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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The structure of this article was forwarded by Lisa Sarkin, Chair of the Studio City Land Use Committee. Some revisions have been made. The theme is how our City Council voted to fast track SB1818 which will allow out-of-scale development and prevent your neighborhood from stopping it.

What was the intended purpose of SB1818? By indicating to the public that its intent is to increase affordable housing, the City instead approved an Ordinance that not only significantly reduces the number of lower income units, it substantially increases density by permitting an overwhelming majority of by-right market rate units.

How does SB1818 work? It allows a developer to automatically get a 35% increase in the number of units allowed in exchange for designating up to 11% as affordable units for low income residents. So an owner could tear down a 100 unit apartment building and be entitled to build 135 units so that 45 foot tall building next door could automatically become a 75 foot building without any community say.

What's the problem? The LA City Council just passed a law which will make SB1818 an over-the-counter permit which means that the public cannot object because there will be no public hearings. There also will not be any CEQA review...

*Important Information
Enclosed*



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Social Hour at 7 PM/Meeting at 7:30 PM

Meeting to start promptly at 7:30 pm

UNIVERSAL CITY NISSAN

3550 Cahuenga Blvd. West
between Lankershim-Universal Drive bridge
off ramps; park underground garage/street;
take elevator to 2nd floor conference room

AGENDA

Introductions: Members/Guests

Minutes: March

President's Report:

- A. Issues and Motions
- B. Dues/Delinquency- Motion and Vote
- C. Las Lomas update
- D. Election Report & Vote:
- E. Last Newsletter to be mailed

New Business:

- A. Draft Transportation Element Report-Polly Ward
- B. Support to join Coalition-repeal opposing SB1818-Motion/Vote

Old Business:

- A. Camino de la Cumbre- Motion to Reconsider – Motion/Vote
- B. 405 Widening EIR Update: Wayne Williams
- C. Aтры/Southwest Museums

Executive Committee's Reports:

- A. Vice-President
- B. Treasurer
- C. Adjournment:

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The mission of the Hillside Federation shall be: 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.

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Why should we care? Your lovely neighborhood with one or two story buildings will suddenly become 3, 4, 5 story buildings. Taller buildings mean less light to surrounding homes; higher density means more traffic, more pollution and more noise. It will also mean less housing for the low and moderate income renters. You should also care because if you don't, someone else will be defining what your neighborhood and city will look like.

Who will benefit? The developer who does not live in your neighborhood will significantly benefit financially while the community is burdened without much-needed parking and incompatible, oversized projects with reduced side yard set backs.

What can you do? You can write, telephone or email your City Councilmembers and tell them to rescind SB1818 and write Steve Lopez thanking him for his article at steve.lopez@latimes.com

Here is the contact information you need. Act NOW and save your neighborhood and our City from destruction. You can find the following information plus more on this website: <http://www.lacity.org/council.htm>.

The following council members voted against SB1818: Rosendahl, La Bonge, Hahn and Zine...

- District 1: Ed Reyes (213/473-7011) councilmember.reyes@lacity.org
 District 2: Wendy Greuel (213/473-7002) councilmember.greuel@lacity.org
 District 3: Dennis Zine (213/473-7003) councilmember.zine@lacity.org
 District 4: Tom LaBonge (213/473-7004) councilmember.Labonge@lacity.org
 District 5: Jack Weiss (213/473-7005) councilmember.weiss@lacity.org
 District 6: Tony Cardenas (213/473-7006) councilmember.cardenas@lacity.org
 District 7: Richard Alarcon (213/473-7007)
 Chief of Staff: saeed.ali@lacity.org
 District 8: Bernard Parks (213/473-7008) councilmember.parks@lacity.org
 District 9: Jan Perry (213/473-7009)
 Jan.Perry@lacity.org
 District 10: Herb Wesson (213/473-7010) council-

member.wesson@lacity.org

District 11: Bill Rosendahl (213/473-7011) councilman.rosendahl@lacity.org

District 12: Greig Smith (213/473-7012) councilmember.smith@lacity.org

District 13: Eric Garcetti (213/473-7013) councilmember.garcetti@lacity.org

District 14: Jose Huizar (213/473-7014) councilmember.huizar@lacity.org

District 15: Janice Hahn (213/473-7015) councilmember.hahn@lacity.org

Do not delay, Send your email today.

