heard about the Federation's concerns about exemptions for institutions. Not true; we wrote to him. Marian also spoke to planning deputies Julia Duncan and Tricia Keane. Marian spoke with Doug Carstens, attorney for Sunset Coalition, Save Coldwater Canyon! and Brentwood Residents Assn., on the need to remove the exemption for buildings operating under a Conditional Use Permit such as schools and churches. Marian and Doug Carstens asked Planners Tom Rothmann and Phyllis Nathanson to delete section 13 of the proposed ordinance. They said the new version of the BHO codifies current policy of getting approvals through the CUP process, which requires a public hearing.

#### C. 10580 Selkirk - Stephen Benson (Beverly Glen)

The project was approved with large retaining walls. Stephen attended the appeal hearing this afternoon. He had to leave before a decision was made. CM Koretz's Planning Deputy Faisal Alserri visited the site.

#### D. Party House motion - Mary Ledding (Hollywood Dell)

Nick Greif, the legislative deputy for CD 4 is handling the party house motion (Council File No. 12-1824). Nick said to call your Neighborhood Prosecutor for complaints and to call your council office to let them know that you want party house legislation enacted. City Attorney Heather Aubry

[heather.aubry@lacity.org](mailto:heather.aubry@lacity.org) is comparing laws in other cities. Former State Senator, Mike Gatto, is defending the party house. Charley encouraged Mary to complete a Request For Action.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Removal of Protected Trees** at 11007 W. Bellagio Pl. - Dr. Linda Whitford

A developer is seeking a permit to remove 34 protected trees at 11007 W. Bellagio Pl. in order to build retaining walls and an 8,725 sq. ft. addition to a 5,641-sq. ft. residence in an RE 20-1-H Zone. Linda cited inadequate study of biological impacts and inadequate mitigation. She also cited the cumulative impact of other tree removals in the project vicinity, including the recent removal of 22 protected trees on an adjacent property and 11 acres that were cleared for three large residences. Urban Forestry almost automatically approves permits to remove protected trees.

**MOTION:** Steve Twining moved that the Federation submit a letter to the Board of Public Works Commission opposing the permit for the removal of the protected trees. The motion passed. John Given volunteered to draft the letter.

#### **Announcements:**

Suellen Wagner – The EIR for the Harvard-Westlake parking structure is due in March.

Charley Mims – The Federation needs a person with computer skills to be the Executive Secretary to prepare the newsletter.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Marian Dodge,  
Chairman and Acting Secretary

#### **Members Present:**

Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland HOA	Jack Conrad
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon	Don Andres
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Res.	Claudia Freedle

#### **Guests:**

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Bel-Air Assn.	Linda Whitford
Glassell Park Impv Assn	Eric Tallman