

Hillside Federation
March 21, 2023
via video conference
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Charley Mims.

Guest: Assemblymember Laura Friedman

The Assemblymember noted that she has worked on 7 or 8 bills on wildlife, particularly in the hills. She recently attended the Biodiversity Conference in Montreal, with California representing the United States. She succeeded in passing legislation that ensures the state prioritizes wildlife connectivity infrastructure, and is committed to the Wallis Annenberg Crossing on the 101 Freeway. She co-authored legislation to phase out single-use plastics. She passed a measure banning the use of dangerous PFAS forever chemicals in consumer products. She supports funding for the LA River bike lane. She has authored a bill to allow 6 pilot cities to have cameras giving \$50 speeding tickets. She is working on a bill to ban first generation rodenticides.

CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker mehmet.berker@lacity.org

There will be a Wildlife Ordinance update in the Spring. The Hollywood Community Plan will be updated by May. Wendy-Sue Rosen noted we want to see a robust wildlife ordinance in the Hollywood Community Plan. Mehmet noted the importance of getting the Plan approved as opposed to having no plan. There will be an update at the HF April meeting.

The Curtis School appeal will be heard by PLUM in the next month or so. There was a \$1M federal grant from Adam Schiff for housing people living along the LA River. The Bureau of Engineering is working on resolving the problem of automatic road widening that removes mature trees. The LA DOT's recommendations: mitigate arterial speed. The memorial for P22: The Griffith Park Advisory Board will form an ad hoc committee to discuss potential memorials. There will be a report back from Cultural Affairs.

CD 5 Update - Jarrett Thompson

The Senderos Canyon auction closed March 15. It was called a natural resource February 27. Council file 21-0777-S1 the Bulgari Hotel - The PLUM Committee vote was 2-2 today. For: Yaroslavsky, Marqueece Harris- Dawson. Against: Rodriguez, John Lee. It will go to the full Council after recess. Wendy-Sue Rosen noted that the Councilwoman doesn't have to go to Council; she can go the head of Planning; same with the Berggruen. Education First: met with them 2 weeks ago; the project was at the MDRB on February 15. The Hollywood Community Plan is to be heard in May.

CD 11 Update – Michael Amster

CD 11 staff has not met with Berggruen project yet.

Wendy-Sue Rosen stated the importance of obeying state minimum fire regulations regarding dead end roadways, a 20-foot minimum roadway and providing for 100 feet of brush clearance rather than 200 feet of brush clearance that LAFD requires.

AM Jacqui Irwin – Skylar Payab, Rep skylar.payab@asm.ca.gov

AB 944 requires fire and police stations to have back up power.

AM Rick Chavez-Zbur – Robert Oliver, District Director robert.oliver@asm.ca.gov

Assemblymember Zbur offered legislation on solar and batteries on new housing projects.

AM Zbur was recently appointed to the Wildlife Board. AM Zbur Issued a letter of support for Councilmember Yaroslavsky's Senderos Canyon motion.

II. Approval of Minutes - Robin Greenberg

The February 2023 minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The Benedict Canyon Hotel motion was sent to LA City Council without a recommendation.

The Nominating Committee for HF Officer Elections is Chair Julie Kremkus, Krista Michaels, and Wendy-Sue Rosen.

Ellen Evans announced she is forming a committee on Home Sharing Enforcement. They will meet on March 29 (via zoom). Contact Ellen at dspna@dspna.org

B. Operations and Treasurer Report - Don Andres

The HF Finances were reviewed with the attendees. 40 members have paid annual dues which were due by March 1 with 6 outstanding.

We are waiting for a resolution of the legal fees regarding the Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum Writ.

The multiple HF tax filings have been completed and the HF Insurances paid for another year.

IV. Old Business

A. Street & Transit Amenities Program (STAP) - Marian Dodge

LA City wants to put digital billboards at bus shelters, and has a signed contract with Tranzito Vector. The Coalition for Beautiful LA will be writing a request for an audit. Motion: Marian Dodge moved that the Hillside Federation ask the city to audit STAP. Motion passed.

B. Zoo Vision Plan – Marian Dodge - The Final EIR has not been released

C. Mount St. Mary's University Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen - It is still in litigation.

D. Curtis School Project - Wendy-Sue Rosen - It should be scheduled at PLUM in April.

E. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road - Joan Cashel/Don Andres

No new Action. Don asked Mehmet to check project status.

F. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond

Paul Krekorian was their guest speaker last week. CM Krekorian doesn't want people to use CEQA to stop projects. Wendy-Sue Rosen - CEQA has rarely been used to game the system. CEQA is a very important law when used as intended.

G. Digital "Canvas" at 9176 Sunset Blvd - Ellen Evans - They are still waiting for the Final EIR.

V. New Business

none

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Robin Greenberg

Secretary

Hillside Federation Attendees - 21 March 2023

21 Member Associations

Members

Stephen	Krawchuk	Argyle Civic Association
Chip (William)	Clements	Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
Mark	Stratton	Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Robin	Greenberg	Bel-Air Hills Association
Steve	Twining	Bel-Air Hills Association
Nickie	Miner	Benedict Canyon Association
Robert	Schlesinger	Benedict Canyon Association
Eric	Edmunds	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Carolyn	LoBuglio	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Wendy-Sue	Rosen	Brentwood Residents Coalition
Krista	Michaels	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Lois	Becker	Canyon Back Alliance
Ellen	Evans	Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Jeff	Swofford	Hollywoodland Homeowners
Kristina	O'Neil	Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Marian	Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement Association
Stephen	Drimmer	Mountaingate
Lee	McLoed	Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Aaron	Sosnick	Oaks Neighborhood Association
Mark	Levin	Save Our Canyon
Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Alan & Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Officials and Reps

Michael	Amster	CD11 - Field Representative
Mehmet	Berker	CD4 - Transportation Deputy
Laura	Friedman	Assemblymember - 44th Assembly District
Robert	Oliver	Rep - Assemblymember Rick Chavez-Zbur
Skylar	Payab	Rep - Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin
Jarrett	Thompson	CD5 - Field Representative

Guests

Gerry	Hans	Friends of Griffith Park
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