Joan Luchs

President



DUES REMINDER

2008
HILLSIDE
FEDERATION

**MEMBERSHIP FEES OF \$150
MUST CLEAR THE BANK BY MARCH 31**

**Organizations whose checks have not cleared
the bank by that date will be delinquent
and ineligible to vote at the
April 2, 2008 meeting.**

NEWSLETTER MAILING

As of May 1, 2008, Newsletters will no longer be sent by regular mail unless requested. We have previously polled the membership to compile a list of those who wish to receive a hard copy. In order to be sure the list is complete, please email Liz Tigar at lizabite@gmail.com or call (805) 522-7733 with your name and address.

DRAFT LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



At the Livable Communities Council meeting of the Economic Alliance of the SF Valley meeting **March 18 2008**, Roger Snoble and Brad McAllister were featured in a DVD which presented METRO's 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan. Present at the meeting to answer questions and pass on comments were METRO's Ann Kerman and Lynda Lybee.

The plan has 4 themes: Mobility, Environment, Goods Movement and Funding. The Plan establishes performance criteria, how much money is available, and evaluates current and future projects and recommends funding for buses, a variety of line extensions, transit corridors and continued metro-link services.

The strategy to be employed suggests improvement of checkpoints, more carpool lanes, freeway patrols, lane widening, maximizing highway systems, demand management, smart growth, bike lanes and pedestrian movement.

Given more money, the strategic plan calls for additional transit, highway and projects such as regional connectors, Westside, foothill, Eastside and green line expansions, and corridor improvements on the 710, 101, 5 and 14.

How to fund might be by Sales Tax, Congestion Pricing, and Private/Public partnerships.

Comments on the plan must be submitted by April 25, 2008.

Phone: 213 922-2833

e-mail: metroplan@metro.net

Web: metro.net/longrangeplan

Link: http://www.valleyofthestars.net/Library/Metro/2008_draft_lrtp.pdf

Polly Ward

Chairman Emeritus

Hillside Federation

REMINDERS: ISSUES & MOTIONS



Federation meetings are scheduled to start at 7:30 PM for Social Hour with the **meeting to start promptly at 7:30 PM** and end by 9:30 PM. In order to end on time, issues to be brought to the Board require a complete outline and a background, including a motion or what is being requested, then emailed to president@hillsidefederation.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting along with a direct home and fax number or phone and email address if available.

MOTIONS to be made at the meeting should be well thought out and printed so that they are clear and concise, with enough copies for all member associations. Each presenter will be given 5 minutes to make a presentation so that meetings can be kept on time. All requests to agendize an issue MUST be approved in writing by the President before the item will be placed on the agenda.

**MASSIVE LAS LOMAS
DEVELOPMENT BLOCKED IN
CITY COUNCIL**



March 19, 2008

Councilman Grieg Smith’s motion to have the City make a policy decision to stop the Las Lomas development, stop the annexation of the land into City of Los Angeles and reject the Supplemental Fee Agreement to allow the developer to expedite the project was approved the City Council on Wednesday, March 19.

The Las Lomas project was too big, too dense and couldn’t have been planned in a worse place. It would have a devastating effect on traffic and the environment, and would unacceptably strain our water, infrastructure and public safety resources. The huge coalition of opponents to Las Lomas that came together to say no to this project have our gratitude and praise for stepping up to the plate to defend our community.

Residents, community groups, elected officials, Neighborhood Councils and environmental groups took official positions of opposition to Las Lomas, wrote letters of opposition, and made public comments against the development at Neighborhood Council meetings, City Council meetings and Planning & Land Use Management Committee meetings.

Today was a big victory for the San Fernando Valley in the fight to protect our quality of life and ensure that we focus on the needs of our communities.

