



Hillside Federation Monthly Meeting

October 20, 2020 7:06 pm

Via video conference

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Guests: Paul Edelman, James Latham and Walt Young – Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Measure HH Fire Prevention

Paul gave a summary on Measure HH. Measure HH will improve local fire prevention services in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the 405 Freeway and Hollywood Hills to Griffith Park. It will also protect habitat and wildlife corridors in these unique hillside communities. For \$68 per year, developed parcels within the district boundaries will give the MRCA the resources it needs to improve local fire prevention and fire protection services, and help protect local open space. 100 percent of the funds generated by Measure HH will be spent in the this area.

James gave a summary on responsibilities of the rangers, patrol and operations of MRCA. They see a need to help in fire prevention. 24 hour Ranger Service Number: 310.456.7049. Use for graffiti to trash to dumping or anything else you think they should know about.

Walt discussed creating an irrigated greenway around the overlooks where it currently does not exist if Measure HH passes. They would also be able to have a second car out to do the brushing along the roadway.

Guests: Linda Liu and Priya Mehendale – Hollywood Community Plan

Priya gave a recap of the project starting in 2016 through today, with a focus on Hillside issues. Currently, their office is hosting webinars, virtual office hours and an open house.

She discussed how language regarding slope density is unclear in the current plan. The updated policy document now specifies requirements rather than intents related to minimum density in properties that have natural slopes. New land use polices have been added for emergency access and public safety, built character and scale of particular neighborhoods and future work programs to address mansionization.

New open space policies/programs have been added looking at easements, paper streets and mapping trail networks. New conservation goals for the wildlife pilot study have been added looking at buffers or setbacks for properties that are adjacent to natural resources such as waterways, wetland to encourage wildlife movement and biodiversity. Conservation policies have been added to preserve passive open space that coordinates with the county to identify the Significant Ecological Areas. Hillside Construction Regulation District has been updated to include more areas, address enforcement and improve street standards.

Draft materials were released in early August. There was an open house in September 2020. They are looking to adopt the plan in early 2021.

Link to the plan: planning.lacity.org/hcpu2

Link to the interactive map: <https://ladcp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f9d1d0ccda5f40d09b93e213cf1bccf1>

Councilmember Ryu Instructions on Expanding the HCR: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacity-clerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1101>

Motion text here: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1101_mot_09-01-2020.pdf

Guest: Emma Howard – Council District Four, [Pause on Construction in Hillside Ordinance](#)

Emma gave a summary on the Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) that would suspend all ongoing construction which is not necessary for provision of utilities or water supply, and prohibit the issuance of demolition, building, grading, hauling and any other applicable permits for properties located inclusively within both the Hillside and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones until November 30, 2020 where the properties are located on streets with a single point of ingress and egress, streets serving as collector streets for multiple streets with single points of ingress and egress, substandard streets, and any property inside the Hillside and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones with an average LAFD emergency response time of 7 minutes or more.

The scope is narrowing to exclude interior renovations. LAFD requested it to increase the egress and ingress and wanted to change a restriction to larger trucks such as hauling cement trucks, Fire Department and emergency services access. On October 29th there will be an amendment which then goes to a public safety committee.

- II. **Approval of minutes** - Julie Kremkus
The September minutes were approved.

III. **Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

1. Run, Walk, Ride for Wildlife Research runs from Nov 1st. - 14th, 2020 to raise money for wildlife research in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.
2. Charley acknowledged Jamie Hall for all the work he has done in land acquisitions for Let's Buy a Mountain and Laurel Canyon Land Trust.
3. Stop the Hollywood Center Project: Clarification was made that the Federation does not have an agreement with Robert Silverstein or his firm.
4. Charley recognized John Given's resignation and how he has been invaluable to the Federation and will be greatly missed.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

1. All bills paid, nothing is due.
2. Don welcomed new member Pacific Palisades Residence Association which brings the membership to 45 members.
3. Stop Hollywood Center Fund: Don gave a detail breakdown of funds raise and distributed. Money was approved to go to Stop the Hollywood Center Fund. At the time, we thought the Silverstein Law Firm would represent us. Since the last meeting, Mr. Silverstein would not take us as a client so we hired The Channel Law Group. Jamie Hall recused himself and did not vote. **MOTION:** Don made motion that the Federa-

tion put in up to, and not to exceed, \$2000 to support efforts to fight the Stop the Hollywood Center Fund. The motion passed.

