

# Hillside Federation Newsletter November 2017



## Los Angeles Celebrates P-22 Day



Los Angeles celebrated its second annual P-22 Day on Sunday, October 22 in Griffith Park. The event honors the park's celebrity mountain lion and focuses attention on the hazards faced by all our local wildlife.

Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD 5) joined the hikers and school children who replicated P-22's amazing journey across the Santa Monica Mountains for the last leg of the hike into the merry-go-round area. Councilmember David Ryu (CD 4) read the City Council proclamation declaring October 22 P-22 Day. Ryu declared his support for open space, habitat connectivity, and open access to parks to great rounds of applause from the enthusiastic audience.

Ryu and Koretz were joined by Assemblymembers Laura Friedman (AD 43)

### Agenda

November 8, 2017

7:00 pm

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

#### I. Call to Order

Presentation: Open Space Element  
CEQA Thresholds Revision -  
Diana Kitching, City Planner

#### II. Approval of minutes

#### III. Officers' Reports

- A. President's Report - Charley Mims
- B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

#### IV. Old Business

- A. Harvard-Westlake School expansion - Suellen Wagner
- B. Impact on LA River Natural Park - Alan Dymond
- C. 11580 Sunshine Terrace update - Jamie Hall
- D. Let's Buy a Mountain - Jamie Hall

#### IV. New Business

- A.

#### VI. Adjournment

Next meeting: **Holiday Party**

December 14, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Mulholland Tennis Club  
2555 Crest View Dr., LA 90046

**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.*



and Richard Bloom (AD 50), State Senator Anthony Portantino (SD 25), and Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero.

The festivities were led by California Regional Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Beth Pratt-Bergstrom and Cara Santa Maria, TV host of SoCal Connected who served as MC. The NWF is responsible for raising funds for the proposed wildlife crossing over the 101 at Liberty Canyon. Pratt announced major donations from the Annenberg Foundation and from the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation. Boeing presented its check at the event.

CM Koretz promoted Laurel Canyon and Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife's (CLAW) Let's Buy a Mountain project which is nearing its goal to purchase open space. When the project launched, CM Ryu pledged \$20,000 in matching funds. Sunday Koretz pledged \$1,000. That pledge was matched



moments later by State Senator Anthony Portantino. Thank you all for your support of open space!

Sen. Portantino

Councilmember Koretz presented biologist Miguel Ordeñana with a city proclamation for discovering P-22's presence in the park. Ordeñana, a board member of Friends of Griffith Park, was scrolling through hundreds of camera trap photos as part of the Griffith Park Connectivity Study funded by Friends of Griffith Park and the US Geological Survey, when he was surprised by the mountain lion's image.



CM Koretz, Miguel Ordeñana, his daughter, CM Ryu

P-22 was there in spirit.



CM Koretz, CM Ryu, AM Bloom with P-22



# The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations 2017 Holiday Party

## Mulholland Tennis Club

2555 Crest View Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90046

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:30 – 9:30 pm

\$55/Person

Come join us for  
Fun and Socializing

Gourmet & Vegetarian Buffet

Free Parking

Wine & Music Provided

No Host Bar

Entire Club is Reserved for Us!

RSVP by November 30<sup>th</sup>

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Thank you for your support!

### Honored Guests

“Preserving Open Space”

Councilmember David Ryu

Friends of Runyon Canyon

Let’s Buy a Mountain

Trust for Public Land



Laurel Canyon +17 acres



Runyon Canyon +15 acres

What’s happening in your  
neighborhood?

Please send the Federation news of  
your activities with photos so we  
can share them with all our  
members.

### 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](http://www.hillsidefederation.org)) and send it, along with supporting documents, to [RFA@hillsidefederation.org](mailto:RFA@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.

## RIP P-41



As we celebrate P-22 Day, we are sad to report the loss of P-41, King of the Verdugos. The cause of death has not been determined; however the recent La Tuna Fire may have been a contributing factor.

You can learn more about Los Angeles mountain lions and the project to build a wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon at <https://savelacougars.org>

Meanwhile there is good news in the Hollywood Hills. A CLAW camera trap in Laurel Canyon captured this photo of an uncollared mountain lion.



## AB 25 Tour Bus Regulation Passes

AB 25 sponsored by Assemblymember Nazarian will allow Los Angeles to pass regulations which could bring relief to neighborhoods besieged with tour buses.

This bill defines a tour bus includes one that has had its roof substantially structurally modified or removed.

The bill authorizes local authorities to adopt rules and regulations to restrict the routes or streets upon which a modified tour bus may be operated, as specified. The bill authorizes local authorities to adopt rules and regulations to prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems by a modified tour bus and instead require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers for any information or presentation provided for the passengers.

Councilmember Ryu has already initiated motions to prohibit the use of loudspeakers on tour buses and to identify substandard streets which are too narrow to accommodate tour buses. Copies of the two motions are available at [https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/davidryucc/pages/23/attachments/original/1506708070/SKM\\_554e17092911140.pdf?1506708070](https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/davidryucc/pages/23/attachments/original/1506708070/SKM_554e17092911140.pdf?1506708070)

### Web Site

The Hillside Federation web site is [www.hillsidefederation.org](http://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  
Draft Minutes  
October 4, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:15. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Guest: Walt Young, MRCA**

The MRCA is now conducting 24-hour patrols on Mulholland Dr. during red flag days. They have installed cameras at Reseda/Vanalden west of the 405 and are planning to add additional cameras at Universal Overlook and Hollywood Bowl Overlook.

