

**Hillside Federation**  
**January 17, 2023**  
**via video conference**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order - Charley Mims**

The meeting was called to order by President Charley Mims at 7:05 pm.

**Guests:**

**A. Bob Blaunstein, Friends of Kenter**

Bob Blaunstein lives on Leonard Road, off of Kenter in Brentwood Heights. A 28,000 sq. ft. mega mansion is being built. Neighbors have filed appeals of the building permit. Don will send him an application for Hillside Federation.

**B. CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker (818) 465-0465**

CD 4 <https://councildistrict4.lacity.gov/team>

Homeless Count Link: <https://www.theycountwillyou.org>

Free kitchen compost pail pickup link: <https://councildistrict4.lacity.gov/events>

Beyond the Pail Recycling Town Hall Jan. 30, 6:00 pm.

<https://councildistrict4.lacity.gov/beyondthepail130>

They are working on emergency repairs on two Mulholland erosions. The mudslide on Fredonia has been cleared. GEOTEC has been to W. Cole Crest Dr. to address slide.

For city services call 311 or go online to MyLA311.

Raman's committee assignments: Housing and Homelessness (Chair), Energy and Environment, Public Works, Ad Hoc City Government Reform

89 projects have been approved; 135 affordable units; 25% are affordable housing units.

Wildlife Ordinance: Planning is still working on CPC comments and preparing a version to submit to PLUM.

CD 5 (Yaroslavsky) has some continuity with Dylan Sittig and Jarrett.

A gondola to Dodger Stadium is proposed by Frank McCourt, former owner of the Dodgers who still owns the parking lot.

The gondola component of the LA Zoo Vision Plan is gone.

Robert Schlesinger: A study of a deceased bobcat showed rodenticide in its system. We need stronger controls on rodenticides.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The November minutes were approved as written.

### **III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims - none

B. Operations/Treasurer Report – Don Andres

MOTION: Don Andres moved that the proposed 2023 Operating Budget be approved.  
Passed.

### **IV. Old Business**

A. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum - Don Andres

Alan Kishbaugh hasn't heard anything from the City about the MDRB right to review projects in the Outer Corridor. The MDRB needs a member who is a landscape architect or someone with environmental credentials.

B. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road - Joan Cashel, Don Andres - No update.

C. Billboard Blight - Marian Dodge

The Coalition for a Beautiful Los Angeles will send out an action alert on Metro's Transportation Communication Network project. TCN would build 97 full-sized digital billboards at freeway interchanges and on major streets, undermining the city's ban on billboards. At Wendy-Sue Rosen's request, CM Bonin had it pulled from the consent calendar at the December meeting. It will be on the Metro agenda Friday, January 27. [Note: The meeting was actually Thursday, January 26.]  
Comments should be sent to TCN@Metro.net.

D. Zoo Vision Plan - Marian Dodge - The final EIR has not been released yet.

E. Mount St. Mary's University Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen - They are still litigating.

F. Curtis School Project- Wendy-Sue Rosen

CD 4 helped get a much better project; however they are appealing to get some routine conditions added to the project.

G. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond sent a report to Charley.

The Studio City Neighborhood Council passed a motion opposing the project because of greenhouse gas production, artificial turf with micro plastics, light, noise, and traffic.

H. SB 9 & 10 Update - Jamie Hall

The first SB 9 project in the Santa Monica Mountains is a test case. SMMC submitted a letter opposing the project. They hired a biologist to prove it is California walnut/oak

woodland. We need to tell our Councilmembers what we want to see, eg prohibited in VHFHSZ. There is only a trickle of SB 9 applications so far.

I. Hollywood Sign Lighting - Jeff Swofford

Mayor Bass rescinded Garcetti's last minute Executive Order allowing the lighting of the Hollywood Sign. Hollywood United Neighborhood Council created an ad hoc to address issues with the Hollywood Sign. Linda Othenin-Girard said the ad hoc would not discuss the closure of the Beachwood gate. Charley Mims suggested a Dark Sky plan. The ad hoc made 25 recommendations. Proponents think the revenue from lighting the Sign could pay for mitigation of tourist traffic in the area.

MOTION: Marian Dodge moved and Jeff Swofford seconded that the Federation oppose the lighting of the Hollywood Sign. PASSED.

J. Digital "Canvas" at 9176 Sunset Blvd. - Ellen Evans - not here

K. California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Draft EIR- Kelly Erin Decker/Kit Paull - not here

**V. New Business**

A. Biodiversity conference in Montreal. - Wendy-Sue Rosen

The California delegation included AM Laura Friedman, CD 5's Andy Schrader, CLAW's Tony Tucci, and Wendy. They adopted the 30 X 30 target for preserving open space.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

The next meeting is February 21, 2023.

Robin Greenberg  
Recording Secretary

**Members Present:**

Argyle Civic Assn.	Stephen Krawchuk
Beachwood Canyon	Eda Hallinan
Bel-Air Hills Assn.	Robin Greenberg
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton

Benedict Canyon Assn.	Nickie Miner
	Robert Schlesinger
Brentwood Residents Coalition	Wendy-Sue Rosen
Cahuenga Pass POA	Steven Kates
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.	Charley Mims
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn.	Don Andres
Hollywoodland HOA	Jeff Swofford
Laurel Canyon Assn.	Jamie Hall
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Marian Dodge
Mt. Washington HO Alliance	Lee McLeod
Oaks Homeowners	Linda Othenin-Girard
Outpost Neighborhood Assn.	Andrea Falco
Save Our Canyon	Caroline Fleck
Sherman Oaks HOA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Residents Assn.	Joann Deutch
Upper Nichols Canyon	Joan Cashel

**Guests:**

CD 4	Mehmet Berker
Chair Emeritus	Alan Kishbaugh
Friends of Kenter	Bob Blaunstein