

**Hillside Federation Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Stratton at 7:15 pm.

Guest speakers:

Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Ordinance – **Supervising City Attorney Rita Venegas** gave an up-date regarding ACE.

The Ordinance was implemented in 2013. Departments included were LAPD, LADBS and the Housing Department. However, the City Council decided to start with the LAPD and Animal Services for the pilot program. Recently, LAFD has been included and coming in January, 2016, LADBS and the Housing Department could be added. Currently, there are 40 different violations that LAPD can enforce with the ACE program. A brochure listing those conditions was distributed. Questions regarding how enforcement is implemented; gas powered leaf blower enforcement; inclusion of LADBS moving forward; commercial rentals of homes; noise enforcement were discussed. Rita will provide up-dates to the Hillside Federation moving forward.

Daniel Park, Neighborhood Advocate for Councilman David Ryu

Daniel reported that the Councilman Ryu's Hollywood Field office is open. It is located at 6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028, (323)957-6415. Councilman Ryu has started a cleanup program with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. Steve Twining complimented Councilmember Ryu regarding his letter to the Ethics Commission.

Film LA – Arturo Piña

Arturo discussed the role of Film LA and the film permitting process. Administratively, about 2,000 permits are issued per month. All permits are handled by the Film unit of the LAPD which reviews all permits. Notification of filming does not mean the filming has been approved. While filming is important to the City and should be supported, the challenges of filming in hillside areas was discussed including lack of timely notification to residents; no smoking on location, lack of communication with Film LA; habitual use of certain locations and last minute permits.

Carol Sidlow suggested that there be no film permits issued for properties that do not have a Certificate of Occupancy; on locations fronting substandard hillside streets; hillside streets that do not have a secondary access; streets in the hillside which have been Withdrawn from Public Use by the City of Los Angeles. A mandatory Fire Inspector should be required on all film shoots in hillside areas. Don Keller suggested that there be no smoking at locations north of Sunset Blvd. It was suggested that concerned Hillside Federation members make their requests known to their respective City Council members regarding these issues and Film LA will work with the Council offices.

II. Approval of minutes

The October minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. Presidents Report – Vice President Mark Stratton reported in Marian Dodge's absence.

Nicholas Greif, Policy Deputy for Councilman David Ryu, is working on advancing the Party House Ordinance, initiated during Councilmember LaBonge's administration.

Please send in letters to PLUM supporting the CPC's recommendations for the Sign Ordinance. Watch for when it goes to PLUM and please attend the hearing.

The Hillside Federation joined with the Preservation and Conservation League and the law firm of Chatten-Brown & Carstens in writing a letter regarding CEQA reform. The letter is available on the Hillside Federation website along with other Federation letters.

Attorney Victor Marmon's letter regarding the second trial date for the over-height project at 360 N. Stone Canyon, Bel Air was read to Federation members. The trial will be held on December 2, 2015, 9:30 am, Department 86, Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles. The hearing is open to the public and community members are encouraged to attend.

Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian is hosting an Art Walk in Van Nuys on Saturday, November 14, 4:00-6:00 pm, 6150 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite 300, Van Nuys, 91401. All are welcome to attend.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don Andres gave an up-date and encouraged Federation members to attend the Holiday Party on Thursday, December 10 at the Mulholland Tennis Club at 6:30.

IV. New Business

A. Laurel Canyon Land Purchase ("Let's Buy A Mountain") – Jamie Hall

Laurel Canyon Association presented a power point presentation regarding the purchase of a 17-acre parcel in Laurel Canyon. Jamie answered questions that have been raised about the proposed purchase. This is a private/public collaboration in which private citizens are raising the money needed to purchase the land and then turn it over to the public, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, for ownership and maintenance per their standard guidelines. An appraisal will be done to ensure fair market value. Tax deductible donations are being made to Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) because they are an established 501(c)(3). Councilmember David Ryu provided a \$15,000 matching contribution to the effort.

MOTION: Jamie Hall moved that the Hillside Federation support Let's Buy a Mountain Initiative. The motion passed.

B. Baseline Hillside Ordinance amendments – Carol Sidlow

Carol gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) which is joined with the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) amendments proposed by Department of City Planning. The BHO amendments will address some, but not all, of the issues the hillside communities have been dealing with since the BHO was passed in 2011. The amendments address issues such as cumulative grading and development on small non-conforming lots. Grading on 100% slopes was removed in the final 2010 version of the BHO and is not fully addressed in the current amendments. It was suggested that the issue be re-visited now. There was also a discussion regarding the issue of electronic clearances by LAFD, which should be addressed.

MOTION: Carol Sidlow moved that the Hillside Federation support the recent amendments to the BHO with the following amendments: (1) prohibition of development on slopes that are 1:1 or greater without a Zoning Administrator’s Determination; (2) mapping of all slopes 1:1 or greater throughout the City of Los Angeles hillsides. The motion passed.

V. Old Business

A. Re:code LA – Carol Sidlow

The consultants presented a work product draft of the residential portion of the project during the November re:Code LA meeting. Information on the presentation can be found on-line at <http://recode.la/updates/news>. Hillside areas work product addresses some of the issues regarding retaining walls and front yard setbacks issues on substandard streets. Everyone is encouraged to visit the re:code LA website to review the presentation.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Carol Sidlow,
Recording Secretary

Members Present:

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| Bel-Air Assn. | Bruce Kuyper |
| Bel Air Skycrest | Mark Stratton |
| Benedict Canyon | Kerry Welland |
| Brentwood Residents | Don Keller |
| Canyon Back Alliance | Lois Becker |
| Franklin Ave/Hlwd Bl | Don Andres |
| Hollywood Dell | Doug Connett |
| Kagel Canyon | Kit Paull |
| Laurel Canyon | Jamie Hall |
| | Alison Simard |
| Lookout Mountain | Carol Sidlow |
| Oaks HOA | Bob Young |
| Res. of Beverly Glen | Stephen Benson |
| Roscomare Valley | Steve Twining |
| Sherman Oaks | Elke Heitmeyer |
| Studio City Res. | Claudia Freedle |
| Upper Mandeville Cyn. | Vaughn Minassian |

Guests:

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| City Attorney | Rita Hernandez-Venegas |
| CD 4 | Daniel Park |
| FilmLA | Arturo Piña |
| NELA Greenspace | Tony Scudellari |
| | Doug Dawson |
| Res. of Beverly Glen | Kira Palmer |