

**Hillside Federation**  
**April 18, 2023**  
**via Video Conference**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Charley Mims

**Guest: Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (AD 51)** with the following staff:

Robert Oliver - District Director 310-450-0041

Hannah Wenger - Field Rep

Nick Thell - Intern

Tami Martin - Legislative Director - [tami.martin@asm.ca.gov](mailto:tami.martin@asm.ca.gov)

Jane Park [jane.park@asm.ca.gov](mailto:jane.park@asm.ca.gov)

AM Zbur serves on the Wildlife Conservation Board; he will try to get on the Santa Monica Conservancy Board.

Zbur supports: protecting Senderos Canyon; protecting CEQA; West Hollywood's ban on glue traps.

Zbur authored 3 bills on climate change:

AB 1176 requires local climate action when city plans are updated

AB 3 which uses California offshore wind as a key element in moving off of fossil fuel

AB 1181 for solar panels and battery storage in affordable multi-family housing units

Zbur authored 3 bills on housing and homelessness:

AB 1431 is a pilot program providing rent subsidies to former foster youth, unemployed

AB 1620 people with physical disabilities in rent controlled buildings can move to the first floor.

AB 369 helps foster youth find a job and housing; it extends to age 23.

AB 5 - Safe & Supportive Schools Act to support LGBTQ students

President Charley Mims emphasized that land use bills should not be for the whole state (one size doesn't fit all).

Jamie Hall mentioned the importance inserting the words "by a state agency" into the phrase for land identified for conservation and natural protection.

Zbur added that the county is the main source to provide social services and that Lindsey Horvath is a good partner.

**CD 4 Update** – Mehmet Berker, Mashaal Majid

The Curtis School is addressing amendments to the project. The school will not be able to rent or lease and they brought down the gymnasium height. There is language about having a construction supervisor on duty; the best dust control strategy will be

implemented; fire hazard days will be respected; the Conservancy wants the fence back on Curtis' own property.

3003 Runyon Canyon Project – It is in Major Projects Unit and the Mulholland Design Unit. Staff reports are put together one or two weeks before for the public to review. A state law requires development projects to be accessible from a 20-foot wide road, currently not the case.

Hollywood Community Plan will be heard next Monday at 1:00 pm. “CD 4 is supportive of the plan moving forward” with expanding hillside construction areas, more growth opportunities near transit, more organized neighborhoods.

Wildlife Ordinance: CD 4 is working with CD 5. It will be heard at PLUM mid to late May.

Mehmet announced events: There are 2 compost pail giveaways this weekend, Sherman Oaks and Encino. LA River Clean Up is April 22 (Earth Day) at Bette Davis Park; Earth Day planting in Griffith Park April 22. Road repair at 2057 Sunset Plaza Drive until Fall. Cole Crest Dr. project is not a hard closure until the tunnel boring; then it will be a hard closure.

**CD 5 Update** – Jarrett Thompson: absent. no update

**CD 11 Update** – Michael Amster: no update

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

The March 2023 minutes were approved as written.

## **III. Officers' Reports**

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

**Election of HF Officers** - Julie Kremkus provided the Nominating Committee slate of officers which was approved at the meeting.

President	Charley Mims
Chair	Marian Dodge
Vice President	Mark Stratton
Vice President	Jamie Hall
Recording Secretary	Robin Greenberg
Treasurer	Don Andres

Charley Mims reported that the Hillside Federation has signed on to AB 1342, a bill by AM Laura Friedman to ban anticoagulants.

Friends of Walnut Canyon (the environmental arm of Glassell Park Improvement Association) applied for HF Membership and was approved. Jennifer Campbell was introduced as their representative.

Sunshine Hill Residents Association applied for HF Membership and was approved. Tom McWilliams was introduced as their representative.

Friends of the Griffith Park invites everyone to Earth With Us on Saturday, April 22 8:30 to 11:00 am at the Bird Sanctuary in Griffith Park.

