



Hillside Federation Monthly Meeting

November 17, 2020 7:05 pm

Via video conference

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Approval of minutes - Julie Kremkus

The October minutes were approved.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

1. Safe Our Canyon applied for membership and Representative Mark Levin was present at the meeting. Nikki Miner wrote a letter in support of having them become a member.

***MOTION:** Wendy Sue Rosen and Don Andres move to approve making Save Our Canyon a member of the Federation. The motion passed.*

2. HF was contacted by YIMBY law firm requesting our 501(c)3 status. The treasurer supplied them with the requested information. The request was due to contributing to Stop the Hollywood Center Project.

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

1. All expenses paid to date.
2. 46 Member for 2020. The most member in the last ten years.
3. No Holiday Annual Event this year due to the pandemic. We may do something at the beginning of 2021.
4. There is approximately \$500 annual savings for not rent a meeting room every month.
5. Don gave an update on the funds set up in August:
 - a) Jerry Daniels Memorial Fund: It's a matching fund, half of the matching funds have been raised.
 - b) General Use Fund: There have been a couple of donations.
 - c) Stop Hollywood Center Fund: All funds received have been distributed.

IV. Old Business

A. Fire legislation update - Wendy-Sue Rosen

In April 2019, the governor put out a report in a response to the state's wildfires called [Wildfires and Climate Change: California's Energy Future](#). The report recommends local governments deprioritize new development in areas of the most extreme fires risk. We have been asking our legislators and governor to stop allowing huge development projects in Very High Fire Severity Zone for the last three years. The report seemed promising yet the governor vetoed most of the bills regarding Very High Fire Severity Zone. He did pass two of Assemblymember Laura Freedman's bills. One prevents addi-

tional defensible space ember resistant zone and the other provides updates to previous fire safety legislation to respond to current wildfire threats. None of the bills address the housing density that we are concerned about.

Everyone knows we had over 3M acres burned this year. All experts agree density is the major problem. We will need to increase our opposition to development in the hillsides (writing letters and commenting on housing legislation) when the session starts on Dec 7th.

One of the reason the Governor vetoed a bill was due to the housing shortage. Yet housing density should not be put in the mountains, it's a matter of common sense.

B. Hollywood Center (AKA Millennium project) - Marian said it was included in the agenda in case there was an update. There was nothing to report.

C. Hollywood Community Plan - Charley Mims

There is a planning department meeting on December 9th. Marian sent out a notice earlier in the day. A group from the HF had a call with the Planning Department. One of the items suggested was to limit density in Very High Fire Severity Zone and they sounded very interested. Paper streets were discussed and how the city sells off surplus land. They are supposed to offer it as first right of refusal to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy which they did not know.

Jamie requested a committee be formed within the HF. The first item would be to draft a letter based on their work. December 16th is the deadline for written comments.

Committee members: Jamie Hall (Chair), Wendy Sue Rosen, Don Andres, Marian Dodge, Ellen Evans and Charley Mims.

MOTION: Charley moved the board delegate the approval of the comment letter for the Planning Department on the Hollywood Community Plan to the executive committee. The motion passed.

D. Airport Noise – Wendy Morris

In early June, the task force sent a letter containing 16 recommendation to the FAA. On September 1st, the FAA replied with a letter stating everything they were responsible for analyzing was not feasible. A few weeks later, Councilmembers Koretz and Ryu advised the community members to work with Congress as there was not much more they could do. The group requested the task force write a letter to the FAA stating they didn't look at sufficiently enough. Wendy is having several city groups write letters and requested the HF write a letter to the FAA as well.

Suellen Wagner gave an update on behalf of Studio City for Quiet Skies. After close to a year, the FAA pretty much rejected everything as not feasible and they are no longer required to continue the study. So far, the task forces has not responded. Suellen also requested the HF write a letter to the FAA that their response is unacceptable. Asking for further response.

Elected officials on the Task Force: Councilmember Krekorian, Councilmember Koretz, Councilmember Ryu, Councilmember Martinez, Mayor Springer, Mayor Luddy,

Advisors: Congressman Sherman, Congressman Schiff, Congressman Cardenas, Congressman Lieu and Harris.

Charlie said he would reach out to some of the elected officials he knew. Wendy-Sue offered to call Ted Lieu. Cindy Bloom offered to contact Adam Schiff and Ted Lieu.

