

**Hillside Federation**

**November 15, 2022**

**via video conference**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Guest: LA City Attorney Mike Feuer**

Feuer emphasized that the LA City Attorney Office has been the best public law firm in the U.S. for the last 9 ½ years. He listed several of the city's legal accomplishments: ending hospitals dumping the homeless on the streets; Smart Justice reduced recidivism; tripled the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program. He doesn't know what he will do next.

**CD 5 Update - Ali Simard**

This is Ali's last meeting representing Paul Koretz. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy status as Trustee Agency is moving through the process. Koretz will speak at the CPC meeting November 17 to support the Wildlife Ordinance. The Hillside Construction Zone passed CPC.

**CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker (818) 925-0465**

City Hall has been lit up in yellow in honor of a World Day of Remembrance of Traffic Victims of Violence, the #1 cause of death for kids. Legacy Business Grants (LA Conservancy) within LA County: Paid Family Leave Grants for small businesses will award ten \$5000 grants to eligible small businesses. LAHSA needs liaison positions in each council district. Citywide RV strategy motion. Charley told him we are pleased that Raman has picked up environmental torch.

**II. Approval of Minutes - Robin Greenberg**

The October minutes were approved as written.

**III. Officers' Reports**

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

Charley summarized the two letters from the SMMC and Hillside Federation that provided recommendations to the latest version of the Wildlife Ordinance.

**B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres**

The financial report was filed with no objections. All 46 member associations have paid. Charley Mims recommended that upon the Federation being reimbursed for any monies from legal fund cases, that the monies be kept in the Federation Legal Fund for future needs.

#### **IV. Old Business**

H. SB 9 and 10 Update – Jamie Hall (taken out of order)

Certain features make properties ineligible for SB 9. Listed on ZIMAS under Planning & Zoning. See B Environmental Standards. 7 if it is habitat for protected species, cannot do lot split or duplex. Biologist Statement of Habitat. A habitat for protected species, such as a walnut woodlands, disqualifies a property from SB 9.

A. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum – Don Andres No update

B. 3003 Runyon Canyon Rd. - no update

C. Billboard Blight - Marian Dodge

The City has been busy getting digital signs into our neighborhoods

STAP: Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program: 3000 new transit shelters with 700 with flashing digital ads. The City will pay for shelters, but only 2% of the funds are identified. Tracking passers by via cell phone data. It is a 10-year contract with two 5-year extensions.

TCN (Transportation Communication Network) 56 full sized changing digital billboards (34 freeway facing, 22 non-freeway facing (98 digital ad faces) at freeway junctions throughout the city and on major streets. <https://www.metro.net/projects/transportation-communication-network#status>

There are traffic studies not just in the U.S. They are not exempting Scenic Highways.

IKE (Interactive Kiosk Experience) CF 22-1154. 300 - 500 8' high kiosks with digital ads on sidewalks. Maureen Levinson: some drivers will drive into flashing lights – the moth effect. Bob Schlesinger cited Travis Longcore's studies of the impact of lights on wildlife. Charley - Tucson has a dark night sky ordinance ordinance.

MOTION: Marian moved that the Hillside Federation oppose digital sign advertising in general. Pass

D. Zoo Vision Plan - Marian Dodge - They have not released a final EIR.

E. Harvard Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond

Concern: artificial turf that they propose to use is toxic, PFAS, petroleum bi-product, and forever chemicals. EPA states there is no safe level for these chemicals. Panel: Studio City Residents Association: November 6 <https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney:general-bonta-sues>

#### **V. New Business**

A. Digital "Canvas" at 9176 Sunset Blvd.(a medical building) (RFA) - Ellen Evans

A 14,000 sq. ft. digital billboard (the typical is 700 sq. ft.) 90 feet tall. Most of the billboard faces the hillsides. Comment period ends 12/12 5pm. Transportation committee hearing is Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The project is located in West Hollywood, but will mostly impact the City of Los Angeles.

MOTION: Ellen moved that the Federation oppose the massive billboard at 9176 Sunset Blvd. PASS

B. California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Draft EIR - Kelly Erin Decker

A significant part of the route is tunneled; however it has impacts at the holes where the train would come out. Each portal requires noise attenuation, smoke gatherers, and communication towers. Drilling uses a lot of water. The route goes through San Gabriel National Monument, Angeles National Forest on elevated viaduct, the Rim of the Valley Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, a viaduct over the Tujunga Wash. It will impact wildlife: bears, mountain lions, condors. DEIR: \$133 billion for the last section that they need to get approved. A route along the existing transportation corridor is more appropriate, more timely to build, less costly, requires less water utilization, and results in significantly less environmental impacts. Charley - It is more realistic to oppose currently proposed routes.

MOTION: Kelly Erin Decker moved that the Hillside Federation support the No Project Alternative Palmdale to Burbank. Pass

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

No meeting in December 2022. Next meeting January 17, 2023.

Robin Greenberg

Recording Secretary

### **Members Present:**

Beachwood Canyon	Chip Clements
Bel-Air Assn.	Maureen Levinson
Bel-Air Hills Assn.	Robin Greenberg
	Wendy Morris
	Steve Twining
Benedict Canyon Assn.	Nickie Miner
	Robert Schlesinger
Brentwood Hills HOA	Eric Edmunds
	Carolyn LoBuglio
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.	Charley Mims
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn.	Don Andres
Kagel Canyon Civic	Kelly Erin Decker
	Kit Paull
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Jamie Hall

LFIA (Los Feliz)	Marian Dodge
Nichols Canyon NA	Julie Kremkus
Oaks Homeowners	Bob Young
Outpost Neighborhood Assn.	Andrea Falco
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Suellen Wagner
Studio City Residents Assn.	Alan Dymond
	Joann Deutch
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel

**Guests:**

City Attorney	Mike Feuer
Hollywood Neighborhood Prosecutor	Eathan Weaver
CD 4 Field Rep	Mehmet Berker
CD 5 Communications Deputy	Alison Simard