

Hillside Federation Newsletter February, 2017



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Los Angeles Primary Election Rapidly Approaches

This month the Hillside Federation will once again discuss Measure S (aka, the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative), a ballot initiative on the March municipal primary election ballot. The voter information pamphlet explains that adoption of Measure S would “impose a building moratorium on certain development projects; restrict General Plan amendments; require periodic review of the General and Community Plans; impose requirements on General Plan review and environmental impact report preparation; and limit reduction of required parking.” We will host proponents and opponents of Measure S for discussion and consideration of endorsement.

The local primary also includes races for Mayor, City Attorney, and City Controller, though only the race for mayor is contested. In addition, the odd-numbered council districts have their primaries. Of those, all are contested but Council District 3.

Voters will also consider Proposition M and Initiative N dealing with marijuana, Charter Amendment P dealing with Harbor Department leases, and candidates for School Board and College Board of Trustees.

We hope you will join us.

Agenda February 1, 2017 7:00 pm

Pinz Bowling Center, 2nd Floor
12655 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

I. Call to Order

Measure S (Neighborhood Integrity Initiative)

Pro - Jill Stewart
Con - Mark Edwards

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers' Reports

- A. President's Report
- B. Treasurer's Report

IV. Old Business

- A. 32 homes in Walnut Canyon
- B. BHO Amendments - Tom Freeman
- C. Accessory Dwelling Units ??

IV. New Business

VI. Adjournment

next meeting

March 1, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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Hillside Federation mission: *To protect the property and the quality of life of the 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.*

Dodge Honored by Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation



Federation President Charley Mims announced Marian Dodge's award. (Photo: Steven Poster)

Hillside Federation Chairman Marian Dodge was one of several community activists who was honored by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation at a party on November 19. Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation is a sister organization to the Hillside Federation located in northwest Los Angeles County. President Kim Lamorie presented proclamations from LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl honoring those who fought to preserve open space. The party was also a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Lamorie also honored NPS Superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area David Szymanski.

**Save these dates for Hillside
Federation meetings**

**March 1
April 5
May 3**

Alan Fine Honored



Plaque at Barbara Fine Overlook on Mulholland Drive

On a beautiful sunny December morning friends, neighbors, and fellow activists gathered at the Barbara Fine Overlook on Mulholland Drive to dedicate a plaque to Alan Fine who passed away last fall. Alan was active in the Benedict Canyon Association, the Hillside Federation, and the Bel Air- Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council.

The speakers at the dedication on December 4 included Steve Twining, Robin Greenberg, Nicki Miner and Marian Dodge.

Stop by the overlook, enjoy a beautiful view of the city, and share a few memories of Alan.

Web Site

The Hillside Federation has a new web site, www.hillsidefederation.org.

One of the things we want to do is have live links to the web sites of all our member organizations. Please send us the link to your association's web site. In return, we ask that you post a link to the Hillside Federation web site on your web site.

You may also visit the web site for letters on positions taken by the Federation and past newsletters and minutes.

**Hillside Federation
January 4, 2017
Draft Minutes**

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were approved as corrected. The November minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

Charley read a letter of thanks from Senator Fran Pavley for her award. Charley read the proclamation from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl to Chairman Marian Dodge for her work in preserving open space.

Marian encouraged everyone wishing to have the Hillside Federation hear an issue to submit a completed Request for Action form, which can be found on the Hillside Federation website and submit it 10 days prior to the next scheduled meeting. In addition, Marian suggested that members use the City of Los Angeles ZIMAS website for information about a particular property.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Don requested that members update their information on the roster. The budget for next year will be discussed at the February Hillside Federation meeting. Don described the success of the Holiday Party. He thanked Mel Remba, Don Keller, and Charley Mims for their extra financial support for the party.

IV. Old Business

A. Accessory Dwelling Units – Charley Mims

Charley and Mitch Menzer met with Councilman Herb Wesson's senior staff regarding ADUs. Mitch Menzer crafted a streamlined version of the ordinance which would protect hillside areas. The City Planning Commission's December 15, 2016 recommendation would allow ADUs in hillside areas that are on standard streets when they are within half a mile of public transit (not "major" transit, just transit). This change would have major impacts on hillside areas. The issue may be going to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the City

Council by the end of January. Charley suggested member groups write letters to councilmembers with their concerns, as hillside designation and substandard lot size may no longer exempt a parcel from obtaining a permit to construct an ADU.

B. Amendments to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance and Baseline Mansionization Ordinance – Carol Sidlow

Carol and Charley attended the December PLUM meeting. The PLUM Committee passed the amendments and sent them onto the City Attorney to draft an ordinance.

C. Abode at Glassell Park – Eric Tallman (Glassell Park Improvement Association)

Eric described the proposed development of 32 homes in the green space area of Walnut Canyon in the Glassell Park neighborhood. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was issued in 2015. The Hillside Federation wrote a letter of concern regarding development in Walnut Canyon in November of 2015 supporting NELA Greenspace and efforts to secure funding to purchase the land to be preserved as open space. The community has hired the law firm Chatten-Brown & Carstens to respond. A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been circulated. The comment deadline on the DEIR is February 21, 2017.

A community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th. Eric will keep Federation members updated.

Bringing an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a Request for Action form (available at the website www.hillsidefederation.org) and send it, along with supporting documents, to president@hillsidefederation.org no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation so that our meetings can flow efficiently, while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

V. New Business

A. Saving Distressed Trees – Bruce Hollihan (Oak Forest Canyon Assn.)

Bruce described the effect of drought on our trees with massive die-offs of oak, walnut, sycamore, and other species and how simple winter watering plans can save many of these trees. Those who live near SMMC, MRCA or other parklands can provide supplemental water to the trees. The ideal is to provide approximately 4 inches of water per month under the tree canopy to sufficiently hydrate the root mass. For more information please contact Dr. Arnold Newman at rain.forest@earthlink.net.

Announcements

Measure S. George Abrahams gave an update on the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative, which will be on the February Hillside Federation agenda. It is on the March ballot as Measure S.

Studio City Overlay Zone. Alan Dymond reported that Studio City has an overlay zone that is not included on Building & Safety notices.

York vineyard project. Sheila Irani gave an update on the York vineyard project (6459 Innsdale Dr.). The applicant is appealing the city's denial of permits and wants to build a guest home on the property.

10580 Selkirk. Stephen Benson reported that 10580 Selkirk in the Beverly Glen area will have another hearing.

Recommendation on younger board members. Steven Poster, noting the age of the majority of our members, suggested that everyone bring a younger member of his or her organization to the Federation meeting to maintain the Federation's vitality.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

Carol Sidlow,
Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Beachwood Canyon	George Abrahams
Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
	Robin Greenberg
	Mark Stratton
Bel Air Skycrest	John Given
Brentwood Hills	Steven Kates
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
	Lois Becker
Canyon Back Alliance	Don Andres
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Yvonne Hessler
	Charley Mims
Franklin Hills Res.	Mary Ledding
Hollywood Dell Civic	Jack Conrad
Hollywoodland HOA	Kit Paull
Kagel Canyon	Sheila Irani
Lake Hollywood	Carol Sidlow
Lookout Mt. All.	Steven Poster
	Marian Dodge
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Bruce Hollihan
Oak Forest Canyon	Linda Othenin-Girard
Oaks Homeowners	Stephen Benson
Res. of Beverly Glen	Alan Dymond
Studio City Res.	Beth Dymond

Guests:

Glassell Park Impv Assn	Eric Tallman
CLAW	Alison Simard
	Tony Tucci

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