

Hillside Federation Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Video Conference

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Agenda

I. Call to Order at 7:03 pm

Hillside Federation Officer Installation – Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky and field and policy deputy Haley Martinez
President – Charley Mims
Chairman – Marian Dodge
Vice President – Mark Stratton
Vice President – Jamie Hall
Recording Secretary – Robin Greenberg
Treasurer- Don Andres

Councilmember Comments:

The final 24-25 budget passed out of committee and will be voted on Thursday

The revenues are lower than expected; no one had to be laid off

Secured funding priorities: home sharing ordinance; will start with a pilot in the hillsides (council districts 4,5)

Priorities:

Housing

Public safety

Building livable properties

Restoring public trust and accountability

Presentation by Dept of Insurance – Rob Obedoza

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Insurance.ca.gov

<https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2023/upload/California-s-Sustainable-Insurance-Strategy-slides.pdf>

Fair Plan has increased to 3% of the California market.

A Wildfire Risk Score allows a consumer to request and appeal a risk score.

Catastrophic modeling: new models will recognize mitigation and hardening requirements.

Maureen Levinson offered that she is paying a lot a year for fire insurance with Lloyds of London.

Julia Juarez offered that the Fair Plan was created after the Watts Riots in the sixties.

The Department of Insurance reviews all companies that do business in California; it cannot make a company sell insurance.

Climate Resilience Bond Presentation – deferred to next meeting

Wildfire Prepared Home – Amanda Cavallo, Patrick Barrett, Cassy Aoyagi - President Form LA

Brief presented: [FormLA2024_Fire-05_Hillsides1 - Google Slides](#)

Amamda offered that wind driven embers are the #1 way that fire travels.

Fire moves four times faster uphill; new construction should not be on a ridge or hilltop.

Many fires are caused by natural gas in appliances, propane tanks and grills.

Home hardening:

Do not store combustible materials under decks.

Vent openings should be less than 1/8 of an inch.

Gutters should be made of metal with non-combustible leaf guards.

Close windows, doors, skylights

Tempered glass won't blow out

Add shutters

Eaves should have one hour rated soffit and fascia

Replace siding that could melt like vinyl

Zone zero (0-5 feet from your home)

Do not store manmade materials near your house

Synthetic materials retain heat

Put plants in pots

LA County 3rd District – Dylan Sittig, Regional Planning Deputy

The priorities for the county budget season are homelessness, climate change and gender-based needs.

County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath supports businesses impacted by the current Topanga closure.

CD 4 Update – Mehmet Berker, Transportation, Infrastructure & Public Space Director

Councilmember Nithya Raman did a 245 on 8461 Grandview for protected tree removal.

Saturday, June 1st there will be a DWP Pollinator Garden at the Lake Hollywood Reservoir from 10:30-12:45

\$2.1 million dollars was funded for LAFD.

Funding for Wonderview Trailhead was obtained.

Funding for Griffith Park pool was obtained.

The work on the Mulholland Drive washout that occurred 7 or 8 weeks ago should be done by the end of the month.

CF 15-0499-S2: proposed amendments to the protected tree ordinance were made of the City Attorney.

Wendy-Sue Rosen said that the legislature passed a bill requiring all Open Space elements of the General Plan to be updated by 2026. We want to make sure the update includes notice and opportunity for public input.

CD 5 Update – Haley Martinez - n/a

CD 11 Update – Michael Amster - n/a

II. Approval of Minutes – Robin Greenberg

The minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

- A. President's Report – Marian Dodge (acting)
 - a. Center for Biological Diversity Letter
AB-3150: Hillside Federation signed onto a letter to oppose the bill which would have created a loophole so developers could redesignate Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones as a lower classification.
- B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres
 - a. Membership Dues: 43 members have paid, 3 are outstanding.
The Jerry Daniel Fund dispersed funds to purchase a water fountain for the Overlook.
 - b. The Oppose Billboard Legal Fund dispersed funds.

IV. Old Business – If No Update, please state just that

- A. Mulholland Institutional Corridor (RFA)- Lois Becker
Bel Air Church applied for a modification to their CUP to reduce 600 parking spaces to 300 spaces. They are negotiating to sell three of their parking lots to Milken School to develop as athletic fields.
MOTION: the Hillside Federation to send letters objecting to a parking reduction and to a piecemeal strategy: motion made by Lois Becker, Don Andres seconded the motion
The Motion passed.
- B. Digital Billboards (Lawsuit) – Wendy-Sue Rosen
The city is required to enter into mandatory settlement discussions.
- C. Dodger Stadium Gondola – RFA – Marian Dodge
The project was declared an Environmental Leadership Project for fast tracking.
The group opposing had a huge kite festival last weekend.
- D. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project (Lawsuit) – Dale Fernandez
There are 3 lawsuits against the City of Los Angeles.
The alternate development plan will save 7 acres of mature trees.
Demolition has started – this is the nesting season. Hundreds of trees have fallen.
The developer is not following the bird nesting map.
We did file a preliminary injunction, irreparable damage to trees and wildlife.

The Weddington property is county leased land – no direction from the county.
Injunction denied.

E. Short Term Rentals – Ellen Evans

The hearing last month before the Housing and Homelessness Committee is continued.

V. New Business

A. N/A

VI. Adjournment at 8:57 pm

Next meeting:

June 18, 2024

Robin Greenberg

Recording Secretary

Meeting Attendees

38 Attendees

23 Member Associations

Stephen	Krawchuk	Argyle Civic Association
Mark	Stratton	Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Maureen	Levinson	Bel-Air Association
Robin	Greenberg	Bel-Air Hills Association
Nickie	Miner	Benedict Canyon Association
Robert	Schlesinger	Benedict Canyon Association
Carolyn	LoBuglio	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Wendy-Sue	Rosen	Brentwood Residents Coalition
Krista	Michaels	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Lois	Becker	Canyon Back Alliance
Ellen	Evans	Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association

Malek	Adel	Hollywood Dell
Jeff	Swofford	Hollywoodland Homeowners
Jamie	Hall	Laurel Canyon Association
Marian	Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement Association
Joe	Custer	Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Kathryn	Richards	Oaks Neighborhood Association
Dale	Fernandez	Save LA River Open Space
Jay	Weitzler	Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Diana	Nicole	Sunshine Hills Residents Association
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Officials and Reps

Mehmet	Berker	CD4 - Transportation, Public Space Deputy
Alan	Kishbaugh	Chair Emeritus
Joshua	Marin-Mora	Rep - Assemblymember Rick Zbur
Haley	Martinez	CD5 - Hillside Deputy
Dylan	Sittig	County District 3 – Planning Deputy
Steve	Twining	Chair Emeritus
Katy	Yaroslavsky	Councilmember, CD5

Guests

Cassy	Aoyagi	FormLA Landscaping
Patrick	Barrett	FormLA Landscaping
Amanda	Cavallo	FormLA Landscaping, President
Julia	Juarez	CA Department of Insurance
Danielle	Killian	Killian Communications

Travis

Longcore

Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

Rob

Obedoza

CA Department of Insurance