Councilman Greig Smith
Council District #12

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Niles Chapman presents the following slate of nominees for the Executive Committee election to be held at the April 2nd meeting. Nominees are as follows:

- Board Chairman: Lynette Berg Robe
- President: Joan Luchs
- Vice Presidents:
 - Charley Mims
 - Conrad Schoeffter
- Exec. Secretary: Elizabeth Tigar
- Recording Secretary: Ann Walnum
- Treasurer: Dan Palmer

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April 2 meeting

Results of the election will appear in the May newsletter, and induction of the newly elected officers will be held at the May 7th meeting.



**MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

**Meets the first and third Thursday of the month at
6:30 PM**

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MARCH MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES: HILLSIDE FEDERATION

General Membership Meeting: March 5, 2008

A quorum being present, the meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:55 PM by President Joan Luchs. Members and guests were welcomed and self introductions made.

MINUTES: February minutes approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Principles for Real Planning:

Last year the City Planning Commission developed 14 Principles as a guide for Planning to be used in determining whether a project would be considered viable. Six of the principles were discussed as representing those critical to the planning process.

Las Lomas Developer Investigated for Perjury: This project, first referred to in the November, 2007 newsletter, is located in Los Angeles County. The developer seeks to have the City of Los Angeles annex the land. Leading opponents are Los Angeles Councilman Grieg Smith and Assemblyman Cameron Smyth (Santa Clarita) who are now asking for a determination of whether Las Lomas builder Dan S. Palmer has perjured himself in representing to the City that he owns all of the land. As HF Vice President Conrad Schoeffter noted in the March newsletter, this proposed 5500-10,000 home community would unduly burden Los Angeles' infrastructure and should not be allowed. The Federation voted to support Councilman Grieg's opposition.

2008 Nominating Slate Report:

Nominating Committee Chair Dr. Niles Chapman and Committee members Dan Palmer and Ann Walnum were introduced and presented the following slate for Executive Board:

Chairman: Lynette Berg Robe
 President: Joan Luchs
 Vice Presidents: Conrad Schoeffter and
 Charley Mims
 Executive Secretary: Elizabeth Tigar
 Recording Secretary: Ann Walnum

Treasurer: Dan Palmer

Nominations from the floor were open at both this meeting and will also be at the April meeting. The election will be held at the May meeting with induction of newly elected officers immediately following.

405 Widening Project EIR is Released:

The 405 Freeway widening project EIR was received February 28. Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director of Caltrans District 7 in the Department of Environmental Planning will be invited to participate in a full discussion of this project at the April meeting. Copy of the EIR may be obtained from Carlos Montez at (213) 897-9116.

County Housing Element Update released. Years ago the Federation sued the City for lack of identifying where the estimated \$11 billion needed for transportation infrastructure was coming from. Although we won, the City appealed and our attorney died while the case was pending.

The County is now having a State Mandated public hearing on Housing April 2, 2008 at 9AM located at the Hall of Administration 320 West Temple Street, Room 150 to analyze/discuss whether the unincorporated areas of LA County have provided sufficient housing for all economic levels. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to: housing@planning.lacounty.gov.

TREASURER'S REPORT: David Garfinkle distributed copies of the Federation **2007 Financial Summary**. HF **Dues** Notice was sent out the beginning of January. Dues will be considered delinquent if not received by March 20. Any associations not current with their dues will be ineligible to vote at the April 2, 2008 election.

AUTRY/SOUTHWEST MUSEUMS:

In a lengthy and detailed account of the two museums and Autry's plans for both, John Gray, President of the Autry National Center, addressed their history. The Autry National Center, opened in 1988, was founded by Gene and Jackie Autry with a goal to build a museum which would exhibit and interpret the heritage of the west. It became known as the Museum of Western History.

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The SouthWest Museum, founded in 1907 by Charles Fletcher Lummis and members of the Southwest Society, a branch of the Archeological Institute of America, opened to the public in 1911 as Los Angeles' first museum.

