

**Hillside Federation**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Video Conference**  
**June 20, 2023**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Guest: Declan Floyd (Sen Portantino's Office)** Declan.Floyd@sen.ca.gov

SB 422 CA CEQA Quality Act (Summary was provided with meeting agenda) would expedite environmental review for projects that reduce greenhouse gasses. Passed in the Senate 38 to 0; once it passes the Assembly it will go to the Governor's desk in September.

SB 411, which addresses the request of LA Neighborhood Councils to have zoom attendance as well as in person attendance, received 30 votes in the Senate and is now in the Assembly Local Government Committee. Since COVID and the introduction of Zoom meetings there has been an increase in attendance at meetings.

**Guest: Councilmember Traci Park (CD 11)** <https://councildistrict11.lacity.org>

The councilmember worked with the Mayor on homelessness; over 200 individuals have been housed in her district and cleanups led were led by LASHA and LA Sanitation. Types of Housing on the Westside: 1) Interim housing 2) Affordable housing 3) Veteran housing at VA in Brentwood 4) Permanent and supportive housing. St. Joseph and LASHA have begun implementing 4118 that creates a no camping perimeter around parks and libraries. The Care Court motion passed unanimously today in City Council.

Park's committee assignments: Trade, Travel: Port of LA, Van Nuys Airport, Transportation, Public Safety, Government Reform, Claims Board

Wildfire concerns: The Northern end of CD 11 is a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. She created a Wildfire Working Group of several inter-agencies.

Wendy-Sue Rosen ask about expanding the Wildlife Ordinance in CD 11; Park said yes.

Eric Edmund's stated that there will be another Bulgari Hotel vote August 16. Park wants to meet with the Federation to talk about Berggruen. She is here to be a partner and ally.

**CD 4 Update - Mashaal Majid**

Wildlife Ordinance Update: The draft Wildlife Ordinance was unanimously passed in PLUM today.

**CD 5 Update – Jarrett Thompson (not present)**

**CD 11 Update – Michael Amster**

He was responsible for closing the on-ramp to the Interstate 405 at Skirball because of a groundwater leak; Cal Trans has asked Sanitation where the sewer water is coming from.

Regarding a mansion that is being built at 824 N. Kenter, Michael has been in touch with the City Attorney, perhaps bringing forth another 245 motion.

In a development in the Castellamare area of the Pacific Palisades, a house is being placed against a bulkhead on Tramonto. Michael made an on-site visit and hosted a community discussion

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

The May minutes were approved as written.

## **III. Officers' Reports**

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

The PLUM committee approved the Wildlife Ordinance with amending motions from CMs Yaroslavsky and Raman. It will go to the City Attorney for form and legality and will come back to the full City Council in August. The Planning Department will come back in 3 years with a review of the ordinance.

Carlyle Hall was introduced and reminisced about representing the Hillside Federation in the lawsuit against the city AB 283 that City Community Plans must conform with the General Plan. He oversaw the rezoning of 200,000 parcels (1/3 of the parcels in the city) from 1984 -1994. Charley said that UCLA is interested in having our documents in archives; UCLA has a special collections unit. The Center for Law in the Public Interest wants to get informed consent of clients (Hillside Federation). There are 20 legal boxes of documents.

MOTION: That the Federation sign an intent to donate our documents regarding AB 283 to UCLA. Motion passed

Jamie Hall - wants to note on website where people can research these documents.

### **B. Operations/Treasurer's Report - Don Andres**

We have 47 members; 45 paid members. The financial report was reviewed and filed. The Mulholland Design Review Board lawsuit has been settled; we should receive the check for our legal fees soon.

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Zoo Vision Plan (RFA) - Marian Dodge**

Although Alternative 1.5 is an improvement over the original Vision Plan, it still retains the excavation of a 60'-deep Condor Canyon and a California Visitor Center on top of a ridgeline. 18 environmental groups have opposed Alt. 1.5.

MOTION: That the Federation support Alternative 1.5 if it is amended to either eliminate Condor Canyon or try tunneling, and either eliminate the California Visitor Center or relocate it below the ridgeline. Motion Passed.

### **B. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project (RFA) - Heidi MacKay, Alan Dymond**

Applicant did not offer any viable alternative. The loss of tree canopy is the same. 240 mature trees are being cut down. There will be 28,142 truck trips for all the excavation. Special events 3

times a year with up to 2000 participants. They are still using artificial turf but have changed the brand so it will have to be analyzed to see if contains forever chemicals.

MOTION: That the Federation reject the Harvard-Westlake Project. The motion passed.

C. Education First Language Institute - Mark Stratton

Education First Language Institute was going to take over the American Jewish University property; they pulled the approval out of planning after push back from the neighbors.

D. Bulgari Hotel Project - Mark Levin:

City Council may vote on it August 16. (See above.)

E. Short Term Rentals - Ellen Evans

Short Term Rental are not being enforced. She created a postcard to send to Vince Bertoni. You can get them by contacting Ellen at [dspna@dspna.org](mailto:dspna@dspna.org) or (310) 497-9285.

F. Hollywood Community Plan update - Jamie Hall

Laurel Canyon Association filed a lawsuit based on: failure to require a biological resource assessment for ministerial projects and inadequate mitigation.

**V. New Business**

A. Wildlife Ordinance: Wendy-Sue Rosen

So many people attended the hearing that many could not get into Council Chambers. Paul Koretz made an impassioned speech.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting:

July 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

Robin Greenberg  
Recording Secretary

**Hillside Federation Attendees - 20 June 2023**

**Members**

**25 Member Associations**

|         |          |   |
|---------|----------|---|
| Stephen | Krawchuk | Argyle Civic Association                      |
| Chip    | Clements | Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association     |
| Linda   | Rose     | Bel Air Knolls Property Owners' Association   |
| Mark    | Stratton | Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association |

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|-------------|----------------|---|
| Robin       | Greenberg      | Bel-Air Hills Association                     |
| Patricia    | Templeton      | Bel-Air Hills Association                     |
| Steve       | Twining        | Bel-Air Hills Association                     |
| Robert      | Mann           | Benedict Canyon 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                 |
| Steven      | Kates          | 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 |
| Jennifer    | Campbell       | Friends of Walnut Canyon                      |
| Kristina    | O'Neil         | Lake Hollywood Homeowners                     |
| Jamie       | Hall           | Laurel Canyon Association                     |
| Marian      | Dodge          | Los Feliz Improvement Association             |
| Stephen     | Drimmer        | Mountaingate                                  |
| Joe         | Custer         | Mt. Olympus Property Owners                   |
| Heidi       | MacKay         | Save Coldwater Canyon!                        |
| Mark        | Ameli          | Save Our Canyon                               |
| Guity       | Javid          | Save Our Canyon                               |
| Mark        | Levin          | Save Our Canyon                               |
| Elizabeth   | Parry          | Save Our Canyon                               |
| Joann       | Deutch         | Studio City Residents Association             |
| Alan & Beth | Dymond         | Studio City Residents Association             |
| Tom         | McWilliams     | Sunshine Hill Residents Association           |
| Linda       | Othenin-Girard | The Oaks Homeowners                           |
| Joan        | Cashel         | Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association |

**Officials and Reps**

|                      |        |                              |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Michael              | Amster | CD11                         |
| Declan               | Floyd  | Rep - Sen Anthony Portantino |
| Mashaël              | Majid  | CD4 - Planning               |
| Traci                | Parks  | Councilmember, CD11          |
| <b><u>Guests</u></b> |        |                              |
| Carlyle              | Hall   | Former HF Legal              |