

**Hillside Federation  
Minutes  
October 4, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:15. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guest: Walt Young, MRCA**

The MRCA is now conducting 24-hour patrols on Mulholland Dr. during red flag days. They have installed cameras at Reseda/Vanalden west of the 405 and are planning to add additional cameras at Universal Overlook and Hollywood Bowl Overlook.

Ranger Services 310-456-7049

Walt Young direct cell 310-985-5231

Contact for Brush Clearance Ken Nelson - [ken.nelson@mrca.ca.gov](mailto:ken.nelson@mrca.ca.gov)

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The September minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don updated the Federation's account balances. The Holiday Party will cost \$55, the same price as last year.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Harvard-Westlake School expansion - Suellen Wagner

Save Coldwater Canyon! met with CM Kerkorian and several of his deputies. They are in a holding pattern. The appeal hearing has NOT been rescheduled yet. The Planning Dept. says it probably will not happen before January 2018. They are keeping a close eye on it and keeping the pressure on.

B. 11580 Sunshine Terrace - Jamie Hall (absent)

C. 6459 Innsdale Drive (York Vineyard) - David Benz

A blue-line stream has been identified on the property. The City has agreed to recirculate the MND.

**V. New Business**

A. Alcohol Conditions Motion—Sarah Blanch & Wendy-Sue Rosen

Sarah Blanch - Regional Director, Institute for Public Strategies

Contrary to 40 years of practice, the present LA City Attorney believes that sale and service of alcohol can only be regulated by the State and that City rules are no longer allowed or enforceable. But the State does not enforce conditions, and a court process is required in order to get conditions passed. This deprives local communities of input in protecting their neighborhoods, and the hillsides are particularly vulnerable as many bars and night spots are located in or near the hillsides (Ventura Bl., Sunset Bl., Mulholland Dr.). A State bill that would have allowed extended 4:00 am closing time did not pass but brought attention to the problem.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen - Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Hillside Federation supports the Conditions Motion, which calls upon the City Council to adopt a policy to: 1) Authorize the imposition of land use conditions that protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating adverse impacts from the sale or service of alcohol, consistent with the past practice of the City of Los Angeles and current practice of other jurisdictions statewide; 2) Maintain and enforce previously-imposed CUB conditions on the sale

or service of alcohol; and 3) Prohibit the removal of previously-imposed conditions outside the public processes mandated under the City Charter and Zoning Code. The motion passed.

**B. Berggruen Project, Monte Verde LLC - Patricia Bell Hearst**

The billionaire is proposing a think tank on 400-plus acres, north of the Getty, south of Mountaingate, west of the 405. It will be a high impact development, a sort of "mini-Davos" (Switzerland), with an auditorium, housing units for resident scholars and helicopter pads, etc. for visiting international dignitaries. There is a conflict with MRCA conservation easements protecting public trails and MOSMA (Mountaingate Open Space Management Association). The Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) application has been filed. A public meeting/presentation has been promised but not yet scheduled. So far the process has not been transparent. The community will return later to propose a motion.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned with a Moment of Silence in memory of Robert Levy at 8:45 pm.

Stephen Benson  
Secretary

**Members Present:**

Beachwood Cyn	F. Isabelle Megginson
Bel Air Hills	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Brentwood Residents	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin/Hlywd West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland	George Abrahams
N. Beverly/Franklin Cyn	Connie Levy
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Residents	Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel

**Guests Present:**

MRCA	Walt Young
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Franklin/Hlywd West	Gia Paladino
Bel Air Crest	Irene Sandler
Inst for Public Strategies	Sarah Blanch