Gray stated that when the SouthWest Museum lost its support and went bankrupt, Autry Nat'l. looked for a place to move the SouthWest exhibits and the Getty funded a major study. His slides pictured the repairs now in progress and stated \$6 million had thus far been spent in repair of the museum.

Gray stated that the Mayor supports the Southwest Society and that the sensitivities of the merger are being carefully considered.

Representing Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance, Dan Wright said he and others have been working with the Autry Museum trying to achieve important goals that seem to have been disappearing in the merger.

The community wants the SouthWest's integrity preserved and its independent identity as Los Angeles' first museum maintained. This was a core promise of the merger agreement; that is to maintain two museums, separately administered, at two locations between the two groups. Instead, Autry is seen as planning to erode the core of the Southwest collection and move it to Griffith Park in a scheme proposed to double the size of its present space.

Another bone of contention is the fact that Autry is located on public land which it leases for \$1/per year. The proposed expansion further limits the park's use as public recreation by way of increased traffic, and all this in a city that is already "park poor". A traffic study completed in February, 2008 found the Draft Traffic Study of the Transportation and Circulation Element of the DEIR to be inadequate and unsupportive of the claim that the Autry project will have no significant impact on Transportation and traffic circulation.

The community overwhelmingly supports a plan for three public hearings before the Department of Recreation and Parks to permit adequate public input on the following three issues:

1. Staff presentation giving: a) history of both museums b). an introduction to project alternatives c). Discussion of multiple issues surrounding the Final EIR's proposal.
2. Discussion of multiple unmitigated issues surrounding the EIR's Final Proposal
3. Discussion of proposed Project Conditions; monitoring Plan to enforce mitigations and consideration of whether the Project should be approved.

John Gray responded to Dan Wright's comments, indicating Autry is meeting its commitment to the SouthWest Museum and reiterated his earlier comment that \$6 million has thus far been spent in restoration work.

PREFERENTIAL PERMIT PARKING

Diana Plotkin and Danielle Elliott of Beverly Wilshire Homes were introduced. Plotkin spoke to the inequities of the City's proposed plan to accommodate new development and commercial parking needs by reducing long-established residential Preferential Parking District. PPD's were originally established to enable residents to part on their own streets as that space was increasingly being co-opted by nearby commercial establishments. Said Plotkin, "this plan will affect the entire city including hillsides, flatland, students attending UCLA, disabled permit parking instead of building commercial parking buildings as Beverly Hills has done."

Allan Willis, Sr. Engineer, has been asked to create a Task Force by Rita Robinson, General Manager, that includes the CAO, City Attorney, Planning Dept., LADOT and council deputies to review this 28 year old ordinance and submit a report to the Transportation Committee for the April 9 meeting. Plotkin urged contact with Transportation Committee Chair Wendy Greuel and Councilman Alarcon and LaBonge.

All agreed with Marian Dodge that commercial businesses should provide for all of their parking needs without taking existing residential parking protections..

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MOTION: *(Wright/Levy) WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is currently reviewing the existing Preferential Parking District PPD program in an effort to increase parking for multi-family and commercial businesses which is likely to reduce the current protections allowed under the Preferential Parking District program; and WHEREAS WHILE, the City is concurrently studying these potential changes to the Residential Permit Parking program as obsolete for traditional parking requirement, NOW THEREFORE, the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. opposes any change in the Residential Permit Parking District PPD Program. Motion carried unanimously.*

RECOMMENDATION TO WIDEN CAMINO DE LA CUMBRE

Arnold Newman, Ph.D., Executive Director , The International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest was introduced. He spoke in opposition to the Bureau of Engineering’s recommendation that the Buckley School be required to widen Camino de la Cumbre from 14 to 28 feet for a distance of 1700 feet.

The project calls for installation of 13 street lights, a 12 foot high retaining wall and would result in the removal of 129 mature trees which include 21 coast live oaks that are over 500 years old and 50 mature California black walnuts which come under the Los Angeles Protected Tree Ordinance. These trees and shrubs provide shelter for the largest area of wildlife east of the freeway all the way to Griffith Park. City Planning Commission and Councilman Jack Weiss need to be made aware of the importance of retaining this shelter.

