

**Hillside Federation**  
**April 25, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: **David Bocarsly** - Outreach Coord. Sen. Ben Allen's office

Sen. Ben Allen is on Education and Transportation Committees and the environmental caucus. SB 1 – Gas Tax, SB 50 Public Lands Protection Act.

Guest: **Becky Bremser**, Trust for Public Land

“The Knoll” in Runyon Canyon Park has been purchased and added to the park. It was previously private property but is now protected forever. There will be a celebration August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Guest: **Seamus Garrity** Field Rep., Assemblymember, 43<sup>rd</sup> District, Laura Friedman

AB 1350 addresses Affordable Housing. Steve Twining asked about SB 1818 enforcement. George Abrahams wants the ELDP component of CEQA eliminated.

Guest: **Angie Aramayo**, Assemblymember Nazarian's office

Nazarian is hosting a Senior Scam Prevention Clinic.

AB 25 Tour Bus Regulation would require CHP safety checks of modified vans, community safety; limiting hours, noise. Local cities could ban tour buses from certain streets. Considering traffic and safety as the main issues.

→MOTION: Don Andres moved that the Federation write a letter to support AB 25. The motion passed.

**II. Approval of minutes**

The minutes were approved as corrected.

**III. Officers' Reports**

**A. President's Report**

The Hannah Carter Japanese Garden Historic-Cultural Monument nomination has been approved by PLUM.

The P-22 documentary, “The Cat that Changed America” may have a screening at the LA Zoo.

Marian Dodge attended the memorial service for Chair Emeritus Gordon Murley.

Marian announced the Public Access to Public Parks rally on April 15 and the Fish and Game Commission meeting in Van Nuys on April 26.

**Nominating Committee - Election of Officers**

Gerry Hans announced the Nominating Committee's slate:

President	Charley Mims
Chairman	Marian Dodge
VP	Mark Stratton
VP	John Given
Secretary	Stephen Benson
Treasurer	Don Andres

→MOTION to approve by acclamation. Passed.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Thirty-seven member organizations have paid their dues. Balances were reported, taxes are filed, and Secretary of State filing has been submitted.

**IV. Old Business**

A. Accessory Dwelling Units - Charley Mims

The version that came out of PLUM is worse than an earlier version. The hillside definition needs to be modified and hillside areas need to be exempt. The Federation will send a sample letter to our members and ask them to submit letters.

B. Curtis School - Mark Stratton

The Federation met with Curtis school officials twice. They have dropped the 3<sup>rd</sup> access road across Caltrans property from their plans. This is a huge victory.

C. Baseline Hillside Ordinance - Marian Dodge

The amendments have been approved, but we need to submit changes in how institutions are regulated. Tom Freeman noted that institutions operate under a CUP. They should have to get a variance for over-in-height buildings which requires proving necessity.

Sign Ordinance - PLUM continues to ask the Planning Department for reports on signs outside Sign Districts and signs on city property. PLUM is pro signs.

D. Studio City Golf & Tennis project - Alan Dymond

The new proposal at Weddington Golf and Tennis is for 200+ condos, which would require a zoning change from agricultural.

→MOTION: Alan Dymond moved that the Federation oppose the up-zoning of the property and authorize the use of the Hillside Federation logo on a letter to Councilmember Krekorian with logos of other organizations that are opposed to the Weddington condo project. Passed.

**IV. New Business**

Steve Twining – The new Bel Air Construction Overlay has many restrictions for projects over 17,500 square feet: limited working hours, specifics on hauling truck sizes and other things.

Stephen Benson – 10580 Selkirk, in Beverly Glen. The large retaining walls were approved by the West APC in March. Now they are waiting for the geological survey and haul plans to address the next steps.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Stephen Benson  
Secretary

**Members Present:**

Bel-Air Hills	Steve Twining
	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest	Mark Stratton
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Tom Freeman
Franklin Av./Hlwd Bl	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Res.	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Hollywoodland HOA	Jack Conrad
Kagel Canyon	Kit Paull
Los Feliz Impvmt.	Marian Dodge

Mt. Olympus POA	Joe Custer
Oaks Homeowners	Gerry Hans
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Wilda Rokos
Studio City Res.	Alan Dymond

**Guests:**

SD 26 Allen	David Bocarsly
AD 43 Friedman	Seamus Garrity
AD 46 Nazarian	Angie Aramayo
Trust for Public Land	Becky Bremser
Upper Nichols Canyon	Amy Dantzler
Beachwood Canyon NA	George Abrahams
Bel Air Skycrest	Lois Becker
unknown	Janine Milne