4. Jerry Daniel Fund: An update was provided on money raised.

IV. Old Business

- A. Hollywood Center Project (AKA Millennium Project) - Charley Mims
Mitch O'Farrell from CD13 requested the Planning Commission indefinitely postponed the consideration of the project until more exploration work is done from both state geologists and national biologist in regards to the active earthquake faults.
- B. Hollywood Community Plan - Charley Mims
Jamie Hall requested the Federation set up a small group to come up with a core set of suggested implementation programs and advocate for that.
- C. Mission Canyon Park – Mark Stratton
Mark gave an update on the project. Suggestions were made to the county and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy that were originally denied. Once the Federation got involved, they came back with a new plan that concentrates on the safeties of the entrance.

V. New Business

- A. Curtis School MDRB Hearing – Mark Stratton
Curtis School is trying to circumvent the MDRB. This project almost doubles the footprint of the school buildings, involving 83,000 square feet of construction and a major reorganization of the campus. The parking lot will be moved to a prominent ridge, necessitating massive grading (over 115,000 cubic yards) and export (75,000 cubic yards, which translates to approximately 6,400 haul truck trips one way; about 13,000 altogether). In addition, an over-in-height gymnasium (37 feet high, for an elementary school) is proposed in the Inner Corridor. The whole application is so vague and deficient in actual plans and details – and findings -- that it is impossible to adequately understand, analyze and mitigate the project and its impacts on the scenic parkway, the residential community and wildlife connectivity.

This project should not have been brought to the MDRB in its present state and cannot be allowed to move on to the CPC until those deficiencies are corrected and a proper MDRB hearing is held. However, Planning appears to be allowing Curtis to move forward, denying the MDRB its essential and code-mandated role in the process, denying the public its voice, and denying the CPC the MDRB's recommendations.

MOTION: Mark Stratton and Lois Becker move that the Hillside Federation write a letter urging the Planning Dept to demand that Curtis return to the MDRB with a complete application, as mandated by code, before being allowed to go on to the CPC. The Motion passed.

Announcements:

1. Don asked for honoree suggestions for Jerry Daniels Fund.
2. Marian announced Don and Shirley are celebrating their 20th anniversary.
3. Jamie announced the Laurel Canyon Land Trust raise about \$55,000 for the land acquisition. And thanked everyone.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Next meeting: November 17, 2020

Julie Kremkus - Secretary

Members

Argyle Civic Association	Stephen	Krawchuk
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark	Stratton
Bel-Air Association	Linda	Whitford
Bel-Air Hills Association	Robin	Greenberg
Bel-Air Hills Association	Steve	Twining
Brentwood Hills HOA	Carolyn	LoBuglio
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Wendy-Sue	Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven	Kates
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista	Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois	Becker
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen	Evans
Franklin Hills Residents Association	Charley	Mims
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn	Don	Andres
Hollywood Dell Civic Association	Alexa	Iles Skarpelos
Hollywood Dell Civic Association	Mary	Ledding
Kagel Canyon Civic	Katharine (Kit)	Paul
Laurel Canyon Association	Jamie	Hall
Laurel Canyon Association	Cathy	Wayne
Los Feliz Improvement Association	Dennis	Chew
Los Feliz Improvement Association	Marian	Dodge
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie	Kremkus
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.	Barbara	Kohn
Residents of Beverly Glen	Dan	Palmer
Residents of Beverly Glen	Tensie	Palmer
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi	MacKay
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen	Wagner
The Oaks Homeowners	Holly	Purcell
Upper Nichols Canyon NA	Joan	Cashel

Guests

Berggruen Project	Ileana	Wachtel
Chair Emeritus	Patricia	Bell Hearst
Chair Emeritus	Alan	Kishbaugh
CLAW	Tony	Tucci
Council District 4	Emma	Howard
County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office	Erin	Seinfeld
County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Office	Zac	Gaidzik
Hollywood Community Plan	Linda	Lou
Hollywood Community Plan	Priya	Mehendale
Mountaingate	Kay	George
MRCA	Dash	Stolarz
MRCA	James	Latham

MRCA Ranger
SMMC

Walt
Paul

Young
Edelman