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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June 7 meeting will be held at OSULA (Osaka Sangyo University in Los Angeles). The meeting is leaving Tree People for six months, while they build some new structures and a beautiful garden in front of the building we have been using for our meetings. OSULA has been gracious to offer us a meeting room in their cafeteria, and we hope the location will be agreeable to our organization representatives.

To get to the meeting, take Laurel Canyon south of Ventura Blvd to the first street on your right, Maxwellton, turn right, then right again into the first entry off Maxwellton. You will find lots of parking, and our meeting will be held in the rear of the first building on your right. We'll have signs to point the way.

Tree People hopes to welcome us back in December.

**NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR GAIL
GOLDBERG**

I have had the pleasure of hearing our new LA Planning Director, Gail Goldberg, speak at two public meetings. She appears to be as visible as our Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, as she strives to know and understand this vast city that presents a challenge to all.

I urge you, if you have the opportunity to hear her, to make yourself known to her. She is very approachable, and very interested in meeting and listening to us. She has a huge job in front of her, not the least of which is to reorganize the Planning Department to make it more responsive to our needs. She understands that our pressing issues include the loss of apartment houses, the overbuilding in residential neighborhoods, and the need for traffic and transportation measures. I think we need to make a case to her re the hillsides.

The mission of the Hillside Federation shall be:

To protect the property and the quality of life of residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, JUNE 7, 2006 - 8:00pm

OSULA

**Corner 3921 Laurel Canyon
& Maxwellton
Studio City**

AGENDA

- * Introduction of Members and Guests
- * Minutes of May Meeting to be Approved
- * Report - Slope Density
- * Laurel Canyon Slides
- * Valley Alliance Seminar
- * Hollywood Community Plan - Conrad Schoeffter
- * Reports - President
Chairman
Vice Presidents
Treasurer
- * Old and New Business

Suggestions, anyone?

CLEAN MONEY

I attended a Town Hall presented by LA Councilmembers Wendy Greuel, Eric Garcetti and Bill Rosendahl on Clean Money. Topics were "How does it work? and What could it mean for Los Angeles? Panelists were Bill Boyarsky - LA Ethics Commission, Susan Lerner - CA Clean Money Campaign, Bob Stern - Center for Governmental Studies, Cary Davidson, LLP, and Patt Morrison, Moderator.

My impression was that there are a lot of issues needing to be resolved, and where the funding would come from is one of them. Also, my take on restrictions is that this simply presents an opportunity to certain personalities to figure out how to game the system.

But that the current system needs work is a given - so I urge those of you who have the opportunity to do so, to attend such exposi-

tory meetings and contribute to the discussion and lets discuss adopting a position.

POLLY WARD, President

UPDATE ON LAUREL CANYON SLIDE

The City is currently working with the private property owners who are expected to do their own geology analysis . However the City is prepared to do something on their own should the private property owners be unable to correct this situation.

There is still a lot that is not understood about this slide, particularly the depth of the soil involved. Topos and boring tests are needed to determine the severity of the problem and the proposed solution.

Given the recent events in Laguna Hills and La Conchita, the City is concerned about the safety of the thousands of commuters who use this route and the immediately affected homeowners. They are also concerned about the safety of the engineers who must work on the site. Nevertheless, the City expects to return the road to north-south traffic soon, and the needed surveys to begin shortly, maybe as early as June.

We support any action that will lead to a quick, safe and effective solution.

RICK SEIRENI,
Laurel Canyon Assn

REPORT: HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

Conrad Schoeffter will give a brief overview of current condo and commercial development in the Hollywood area and outline the proposed upzoning, focusing on the small area of Franklin from La Brea to Wilcox and Highland from Franklin north to the Hollywood Bowl. If enacted, the proposed changes would affect the hillside communities more strongly even than the VA/FBI situa-

FEDERATION'S WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

The Federation's new website is
www.hillsidecanyon.org

Please take a look at it, and if there's something else you'd like to see on it, or if you want to send in an article to the Newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Call Steve Twining at (310) 472-6091 to give your suggestions.



NEWSLETTER

Editor/Publisher **MARILYN STEFANO**

HEY! Is anyone reading this beside Claire Carafello & Alan Fine? What's happening? 'Sup? What's going on in your neighborhoods? I feel like the mother whose children don't call anymore - isn't anyone interested in spreading the word about great (or awful) news in their neighborhoods? We want a Newsletter that keeps us informed about what's happening (let's have some fun stuff, too). Please PLEASE send us stuff - we appreciate being in the know - or now - or no? Articles might be subject to some editing for grammar or syntax, if needed - NOT for content.

For JULY send by JUNE 24th

Fax a hard copy 2 weeks before the next meeting to

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tion in Westwood.

CONRAD SCHOEFFTER
Hollywood Heights Association

BEL AIR BEVERLY CREST NC OFFICE

Chairman STEVE TWINING, also President of the above Neighborhood Council, advises that If you are interested in attending any Neighborhood Council meetings, please contact STEVE TWINING at the Council office: 310-479-6247, Fax: 310-479-0458, 1525 S. Sepulveda Blvd., #5. The office is open Mon. & Wed., 9am-6pm, and Fri. 9am-1pm.

REMINDERS: ISSUES & PETITIONS

Federation meetings are scheduled to start at 8:00 pm, and end at 10:00pm and, in order to end on time, an **OUTLINE OF ISSUES & PETITIONS** to be brought before the Board should be mailed to : Pres. POLLY WARD at P.O.Box 1041, Studio City, CA 91614 or faxed to: (818) 761-4065, or e-mailed to: polward@aol.com, 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

MOTIONS to be made at the meeting should be thought out beforehand, and put into writing so that they are clear and concise. **EACH SPEAKER** will be allowed 5 minutes to make his/her presentation, so that meetings can be kept on time.

MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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Date: the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
Time: 6:30pm