

**Hillside Federation
Newsletter
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In Memoriam: Gordon Murley



Hillside Federation members were saddened to learn of the passing of well-known community leader Gordon Murley on March 11. Gordon served as President of the Hillside Federation, where he remains a Chair Emeritus, and was a founder and long-serving President of the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization.

Gordon was recognized by Los Angeles City leaders and community advocates as a knowledgeable and articulate resource regarding Los Angeles zoning and planning codes, and he served as Vice President of the South Valley Area Planning Commission for nearly a decade. He was also among the

**Agenda
April 5, 2017
7:00 pm**

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

I. Call to Order

Guests:

Lila Kalaf Reiner, Sen. Ben Allen's office

Becky Bremser, Trust for Public Land

Angie Aramayo, Assm. Nazarian's office
AB 25 Tour Bus Regulation

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report

Nominating Committee – Officer Election

B. Treasurer's Report

IV. Old Business

A. Accessory Dwelling Units - Charley Mims

B. Curtis School – Mark Stratton

C. Baseline Hillside Ordinance – Marian Dodge

D. Studio City Golf & Tennis – Alan Dymond

IV. New Business

VI. Adjournment

next meeting

May 3, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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

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.*

founding members of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council, representing his community on that Council until his death.

Federation Chair Emeritus Alan Kishbaugh remembers Gordon as “inexhaustible when it came to hillside issues and he mentored all of us. He also did a lot of the heavy lifting to continue to keep the City’s feet to the fire on AB 283 [the state law requiring consistency between zoning and community plans].”

The Hillside Federation joins Gordon’s family, friends, colleagues, and admirers in mourning Gordon while celebrating his many accomplishments and tireless advocacy on behalf of our hillside and other communities.

Runyon Canyon Adds 14.9 Acres

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Councilmember David Ryu (CD4), Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), The Trust for Public Land (TPL), and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl announced the acquisition of a 14.9 acre property adjacent to Runyon Canyon Park on March 13, 2017. The addition of the

property at 2450 Solar Drive, known as “the knoll,” expands one of Los Angeles’s most visited parks—Runyon draws nearly 2 million visitors annually.

The Department of Recreation and Parks partnered with TPL to secure the needed funding for the parcel. Funding sources included Los Angeles County Prop A, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Prop 1, City of Los Angeles Prop K, Friends of Runyon Canyon grant, California Natural Resources Agency EEMP grant, and California Department of Parks and Recreation Stateside Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

“I want to thank all the local government agencies and community groups who helped pull together the funds needed to expand this fantastic resource in perpetuity,” said Supervisor Kuehl. “This is a great example of local government agencies working together with the public to expand and protect a resource that benefits everyone.”

The Hillside Federation congratulates and thanks all those involved for making Runyon Canyon an even more valuable community resource by preserving the almost 15-acre parcel for open space and habitat.

California Regulators Warn Climate Goals Require Increased Density

A recent report on climate change concludes that Los Angeles and other cities will have to become much more dense in order to meet both state climate and housing goals. The California Air Resources Board report was discussed in a recent LA Times article, available at: <http://tinyurl.com/jczjprn>.

Development pressure in hillside communities remains high, and the Hillside Federation will continue to monitor relevant issues and advocate to preserve open space and habitat for current and future generations.

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 www.hillsidefederation.org) and send it, along with supporting documents, to president@hillsidefederation.org and chairman@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.

Hillside Federation

March 1, 2017
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:25. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance is not scheduled go to PLUM. The revision isn't ready yet.

Nominating Committee - Charley Mims announced 2017 Nominating Committee members: Gerry Hans (the Oaks), Stephen Benson (Beverly Glen), and Lois Becker (Canyonback Alliance).

Marian invited all to attend a screening of the P-22 documentary "The Cat that Changed America" at UCLA on March 16.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

Our insurance is paid (\$2500). Thirty member associations have paid their dues. Thank you. Sunset Hills is now Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn.