Camino de la Cumbre is an important entranceway to the two parklands. Buckley School has no need nor wants to widen the street and has appealed this BOE condition to the SVAPC.

MOTION: *(Mims/Levy) Resolved that the Hillside Federation can only support the widening of Camino de la Cumbre as follows: to the satisfaction of the Fire Department, to a maximum of 20 feet from curb to curb, to oppose the removal of any trees except to the minimum extent required, and to oppose the*

installation of any street lights and sidewalks along the road to facilitate protection of the native wildlife. Motion passed with one opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM

Elizabeth Tigar, Secretary

FEDERATION OFFICERS PRESENT:

President	Joan Luchs, Cahuenga Pass
Vice President:	Charley Mims, Franklin Hills
Treasurer:	David Garfinkle, Tarzana
Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Tigar, Tarzana

FEDERATIONS DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Barbara Dohrmann	Belair Knolls
Louis D. Nevell	Belair Skycrest
Ron Galperin	Crests Neighborhood
Don Anders	Franklin Ave/Holly/West
Laura Gutierrez	Glassell Park
Marian Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement
Ann Walnum	Mount Washington
Daniel Wright	Mt. Washington Alliance
Madeline O’Donnell	Nichols Canon
Robert Levy	No.Beverly/Franklin Canyon
Dan Palmer	Res. of Beverly Glen
Niles D. Chapman	Sherman Oaks
Alison R. Connell	Whitley Heights Civic

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Alisa Smith	Glassell Park
Tensie Palm	Res. of Beverly Glen
Colleen Curran	Whitley Heights Civic
Lynn T. Jewell	Autry National Center
John Gray	Autry National Center
Linda Greco	La Tuna Cyn. Comm. Assn.
Diana Plotkin	Beverly Wilshire Homes
Danielle Elliott	Beverly Wilshire Homes
Arnold Newman	Intl.Soc.for Preservation of The Tropical Rainforest

Note: Total attendance: 36 (some signatures not obtained)

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 2, 2008

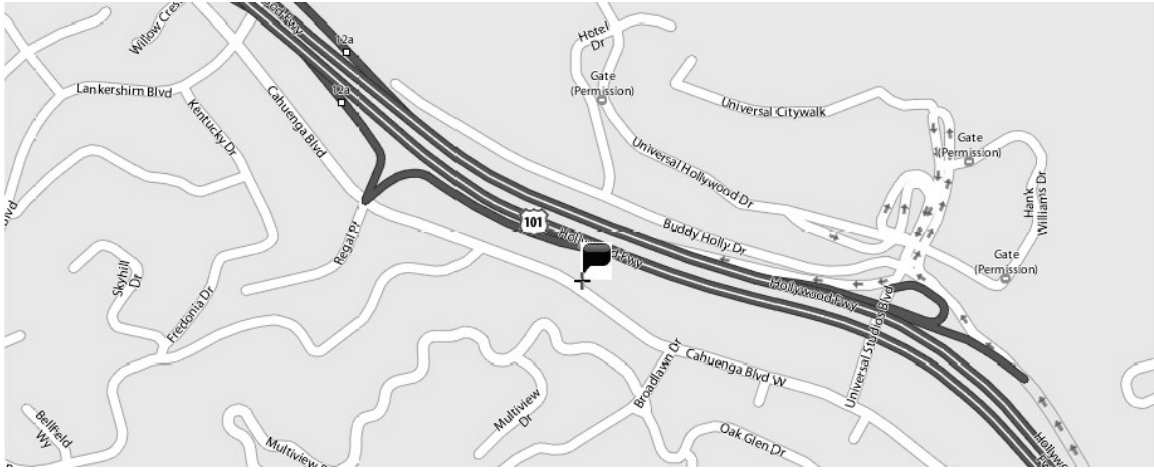
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