

**Hillside Federation
February 6, 2019
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Marian Dodge called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Guest: Erin Schneider Field Deputy for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

LA County has established a working group to evaluate and report on the response and recovery regarding the Woolsey Fire. They are addressing the shortage of mental health hospital beds as well as limited availability of treatment. They have established a LGBT Health center. They are working on seven bridge housing facilities. They held a successful Homeless Connect Day in Los Feliz.

II. Approval of minutes

The January minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

The Federation made a donation in honor of Zev Yaroslavsky's wife Barbara. Zev sent a personal message thanking the Federation.

The Federation received a City proclamation from City Attorney Mike Feuer, and CMs Paul Koretz, and David Ryu at the Holiday Party.

KCET So Cal Connected aired a 3-part program on environmental issues featuring Jamie Hall on the loss of protected trees, Marian Dodge on the difficulty city has spending special funds, and Barbara Broide on housing being built too close to air pollution from freeways.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

All bills are paid. 20 of our 40 members have already paid their 2019 dues. Don presented the 2019 budget.

MOTION: Don moved that the 2019 budget be approved. The motion passed.

IV. Old Business

A. Bel Air Country Club tree removal – Linda Whitford / Jamie Hall

The Board of Public Works withdrew the matter because they accepted the Country Club's representation that the 18 removed protected trees did not require a permit because they had been planted. The Board said they couldn't force people to apply for a permit and that they were satisfied with the Club's tree mitigations. Linda had asked the Club to participate in an environmental and wildlife habitat program for golf courses (cost: \$300 per year). The Club was negotiating the details of this, then pulled out just before the hearing.

It is difficult to respond because the Board of Public Works took no formal action so there isn't any action to appeal. Members questioned whether the Board was abusing its discretion by failing to act.

B. Burbank flight path update – Suellen Wagner

Suellen was absent; the update will be continued to March.

V. New Business

A. Councilmember Ryu's Developer Contribution motion (CF 19-0046) – Steve Twining

Steve Twining described the motion, followed by brief discussion by the board.

MOTION: Steve Twining moved the Hillside Federation draft and submit a letter of support for council motion CF 19-0046 which calls for restrictions on developer contributions to local elected officials. The motion passed.

B. Hollywood Community Plan Update – Jamie Hall

Jamie gave a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the special issues in the hillsides which were largely ignored in the Hollywood Community Plan DEIR: wildlife, streams/rivers, sensitive species, Very High Fire Severity Zones, scenic preservation and development. We need a comprehensive plan with implementation programs and mitigation measures. Four organizations hired a consultant through Jamie to respond to the DEIR.

C. Sepulveda Transit Corridor – Patricia Bell Hearst

Patricia distributed copies of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor proposal announcement. There is more information available on the MTA website and in the LA Times. There are several proposals to a Sepulveda/405 alternate.

Announcements:

Kite Hill: the scheduled hearing was continued. The community wants to buy the property. Silver Lake Heritage Trust bought the adjacent property. The neighbors have hired Jamie Hall to represent them in opposing the project.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Benson, Recording Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Argyll Civic Assn	Cheryl Gaskill
Beachwood Cyn NA	Isabelle Megginson
Bel-Air Assn	Maureen Levinson
	Linda Whitford
Bel Air Hills Assn	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Brentwood Hills HOA	John Given
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
	Krista Michaels
Doheny-Sunset Plaza	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
	Yvonne Hessler
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Hollywood Dell Civic	Mary Ledding
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn	Kit Paull
Laurel Cyn Assn	Jamie Hall
	Cathy Wayne
Los Feliz Improv. Assoc.	Marian Dodge
Nichols Cyn NA	Julie Kremkus
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Res. of Beverly Glen	Stephen Benson
Shadow Hills POA	Cindy Bloom
Sherman Oaks HA	Jay Weitzler

Studio City Res. Assn

Alan Dymond

Beth Dymond

Upper Nichols Cyn

Joan Cashel

Guests:

Sup. Kuehl's office

Erin Schneider

Chair Emeritus

Patricia Bell Hearst

Nichols Canyon

Fabian Kremkus

Shadow Hills POA

Lynne Toby

Babene Pierson