IV. Old Business

A. Abode at Glassell Park (Walnut Canyon) - Eric Tallman

Abode at Glassell Park proposes to build 32 single-family homes in a pristine canyon. Glassell Park Improvement Assn. (GPIA) and Greenspace want the county and/or state to purchase the property for public open space. Their attorney Chatten-Brown & Carstens responded to the DEIR, and cite insufficient mitigation. Councilmember Cedillo has been unresponsive. The SMMC appraised the property in 2015; they made an offer to purchase the property, but it was rejected. GPIA requests a Hillside Federation letter to all the politicians involved.

MOTION: John Given moved that the Hillside Federation review the Chatten-Brown & Carstens DEIR letter and draft a letter in support of GPIA. The motion passed.

B. Baseline Hillside Ordinance - Marian Dodge

Marian attended the Special Meeting of City

Council this morning where the amendments were approved. Before the meeting she spoke to CM Koretz who said this was the first he had heard about the Federation's concerns about exemptions for institutions. Not true; we wrote to him. Marian also spoke to planning deputies Julia Duncan and Tricia Keane. Marian spoke with Doug Carstens, attorney for Sunset Coalition, Save Coldwater Canyon! and Brentwood Residents Assn., on the need to remove the exemption for buildings operating under a Conditional Use Permit such as schools and churches. Marian and Doug Carstens asked Planners Tom Rothmann and Phyllis Nathanson to delete section 13 of the proposed ordinance. They said the new version of the BHO codifies current policy of getting approvals through the CUP process, which requires a public hearing.

C. 10580 Selkirk - Stephen Benson (Beverly Glen)

The project was approved with large retaining walls. Stephen attended the appeal hearing this afternoon. He had to leave before a decision was made. CM Koretz's Planning Deputy Faisal Alserri visited the site.

D. Party House motion - Mary Ledding (Hollywood Dell)

Nick Greif, the legislative deputy for CD 4 is handling the party house motion (Council File No. 12-1824). Nick said to call your Neighborhood Prosecutor for complaints and to call your council office to let them know that you want party house legislation enacted. City Attorney Heather Aubry heather.aubry@lacity.org is comparing laws in other cities. Former State Senator, Mike Gatto, is defending the party house. Charley encouraged Mary to complete a Request For Action.

IV. New Business

A. Removal of Protected Trees at 11007 W. Bellagio Pl. - Dr. Linda Whitford

A developer is seeking a permit to remove 34 protected trees at 11007 W. Bellagio Pl. in order to build retaining walls and an 8,725 sq. ft. addition to a 5,641-sq. ft. residence in an RE 20-1-H Zone. Linda cited inadequate study of biological impacts and inadequate mitigation. She also cited the cumulative impact of other tree removals in the project vicinity, including the recent removal of 22 protected trees on an adjacent property and 11 acres that were cleared

for three large residences. Urban Forestry almost automatically approves permits to remove protected trees.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved that the Federation submit a letter to the Board of Public Works Commission opposing the permit for the removal of the protected trees. The motion passed. John Given volunteered to draft the letter.

Announcements:

Suellen Wagner – The EIR for the Harvard-Westlake parking structure is due in March.

Charley Mims – The Federation needs a person with computer skills to be the Executive Secretary to prepare the newsletter.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Marian Dodge,
Chairman and Acting Secretary

Members Present:

Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland HOA	Jack Conrad
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge

Nichols Canyon	Don Andres
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Res.	Claudia Freedle

Guests:

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Bel-Air Assn.	Linda Whitford
Glassell Park Impv Assn	Eric Tallman

Movie: “The Cat that Changed America”

P-22 may be the most famous cat in the world. He gained national fame when National Geographic photographer Steve Winter captured the iconic photo in front of the Hollywood Sign.

Now P-22 is a real movie star in “The Cat that Changed America.” Supporting actors include Miguel Ordeñana, the Natural History Museum biologist; Beth Pratt, California Director of the National Wildlife Federation; Jeff Sikich, National Park Service (NPS) biologist; and Gerry Hans, President of Friends of Griffith Park.

Director Tony Lee wanted to tell P-22’s story and send a message about dangers facing mountain lions and other wildlife, including lack of habitat connectivity and use of anti-coagulant poisons.

You can view the movie trailer here:
<https://thecatthatchangedamerica.com/trailer/>.

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