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

Bundy Canyon has ceased membership. With our 2 new members, we now have 47 members. The HF Finances were received and filed. The resolution of the legal fees associated with our MDRB Writ should be resolved next month.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### A. Berggruen Institute Project - Steve Drimmer

Berggruen has 250 acres; 25 can be built on. In the mid 1990's developer Castle and Cook was to build 185 homes; 21 houses were approved. In 2014 Berggruen bought the land, finalized a final tract map, and filed plans for the Institute in 2019. Mountaingate filed a lawsuit against Berggruen in 2019 and Berggruen filed a SLAP suit against Mountaingate. In 2020 the Court ruled against Berggruen. Berggruen appealed. It was just announced that the Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the judge. It is an unpublished ruling so it is unlikely that the state Supreme Court will hear the case

B. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project - An information flyer was provided to our members. Steve Twining stated that they are drilling 456 feet deep on Chalon Road

#### C. Hollywood Community Plan

It is in the Adoption Phase and Councilmembers Raman and Yaroslavsky have submitted letters with recommended changes. Wendy-Sue Rosen stated that she is concerned that too little is written about the hillside areas. Jamie Hall stated that the city adopted the trustee element; there were still imperfections; hillsides were an afterthought. The Hillside Federation will send a letter with recommendations.

#### D. Education First Language Institute – Shawna Marino [EFLA@ef.com](mailto:EFLA@ef.com)

Shawna repeated the background information on the for-profit Education First. There will be a drop off zone; they will enhance security, they will make it a closed campus. They are doing interior renovation work to bring the residential space up to code. They are increasing the number of students who live on site to reduce commuting. They will provide Stephen Wise school, which has no green space, with a dedicated soccer area. Originally 1400 students were enrolled, now 900 students will be enrolled in an academic year. June through August 1200 students will be enrolled; 700 students will live on site, 200 students will live off site, up to 500 students will live off

site during the summer. Code of Conduct: smoking prohibited, students must swipe in/out with a valid EFID card. No overnight visitors allowed, will not be permitted to drive. Wendy Sue-Rosen is working with EF to draft enforceable conditions.

E. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond

The are gathering letters to oppose the project. They are hosting a youth golf tournament.

F. IKE (kiosks with digital ads - Marian Dodge

IKE (Interactive Kiosk Experience) to put up kiosks in the middle of sidewalks in tourist places. Barbara Broide contacted her councilmember Yaroslavsky and testified at the Budget & Finance Committee April 11 about the fact that the city did not issue an RFP for the project. The city will now have to go through the competitive process. We hope that includes community outreach.

G. Digital "Canvas" at 9176 Sunset Blvd. - Ellen Evans

West Hollywood just commissioned a lighting study for all of Sunset Boulevard.

**V. New Business**

A. Short Term Rentals – Ellen Evans (RFA and draft letter provided)

Ellen has formed a coalition to ask the Mayor to budget for enforcement of the short-term rental ordinance. It would be self-funding as the fines generated would pay for enforcement. PLAN (Preserve LA Neighborhoods) has written a letter. Individual associations are asked to sign-on to the letter as well.

MOTION: Ellen moved that Hillside Federation sign onto the PLAN letter that was submitted. Motion passed.

B. SB 9 - Jamie Hall stated that the city has concluded that many parcels in the hillsides are ineligible for SB 9. The city used the PAWS study that was done in the wildlife ordinance to ascertain whether a parcel is eligible for SB 9; reflected in ZIMAS.

**VI. Adjournment at 9:13 pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Robin Greenberg,**

**Recording Secretary**

## Hillside Federation Attendees - 18 April 2023

### 20 Member Associations

#### Members

Stephen	Krawchuk	Argyle Civic Association
Eda	Hallinan	Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
Linda	Rose	Bel Air Knolls Property Owners' 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
Wendy-Sue	Rosen	Brentwood Residents Coalition
Steven	Kates	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Krista	Michaels	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Lois	Becker	Canyon Back Alliance
Ellen	Evans	Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Stella	Grey	Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Jennifer	Campbell	Friends of Walnut Canyon
Jamie	Hall	Laurel Canyon Association
Marian	Dodge	LFIA (Los Feliz Improvement Association)
Stephen	Drimmer	Mountaingate
Julie	Kremkus	Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association
Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Alan & Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Tom	McWilliams	Sunshine Hill Residents Association

Joan Cashel Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

**Officials and Reps**

Michael	Amster	CD 11 - Field Representative
Mehmet	Berker	CD 4 - Transportation Deputy
Mashael	Majid	CD 4 - Planning Deputy
Robert	Oliver	District Director - AM Rick Chavez Zbur
Nick	Thell	Staff - AM Rick Chavez Zbur
Hannah	Wenger	Staff - AM Rick Chavez Zbur
Rick	Zbur	AM - 51st CA Assembly District

**Guests**

Shawna	Marino	EF International Language Campus
Jess	Hazelton	EF International Language Campus