New Business

B. 30 X 30 Conservation Campaign – Charley Mims

The City of LA should conserve 30% of its open space and native lands by 2030. This is an opportunity to address how the city is going to conserve 30% of the land and maintain wildlife corridors, an issue that has been really important to the HF for four decades.

Jamie Hall mentioned the governor signed an executive order committing California to this goal. 30% of land and rivers are undeveloped, not preserved and could be developed at any time. Councilmembers Ryu, Koretz and Blumenfield committed LA to be an active participant in this effort. The 1973 open space plan is a mandatory element of a general plan. A few years ago they started updating it and then it was abandoned. We need to go beyond goals and aspirations. 30 X 30 Conservation Campaign is about creating a concrete plan of action.

Wendy-Sue echoed what Jamie said and suggested to mention it in the Hollywood Community Plan as well as ask Councilmember Raman if she will promote restarting the open space element. Open space should be addressed with housing and hillside. Jamie has already reached out to Councilmember Ramen about this and bringing them up to speed in our initiatives and priorities. Everyone that meets with Councilmember Ramen should mention the 30 X 30 Conservation Campaign.

There is a resolution that the city of LA resolves support for to the governor's executive order. There is a parallel motion that the city of LA should do the exact same thing on a local level to develop a plan of action to accomplish this goal.

B. Digital ads on bus benches – Marian Dodge

The HF has supported a well balanced sign ordinance that allows signs in sign districts but prohibits signs in other parts of the city. The current contract is up for renewal and the city sent a Request For Information to the sign industry. It was not sent out the public. The sign industry made the recommendation for digital advertising similar to digital Billboards.

The new program will allow for a different ads to appear every eight seconds. The billboards will also include tracking software which is a privacy issue, especially since it will be obtaining data from children. The location (eye level) and brightness are a safety hazard. 50% of the profits go to City Council discretionary funds. Sign companies determine the location of the "Street Furniture" not the community.

Next week the Board of Public Works is issuing a Request for Proposal. Community input should be required prior to issuing a RFP.

MOTION: *Marian moved that the Federation oppose the digital advertising on bus shelters and stop the issuing of the RFP until there is community input. The motion passed.*

C. Ridgeline Ordinance – Charley Mims

The Planning Dept is having hearings and meetings on the Ridgeline Ordinance. He encouraged everyone to get involved and comment in favor of the Ridgeline Ordinance. It's a pilot program with an initial rollout that includes the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Laurel Canyon Association and the Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association.

Announcements:

1. Jamie mentioned HH passed by 82% of the vote and thanked everyone that advocated and supported the measure.
2. Wendy-Sue announced eight fire cameras were installed in October west of the 405. The organization that installed them is trying to get 1000 cameras installed in the next two years. So far they have installed 600. They are new to the hills and are looking for additional locations. One can watch live feeds to the cameras at <http://www.alertwildfire.org/>

V. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.
Next meeting: Jan 19, 2020 at 7pm

Julie Kremkus - Secretary

Members

Argyle Civic Association	Stephen	Krawchuk
Beachwood Canyon NA	Eda	Hallinan
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark	Stratton
Bel-Air Association	Maureen	Levinson
Bel-Air Association	Linda	Whitford
Bel-Air Hills Association	Robin	Greenberg
Bel-Air Hills Association	Wendy	Morris
Bel-Air Hills Association	Steve	Twining
Benedict Canyon Association	Nickie	Miner
Benedict Canyon Association	Bob	Schlesinger
Brentwood Hills HOA	Carolyn	LoBuglio
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Don	Keller
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
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn	Yvonne	Hessler
Kagel Canyon Civic	Katharine (Kit)	Paull
Laurel Canyon Association	Jamie	Hall
Laurel Canyon Association	Cathy	Wayne

Los Feliz Improvement Association	Marian	Dodge
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie	Kremkus
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen	Wagner
Save Our Canyon	Mark	Levin
Shadow Hills Property Owners	Cindy	Bloom
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association	Jay	Weitzler
Studio City Residents Association	Alan	Dymond
Upper Nichols Canyon NA	Joan	Cashel
<u>Guests</u>		
Chair Emeritus	Alan	Kishbaugh