

**Hillside Federation
February 1, 2017
Draft Minutes**

I. Call to Order - Charley Mims

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

II. Approval of minutes - Marian Dodge

The January minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance will not be scheduled for PLUM until March. Let your council person know your organization wants the ADU Ordinance scheduled ASAP. Krekorian's deputy will be proposing a new ordinance similar to the one Mitch Menzer presented to the Federation. They are lining up support for it now.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Special Presentation - Measure S (Neighborhood Integrity Initiative)

Measure S proposes a two-year moratorium on development that requires a change in the General Plan or height variance (spot zoning).

The Pro side was represented by Jill Stewart (former Managing Editor at LA Weekly) and Marcia Hanscom (Executive Director of the Ballona Institute). The Con side was represented by Brian VanRiper and Tanner Blackman (former Planning Deputy for CM Huizar, now teaching and working on Re:Code LA).

Each side made a presentation which was followed by a Question and Answer period which clarified many items:

Stewart - The measure would affect only 5% of projects, only those requesting a General Plan amendment or height change. They are mostly luxury hotels and residential towers.

VanRiper - In all developments 5-10 units are set aside for affordable housing.

Stewart - Development will continue. If a project is 100% affordable housing, it can go through. Most homeless housing is proposed on land zoned Public Facilities (PF).

Blackman - Measure S would stop the Weingart Tower with skid row housing because it is on an M2 parcel; you can't build housing on industrial land.

VanRiper - The Yes campaign has spent more and has billboards all over.

Stewart - The AIDS Healthcare Foundation has a social issues component. Homelessness is a social issue; they are being displaced by large developments.

Stewart - Developers aren't building affordable housing because they claim they aren't making enough of a profit. They can pay an in lieu fee or a deferral fee that could be used for other uses.

Blackman - The fees will go to an affordable housing trust fund.

Stewart - The opponents are being funded by Westfield Malls who wants to build a big stadium in Woodland Hills, Kohn Development from Florida, and other out-of-state development companies. She thinks they won't donate to councilmembers if they know they won't get anything out of it.

Stewart - S will mean City Council will follow the city's rules because they will no longer be able to grant special favors to developers who make campaign contributions. CEQA reviews will no longer be controlled by the developer.

Blackman - The Planning Department created a list of approved CEQA reviewers. It is a full cost recovery system. The developer selects which company he wants.

Stewart - The moratorium is only for two years because that is the longest allowed by the state.

VanRiper - With lawsuits generated by Measure S, the Community Plans could be delayed ten years.

After the presenters left the room, the Federation had further discussion on the measure. There needs to be more funding for the Planning Dept. to update Community Plans in a timely manner. We all need to

read the details in Measure S to see if it will accomplish what it claims. As always there is the question of how the City will enforce its policies. Although Measure S isn't perfect, we have to start somewhere or the status quo will continue.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved that the Hillside Federation support Measure S. The motion passed.

III. Officers' Reports continued.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

The Federation's cost of insurance has gone up. Dues are due March 1; 17 organizations have already paid. Thank you!

IV. Old Business

A. BMO/BHO Amendments Update - Marian Dodge

Tom Freeman sent a letter to Councilmember Koretz expressing the Federation's concern that institutions were being exempted from the BHO. After two reminders requesting a response, we had no reply from Koretz.

B. Sign Ordinance - Marian Dodge

At the PLUM hearing on the Sign Ordinance January 31, Chair Huizar gave another set of instructions to the Planning Department. They are still considering on site and off-site digital signs, Tier 3 signs, and allowing digital signs on public property (libraries, police & fire stations, and public parks). Members are urged to send a new letter stating their positions to:

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and to your councilmember.

C. Abode at Glassell Park (Walnut Canyon) - Charley Mims

The Federation sent a letter expressing our concerns about the project in 2015. Comments to the DEIR are due February 21. Members agreed that the Executive Committee should review their attorney's comments and write comment letter.

IV. New Business

Steve Twining urged everyone to read the LA Times article on the Laurel Canyon landslide on in today's paper.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Marian Dodge,
Acting Secretary

Members Present:

Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Knolls	Georgia Alkov
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills	Eric Edmunds
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
	Karen Riesenfeld
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Don Andres
	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
Oak Forest Canyon	Bruce Hollihan
Oaks Homeowners	Bob Young
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi Mackay
	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Res.	Claudia Freedle
Tarzana POA	David Garfinkle
	Sandy Middleman
Upper Nichols Canyon	Stacy Sillins

Guests:

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Pro Measure S	Jill Stewart
	Marcia Hanscom
Con Measure S	Brian VanRiper
	Tanner Blackman