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AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Agenda - January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm

via Video Conference

1. Call to Order
 1. Land Use and Development – Senator Henry Stern
 2. Guest Series: Getting to Know Candidates
 1. Rob Wilcox – Candidate, LA City Controller
 3. CD 5 Update - Daniel Skolnick/Ali Simard
 4. CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker
2. Approval of minutes – Robin Greenberg
3. Officers' Reports
 1. President's Report - Charley Mims
 2. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres
4. Old Business
 1. Mount St. Mary's University Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen
 2. Curtis School Project - Mark Stratton

3. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum update - Don Andres
4. SB 9 & 10 update - Jamie Hall
5. 1501 Marlay Drive - Ellen Evans
5. New Business
 1. 1800, 1806, 1812 and 1818 Crisler Way - Jamie Hall
6. Adjournment

Next meeting February 15, 2022

November 16, 2021 - Draft Minutes

NEWS

Senator Henry Stern on State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations

From Wendy-Sue Rosen
January 14, 2022

Please join Senator Henry Stern in conversation to inform and engage our communities on the inadequacies of the currently proposed State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations that are supposed to protect those who live in the highest fire severity zones in the state.

FRIDAY, January 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. - noon

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6554148308>
Meeting ID: 655 414 8308
Phone: (346) 248 – 7799 PIN: 6554148308

Please send questions or comments to:
Wendy-Sue Rosen at rosenfree@aol.com or 424-244-0481

STAP (Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program) Bus Shelter Initiative Update



From Scenic Los Angeles
December 14, 2021

The Board of Public Works voted to postpone the program for one year.

The city had planned to contract with a provider to install up to 800 new bus shelters with digital ad screens that would change every 10 seconds. This would have been disastrous for scenic beauty, traffic safety, and quality of life.

In response to this threat, Scenic LA took action. First, we mobilized public opposition. Six Neighborhood Councils passed Community Impact Statements opposing the plan, and hundreds of you wrote messages to your city council members and other officials.

Second, we made a legal argument that the project required a full Environmental Impact Report in place of the deficient Mitigated Negative Declaration that the city offered. Any project that increases annual power consumption by the equivalent of 1,370 Los Angeles households just for the sake of advertising needs a very deep look.

Third, we met with city council staff from ten districts, showing them maps that correlate shelter locations with traffic deaths, and pointing out the facts of power consumption.

As a result, when it came time to award the contract, the Board of Public Works hesitated. At its public meeting on Wednesday, December 15, the board voted to postpone the entire matter for another year.

Own a Piece of LA



From Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife
December 14, 2021

Great news! Last week, LA City Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Nithya Raman co-introduced a motion to amend and provide better oversight of the program called "Own a Piece of LA." This will better protect habitat hubs and connectivity jeopardized by increased hillside development and fragmentation. You can read the city council motion [here](#).

In 2008, Mayor Villaraigosa initiated Own a Piece of LA, which allowed for “remnant properties” owned by the City and once considered unbuildable to be competitively sold to the highest-bidder among abutting property owners. The purpose of auctioning off these city assets was to increase revenue during a recession.

But in recent years, CLAW became very concerned that engineering innovation and development in sensitive ecological areas like the Santa Monica Mountains has desperately increased and that developers have used this program for the further fragmentation and degradation of the essential remaining wildlife habitat and corridors of our city.

Throughout 2021, CLAW took several meetings with council offices regarding Own a Piece of LA. We shared and memorialized our issues in a letter to Councilmember Koretz that you can read [here](#).

"Undeveloped City-owned lands of any size in our hillsides let us all “breathe.” This land has an inherent and immediate value to our environment, and a long-term benefit for the wellbeing of both our wildlife and citizenry."

-Tony Tucci, CLAW Chair

We thank the offices of Councilmembers Koretz, Raman, and Blumenfield for their attention to this issue!

Update on Protecting the Mulholland Corridor



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From Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife
December 7, 2021

Last Friday, LA City Council voted unanimously to support council motion [CF-21-1286](#) which directs the Planning Department to report back about how Planning Director Bertoni's unilateral policy change to the Mulholland Corridor has adversely affected this environmentally sensitive area. (For more background on this, click [here](#).) Additionally, it asks the Planning Department to

identify measures that can be taken to conserve and protect the area's biodiversity.

"Fifty of our leading environmental organizations have written in opposition of the [Bertoni] Memo in the Council File. We're talking about world-class resources in the middle of our city that deserve world-class protection."

- Councilmember Bob Blumenfield (December 3, 2021)

CLAW thanks Councilmembers Blumenfield, Bonin, Raman, Koretz, and Krekorian for exercising leadership on this issue. The clock is now ticking and the Planning Department has ninety days to report back.

We very much appreciate all the environmental organizations and CLAW supporters who submitted comments into this file and showed up (virtually) for the city council meeting!

Mohamed Hadid's infamous Bel-Air estate is auctioned off for \$5 million



From Jack Flemmings at the LA Times
December 29, 2021

After a half-decade of court battles, the half-finished mega-mansion of developer Mohamed Hadid has sold at auction for \$5 million. Next, it will be destroyed.

Hadid, a reality TV regular and father to models Bella and Gigi, bought the property in 2011 and quickly got to work cramming a 30,000-square-foot house onto the 1.22-acre lot, which was both bigger and taller than city rules allowed. At the time, he claimed the house would last forever.

Bel-Air neighbors feared the code-violating estate would slide down the hill and crush the homes below and took him to court, where an L.A. County judge declared the hulking structure a “danger to the public” and ordered it to be torn down.

After a failed attempt to stop the destruction by declaring bankruptcy, the company tied to Hadid was eventually forced to put it on the market for \$8.5 million. With no takers, the price was eventually lowered to \$5.5 million before it was auctioned off for \$5 million by Premiere Estates Auction Co.

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ABOUT THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

The Hillside Federation is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) organization *founded in 1952*. Our mission is 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.

Organizations

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon NA
Bel Air Association
Bel Air Hills Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest POA
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills HOA
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Bundy Canyon Association
Cahuenga Pass POA
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood
Dixie Canyon Association
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn
Highlands Owners Assn
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Heights Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills HOA
Kagel Canyon Civic

Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
LFIA (Los Feliz Improvement Association)
Mountaingate
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Nichols Canyon NA
Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners
Oaks Homeowners
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn
Residents of Beverly Glen
Save Coldwater Canyon!
Save Our Canyon
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Silver Lake Heritage Trust
Studio City Residents Association
Sunset Hills Homeowners
Tarzana Property Owners
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Association

Bring 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](#) and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your

presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

SUPPORT US

We're fighting to protect the Santa Monica Mountains, hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs and we can't do it without you. In order to do the important work we do, we rely entirely on support from people like you!



Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund

In honor of his great achievements, the Hillside Federation has established the Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund to provide resources to help maintain and improve the Jerry Daniel Overlook on Mulholland Drive above the Hollywood Bowl, as well as resources for other environmentally sensitive efforts in his memory.

Please support the Hillside Federation's mission and DONATE today!

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