

**Hillside Federation Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Video Conference
Minutes**

I. Call to Order 7:02 pm

3003 Runyon Canyon Road – Paul Edelman briefed the opposition to the project and noted CF 24-1371. The 3003 project will be heard at the PLUM Committee hearing on March 25th at 2:00 pm. He requested emails/letters to be sent to Councilmember Raman NithyaRaman@lacity.org and provided some suggestions.

CD 4 Update – Mehmet Berker - n/a

CD 5 Update – Haley Martinez - n/a

CD 11 Update – Michael Amster for Traci Park

The councilwoman spoke at the Brentwood Homeowners annual meeting and addressed public safety, property crimes, and the Palisades recovery.

She is supporting an ordinance that would close parks on Red Flag days and an ad hoc LA Recovery committee.

Traffic is surging on Sunset; a second traffic control officer has been placed on Kenter.

A lot of trucks carrying debris are spotted on Barrington and Church Lane; they should be on the Pacific Coast Highway. The fires have destabilized the hills and with rains there are mudslides. Michael Amster fears mudslides as much as fires. The residents moved the mud to the public right of way. Public Works will cite residents for public dumping. The mission statement of the Army Corp of Engineers does not include mudslides.

Wendy said that Michael is no longer in charge of the Pacific Palisades and Brentwood for CD 11. She asked about undergrounding wires and Michael answered that the DWP reported at a HOA meeting that they are still considering undergrounding wires. Charley mentioned that telephone lines are expensive to move.

LA County 3rd District – Mandy Laflen - n/a

AD 51, ASM Rick Zbur – Robbie Staenberg - n/a

AD 42, ASM Jacqui Irwin – Anthony Avila

Assemblywoman introduced 18 bills.

AB 745: transmission review and approval, requires the commission to electrify infrastructure expansion, letter to CPUC, utilities do have discretion PSPS, better transparency.

Caltrans said the master plan will be released, including land management of Brentwood, Federal Parks, MRCA land.

AB 992: peace officers to obtain degrees within 36 months

AB 720: includes theft of gift cards

An upcoming state contractors license will be on zoom on April 3rd

II. Approval of Minutes – Robin Greenberg

The minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

- a. HF Nominating Committee: Charley appoints Ellen Evans to chair the nominating committee with Jeff Swofford and Carolyn LoBuglio to serve on the nominating committee

B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres

There are 46 member associations, 22 of which have paid their dues.

He reported on the legal funds raised toward the appeal of 3003 Runyon Canyon Road.

IV. Old Business

A. Berggruen Project - Informational Presentation/Update – Wendy-Sue Rosen

No update

B. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road – see Edelman Presentation

C. Digital Billboards (Lawsuit) – Wendy-Sue Rosen/Jamie Hall

Updated last month

D. Dodger Stadium Gondola – Marian Dodge

No change; appellate court

E. Zoo Vision Plan (Lawsuit) – Marian Dodge

No change

F. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project (Lawsuit) – Beth Dymond

No update

G. Short Term Rentals – Ellen Evans

The first recommendation has been passed by the full council

V. New Business/Announcements

A. SB 79 - 65-75 ft high developments

Introduced by Senator Scott Weiner. Aims to increase housing density near major transit stops by allowing buildings up to seven stories within a quarter mile and four stories within a half mile, potentially addressing housing affordability and promoting transit use. Wendy said that it is an attack on CEQA. Sign on to the opposition.

B. Mulholland Institutional Corridor parking lot – Lois Becker

Drag races every night; Wendy said the City Attorney said it was on right of way so they can't do anything about it.

C. SB 73 - Marian Dodge: It would exempt CEQA in very low vehicle traffic areas, affordable housing projects

- D. SB 607: proposes several modifications to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) to streamline environmental review process for certain types of projects, particularly urban infill and housing related developments. The Hillside Federation will add its name to the Center for Biological Diversity's letter opposing SB 607.
- E. *Canyon Cryers* Digitization – Christine O'Brien
Christine O'Brien has a collection of *Canyon Cryers* from 1959-1970, published each week with 4 to 8 pages, particularly relating to fires and planning issues: she wants to have them preserved and asked for suggestions.
Marian said that Los Feliz donated information to the Urban Archives at Cal State Northridge.
Charley said that the LA Central Library and the LA Historical Society are possible ideas.
Robert Schlesinger offered his scanner for 11 x 17 pages.
- F. Guest Introductions
Deborah Klein Lopez: She is on the City Council in Agoura Hills, is running for CA ASM Jacqui Irwin's seat, and has Jacqui Irwin's endorsement
Mike Newhouse: He is running for Ben Allen's termed out CA Senate seat, is a Vice President of the LA City Planning Commission, founder of WRAC.

VI. Adjournment at 8:23 pm

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2025

Robin Greenberg
Recording Secretary

Hillside Federation – 18 March 2025 31 Attendees**24 Members**

Stephen	Krawchuk
Linda	Rose
Mark	Stratton
Robin	Greenberg
Nickie	Miner
Robert	Schlesinger
Wendy-Sue	Rosen
Steven	Kates
Lois	Becker
Ellen	Evans
John	Arnstein
Charley	Mims
Don	Andres
Yvonne	Hessler
Malek	Adel
Christine	O'Brien
Jeff	Swofford
Jamie	Hall
Marian	Dodge
Joe	Custer
Robert	Young
Jay	Weitzler
Alan & Beth	Dymond
Joan	Cashel

Officials and Reps

Michael	Amster
Anthony	Avila
Paul	Edelman
Steve	Twining
Alan	Kishbaugh

Guests

Deborah	Klein-Lopez
Michael	Newhouse

21 Member Associations

Argyle Civic Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners' Association
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Bel-Air Hills Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Canyon Back Alliance
Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Encino Property Owners Association
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Hollywood Dell
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Oaks Neighborhood Association
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Studio City Residents Association
Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

CD11 - Field Representative
Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin - Rep
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
HF Chair Emeritus
HF Chair Emeritus

Candidate, CA Assembly
Candidate, CA Senate