Ranger Services 310-456-7049

Walt Young direct cell 310-985-5231

Contact for Brush Clearance Ken Nelson - [ken.nelson@mrca.ca.gov](mailto:ken.nelson@mrca.ca.gov)

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The September minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don updated the Federation's account balances. The Holiday Party will cost \$55, the same price as last year.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Harvard-Westlake School expansion - Suellen Wagner

Save Coldwater Canyon! met with CM Kerkorian and several of his deputies. They are in a holding pattern. The appeal hearing has *not* been rescheduled yet. The Planning Dept. says it probably will not happen before January 2018. They are keeping a close eye on it and keeping the pressure on.

B. 11580 Sunshine Terrace - Jamie Hall (absent)

C. 6459 Innsdale Drive (York Vineyard) - David Benz

A blue-line stream has been identified on the property. The City has agreed to recirculate the MND.

**V. New Business**

A. Alcohol Conditions Motion—Sarah Blanch & Wendy-Sue Rosen

Sarah Blanch - Regional Director, Institute for Public Strategies

Contrary to 40 years of practice, the present LA City Attorney believes that sale and service of alcohol can only be regulated by the State and that City rules are no longer allowed or enforceable. But the State does not enforce conditions, and a court process is required in order to get conditions passed. This deprives local communities of input in protecting their neighborhoods, and the hillsides are particularly vulnerable as many bars and night spots are located in or near the hillsides (Ventura Bl., Sunset Bl., Mulholland Dr.). A State bill that would have allowed an extended 4:00 am closing time did not pass but brought attention to the problem.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen - Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Hillside Federation supports the Conditions Motion, which calls upon the City Council to adopt a policy to: 1) Authorize the imposition of land use conditions that protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating adverse impacts from the sale or service of alcohol, consistent with the past practice of the City of Los Angeles and current practice of other jurisdictions statewide; 2) Maintain and enforce previously-imposed CUB conditions on the sale or service of alcohol; and 3) Prohibit the removal of previously-imposed conditions outside the public processes mandated under the City Charter and Zoning Code. The motion passed.

B. Berggruen Project, Monte Verde LLC - Patricia Bell Hearst

The billionaire is proposing a think tank on 400-plus acres, north of the Getty, south of Mountaingate, west of the 405. It will be a high impact development, a sort of "mini-Davos" (Switzerland), with an auditorium, housing units for resident scholars and helicopter pads, etc. for visiting international dignitaries. There is a conflict with MRCA conservation easements protecting public trails and MOSMA (Mountaingate Open Space Management Association). The Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) application has been filed. A public meeting/presentation has been promised but not yet scheduled. So far the process has not been transparent. The community will return later to propose a motion.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned with a Moment of Silence in memory of Robert Levy at 8:45 pm.

Stephen Benson  
Secretary

**Members Present:**

Beachwood Cyn	F. Isabelle Megginson
Bel Air Hills	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	John Given
Brentwood Residents	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin/Hlywd West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland	George Abrahams
N. Beverly/Franklin Cyn	Connie Levy
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Residents	Claudia Freedle
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel

**Guests Present:**

MRCA	Walt Young
Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Franklin/Hlywd West	Gia Paladino
Bel Air Crest	Irene Sandler
Inst for Public Strategies	Sarah Blanch

**Save these dates for Hillside Federation meetings**

**December 14, 2017  
Holiday Party  
January 3, 2018  
February 7  
March 7**

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	Beachwood Canyon	Holmby Hills HOA	Sunset Hills HOA
<b>PRESIDENT</b> Charley Mims	Bel-Air Hills Association	Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.	Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
<b>CHAIRMAN</b> Marian Dodge	Bel Air Knolls Property Owners	Lake Hollywood HOA	Torreyson Flynn Assn.
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b> Mark Stratton	Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners	Laurel Canyon Assn.	Upper Mandeville Canyon
John Given	Benedict Canyon Association	Los Feliz Improvement Assn.	Upper Nichols Canyon
<b>TREASURER</b> Don Andres	Brentwood Hills Homeowners	Mt. Olympus Property Owners	Whitley Heights Civic Assn.
<b>SECRETARY</b> Stephen Benson	Brentwood Residents Coalition	Mt. Washington Homeowners	<b>CHAIRPERSONS EMERITUS</b> Shirley Cohen
	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners	Nichols Canyon Assn.	Jerome C. Daniel
	Canyon Back Alliance	N. Beverly Dr/Franklin Canyon	Patricia Bell Hearst
	CASM-SFV	Oak Forest Canyon Assn.	Alan Kishbaugh
	Crests Neighborhood Assn.	Oaks Homeowners Assn.	Steve Twining
	Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA	Outpost Estates Homeowners	<b>CHAIRPERSONS IN MEMORIAM</b> Brian Moore
	Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. W.	Residents of Beverly Glen	Gordon Murley
	Franklin Hills Residents Assn.	Save Coldwater Canyon!	Polly Ward
	Highlands Owners Assn.	Shadow Hills Property Owners	
	Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.	Sherman Oaks HO Assn.	
	Hollywood Heights Assn.	Silver Lake Heritage Trust	
	Hollywoodland Homeowners	Studio City Residents Assn.	