

**Hillside Federation  
Minutes  
July 5, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guest**—Stephanie Cohen, West/Metro LA Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl’s Office

Stephanie is the District director of West/Metro Field Office for County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. She offered her assistance. Field Deputy Fernando Morales (email: [FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FMorales@bos.lacounty.gov)) is assigned to the Los Feliz and Hollywood area.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The June Minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers’ Reports**

**A. President’s Report**—Charley Mims

Charley read a letter of appreciation from Jeff Franklin for our support in opposing the 10101 Angelo View Drive project.

The Tour Bus Bill continues through the legislative process.

“Citizen Jane: Battle for the City” will be shown at the Hammer Museum on Wednesday July 12, 7:30 PM.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) - We are waiting for the hearing at the City Council.

**B. Treasurer’s Report** - Charley Mims

The Federation has initiated the CD ladder system as discussed at the June meeting. Two organizations are still outstanding with their dues.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Coalition to Preserve LA**—Jill Stewart

**MOTION 1:** George Abrahams moved and Mary Ledding amended that: All City work group and task force meetings about the General Plan and its elements must be held with adequate public notice and allow for public input and consideration of such input. Meetings should be set at weekday evening or weekend hours, and should be fully transparent. Three additional public meetings should be scheduled to compensate for the three meetings that have already been held in private. The motion passed as amended.

**MOTION 2:** George Abrahams moved that: The Hillside Federation requests the addition of an Urban Forest element to the General Plan, that pursues the need to rebuild and save our vanishing tree canopy, crucial to fighting Green House Gas emissions and the heat island effect and to preserving crucial habitat and community livability. The motion passed.

**B. Harvard-Westlake School expansion**—Suellen Wagner

The FEIR was released last Thursday. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 24, at 9 AM, at Van Nuys City Hall. The project includes a 4-story structure (3 stories of parking with a sports field on top) and many retaining walls, some greater than 90 feet. Save Coldwater Canyon! is requesting a 30-day extension for comments. They request continued support from the Federation.

**IV. New Business**

**A. 2937-45 Glendower**—Charley Mims (to ratify Executive Committee action).

The applicant’s grading request is for excavating and hauling 9,800 cubic yards, 3 pools and a spa, and 8,500 sq. ft. of livable space with a 5,000 sq. ft. basement requiring lots of excavation. Los Feliz residents met with Councilmember Ryu’s office last week requesting that this project be denied in its current form.

There is concern that the applicant, Chaz Dean, is building a compound for staff rather than for family. An overlay for this area was discussed.

**MOTION:** Gerry Hans moved that the Federation confirm the action of the Executive Committee to oppose the haul route and the project as currently proposed. The motion passed.

**B. 6443-6459 Innsdale, York Vineyard–David Benz**

The previously proposed, and opposed, project has been reduced somewhat. The applicant has eliminated the wine caves and tennis court. The current plan is to dump 33,000 cubic yards of excavated dirt (ten times the by-right amount) into a ravine on the property, thus eliminating the need for a haul route. Dumping the dirt in the ravine, however, would destroy a blue-line stream that provides valuable habitat. The excavation would also destroy a ridgeline within the viewshed of the Hollywood Sign.

The project is opposed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

**MOTION:** David Benz moved that the Hillside Federation submit a letter in support of Lake Hollywood HOA opposing the 6443 Innsdale project in its current form and requesting a full EIR considering the complexity and magnitude of the project. The motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Councilmember Koretz wrote a letter requesting the demolition of the Strada Vecchia Dr. project.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Next meeting September 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Benson, Secretary

**Members Present:**

Bel Air Hills Assn.	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza	Yves Mieszala
Franklin Av/Hlwd Bl	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland	George Abrahams
Lake Hollywood	Sheila Irani
	David Benz
Los Feliz Improvement	Marian Dodge
N. Beverly/Franklin	Robert Levy
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
	Heidi Mackay
Studio City Res. Assn.	Claudia Freedle

**Guests Present:**

Sup. Kuehl's office	Stephanie Cohen
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Coalition 2 Preserve LA	Jill Stewart
	Ileana Wachtel

N. Beverly/Franklin

Connie Levy