



Hillside Federation Meeting

March 15, 2022

Via Video Conference

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by President Charley Mims at 7:04 pm.

A. Legislative Update - **Assemblymember Laura Friedman**

Friedman, representing the 43rd Assembly District, including the neighborhoods of Atwater Village, Beachwood Canyon, Los Feliz, East Hollywood, Franklin Hills and Silver Lake. With redistricting, she will represent the 44th Assembly District, adding Sherman Oaks and Toluca Lake. Laura chairs the Transportation Committee and authored AB 43, to lower speed limits on roads. Her Field Representative is Seamus Garrity.

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B. **Getting to Know Candidates:**

1. Senator Henry Stern, Candidate for LA County Supervisor District 3
“The Santa Monica Mountains drive me and inspire me – they never come back.”
The most important environmental issues are 1) land loss (open space loss), 2) fossil fuels, 3) Wildfires insurance crisis is pricing out the middle class. In general, he noted the LA Housing Market is severely unaffordable for middle class residents.
2. Louis Abramson, candidate for Assembly District 51, previously AD 50.
AD 51 represents Santa Monica, Westwood, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Miracle Mile, Griffith Park, and Franklin Canyon. Abramson was an astrophysicist at UCLA until he became involved in community issues and in the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council. He wants to build more houses near transportation.
3. Mike Newhouse, candidate for Council District 11
Mike lived in Venice the last 26 years. He served on the WLA Planning Commission, Venice Neighborhood Council and founded WRAC. Mike thinks that vacant office buildings on the major corridors can be converted to housing. Reuse what we already have. www.newhouseforLA.com mike@newhouseforLA.com

C. **CD 4 Update** - Mehmet Berker

CD 4 hired Geoff Thompson as Deputy Chief of Staff who worked for 5 years as the LAX Liaison for Councilmember Bonin. He will focus on flight paths. Upcoming events: LA Marathon, the Oscars, a town hall March 24th with Nithya Raman.

2. **Approval of minutes:** The January minutes were approved as written.

3. **Officers' Reports**

A. **President's Report** - Charley Mims

Appointment of the Nominating Committee: Steve Krawchuk, Carolyn LoBuglio, and Ellen Evans.

B. **Treasurer's Report** - Don Andres

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed. Don announced the 70th Anniversary Party on May 7 at TreePeople.

4. **Old Business**

A. **Mount St. Mary's University Project** - Wendy-Sue Rosen

Scheduled for PLUM April 5th.

B. **Curtis School** - Mark Stratton

CPC approved the Mirman Project which was supported by the community.

Curtis is going back to the Mulholland Design Review Board.

C. **Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum Update** - Don Andres

Our attorney is reviewing materials from the City. Next step is filing the opening brief, due April 27. The hearing is June 29.

D. **SB 9 and 10 Update** - Jamie Hall

There are 2 different types of maps that go down to the parcel level. Mountain lion suitability map – high, medium, low. The city's own biologist has never seen the maps.

<https://gisucla.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=868b0af352f5426C8ecef8d31>

5. **New Business**

A. **AB 2344 (Friedman) Safe Roads and Wildlife Protection Act** - Marian Dodge

The Federation received a request from the Center for Biological Diversity to add the Federation's name to a letter supporting AB 2344 which will enhance wildlife connectivity.

MOTION: The Hillside Federation join the coalition to support AB 2344 the Safe Roads & Wildlife Protection Act. Passed.

B. SB 1404 Oak Woodlands Mitigation Act - Jamie Hall

The current act doesn't apply to cities; it only applies to counties. This amendment would make it apply to cities as well. The removal of 3 or more oak trees in a woodland is a significant impact on the environment and requires more rigorous mitigation. Hearing in committee March 28.

MOTION: Jamie moved for a HF Letter of support for SB 1404. Passed.

C. Blue Heights Announcement - Ellen Evans

A few years ago a developer was trying to build a 20,000 sq.ft. residence on a narrow street with no evacuation plan and excessive grading. CM David Ryu did a 245 motion. Jamie and the Kirkwood Bowl Foundation wrote a letter opposing the grading which exceeds the maximum under the BHO. This project would set a terrible precedent and undermine the BHO. The hearing is March 22.

MOTION: Jamie Hall moved that the Federation oppose the project for its excessive grading and lack of evacuation route. Passed.

Members can send a letter to the ZA by clicking on the link.
<https://www.dspna.org/blog/blue-heights-hillside-development>

6. Adjournment at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting April 19, 2022.

7. Attendees

Members

Don Andres, Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association

Lois Becker, Canyon Back Alliance

Joan Cashel, Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Chip (William) Clements, Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

Joe Custer, Mt. Olympus Property Owners

Tom Davila, Outpost Neighborhood Association

Joy Denton, Benedict Canyon Association

Joann Deutch, Studio City Residents Association

Marian Dodge, Los Feliz Improvement Association

Ellen Evans, Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association

Carolyn Fleck, Save Our Canyon

Robin Greenberg, Bel-Air Hills Association
Stella Grey, Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Jamie Hall, Laurel Canyon Association
Thomas Howard, Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Steven Kates, Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Stephen Krawchuk, Argyle Civic Association
Julie Kremkus, Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association
Carolyn LoBuglio, Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Lee McLoed, Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Krista Michaels, Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Charley Mims, Franklin Hills Residents Association
Nickie Miner, Benedict Canyon Association
Wendy Morris, Bel-Air Hills Association
Jessica Rogers/Froehlinger, Pacific Palisades Residents Association
Linda Rose, Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Wendy-Sue Rosen, Brentwood Residents Coalition
Robert Schlesinger, Benedict Canyon Association
Mark Stratton, Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Association
Steve Twining, Bel-Air Hills Association
Cathy Wayne, Laurel Canyon Association
Doug Williams, Hollywood Heights
Robert Young, The Oaks Homeowners

Guests

Louis Abramson, Candidate, Assembly District 51
Mehmet Berker, Council District 4 - Field Representative
Helen Eigenberg, Community Outreach Director, Louis Abramson
Laura Friedman, Assemblywoman, AD 43
Seamus Garrity, State Assemblymember Friedman's Office

Marcia Hanscom, Sierra Club, invited by Wendy-Sue

Alan Kishbaugh, Chair Emeritus

Michael Newhouse, Candidate, Council District 11

Henry Stern, CA Senator

Robin Greenberg
Recording Secretary