

Hillside Federation
October 17, 2023
7:00 pm
Video Conference
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Charley Mims at 7:03 pm.

Meet the Candidate Series: Ari Ruiz - Assembly District 52 (Glendale, Silver Lake, Los Feliz, Lincoln Heights)

Ari Ruiz has lived in the district 20 years. He was an undocumented dreamer and a former neighborhood council member. He worked for Assemblymember Autumn Burke and Representative Maxine Waters. Ari supported the American Reserve Plan, which gave assistance to Latinos to pay their mortgages, the protection of a 15-acre open space called Elephant Hill in El Sereno, and the clean-up of the Exide Corporation in East LA.

CD 4 Update - Mehmet Berker - Not Available

CD 5 Update - Haley Martinez

Pilot program for speed cameras

<https://cdn.forms-content-sg-form.com/bobbadeb-807a-//ec-acf6-4e376a264f17>

The state now allows neighborhood councils to meet via teleconference.

CD 11 Update - Michael Amster michael.amster@lacity.org

In September CD 11 hosted the Wildland Emergency Preparedness Working Group with community leaders from the Pacific Palisades and Brentwood. Cameras are on 24-7. Mountaingate has helipads. Algorithms can estimate the pathway of a fire. LAFD knows where there are gaps in radio communication. There are multiple evacuation plans and robust communications outreach.

Wendy Sue Rosen commented that neither the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy nor the State Alliance for Fire Safe Road Regulation were invited.

Temescal Canyon Road has fire cameras and is not obstructed

CD 11 is trying to get dirt and debris removed from a landslide on Castellammare in Pacific Palisades. The city purchased some land and wants to build block structures on those parcels to promote affordable housing.

AD 51, AM Rick Zbur - Joshua Marín-Mora - Not available

Per Don Andres, Assembly District 51 covers Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Runyon Canyon and Griffith Park; 19 of our 48 HF members organizations are in AD 51. AM Zbur is environmentally oriented and protects open space. AM Zbur asked the Hillside Federation to participate in a discussion on SB 423, which streamlines housing approvals to provide more housing. The HF members provided some restrictions in the high fire hazard zones into the bill. AM Zbur has a new office at Sunset and Stanley. Zbur hosted a volunteer service day in Runyon Canyon.

Steve Twining offered that on Council File 21-1230 the Hillside Federation opposes the Housing Elements rezoning of multi-family neighborhoods, scheduled for PLUM October 17, 2023.

II. Approval of Minutes - Robin Greenberg

Steve Twining made a correction to Section V. The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims - none

B. Operations/Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

Don reported that we have 48 member associations with a potential new one in the wings. The report was received and filed.

IV. Old Business

A. Zoo Vision Plan (Lawsuit) - Marian Dodge

The lawsuit is continuing; the goal is to get the zoo to come back to the table to negotiate two items: the 60'-deep Condor Canyon and the proposed California Visitor Center on a ridgeline. The zoo has issued a new RFP for its agreement with its fundraising arm, GLAZA; the salaries for the executives are too high.

B. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project - Alan Dymond and Dale Fernandez

The project will be heard at PLUM on November 7, 2:00 pm in Council Chambers. They want a large group of people to attend to oppose. At the CPC meeting, two Harvard-Westlake alumni did not recuse themselves.

C. Berggruen Institute Project - Steve Drimmer

Litigation is moving along slowly. Since CM Traci Park voting against the Bulgari Project, maybe she will oppose the Berggruen Institute Project.

D. Short Term Rentals - Ellen Evans

The Enforcement Report is available at: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2014/14-1635-S10_misc_10-05-23.pdf

There are 22,000 AirBnB listings; 10,000 units could be restored to the long-term rental market. Too many agencies are supposed to enforce. The report recommends creating a special department to enforce. The report failed to discuss the regulation about the high fire severity zones. It is recommended that there be no more home sharing in ADUs and in Rent Stabilized Units.

E. Street Digital Ads (Kiosks, Billboards, etc.) - Marian Dodge

Digital ads are proposed for bus shelters, full-sized billboards by freeways and kiosks on sidewalks. Sign companies are going to your local Business Improvements District to promote the kiosks.

Wendy: The city is ignoring the Mobility Element of the General Plan that doesn't allow ads within the Scenic Corridors like Sunset and Mulholland. The Federation should ask the City Attorney to enforce the Mobility Element.

Jamie - The new CPC is rubber stamping; they are not as strong as the CPC that approved a strong Sign Ordinance version B+.

Bus shelters are behind schedule. The public will have no notice of locations.

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

There is still no final EIR.

V. New Business

A. Universal City Rollercoaster - Krista Michaels

NBC- Universal has started construction on a new roller coaster on LA County land. Associations in the area have met with County Supervisor Kathryn Barger to discuss the impact of noise; it will have to be in compliance with the county noise ordinance. There will be a community meeting November 14th.

B. Wendy - now that the legislative session has ended, we can influence legislators.

C. Don encouraged everyone to recommend candidates for the Meet the Candidates segment of the agenda. CD 4 Nithya Raman is planning to attend in November.

D. Steve Twining - 1400 Linda Flora is a new single family dwelling:
DIR-2023-5410SPR-HCA

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meetings:

Nov. 21, 2023

Dec. 2023

7:00 PM Guest: CD 4 Nithya Raman

No Meeting

Robin Greenberg
Recording Secretary

Hillside Federation Attendees - 17 October 2023

Members

21 Member Associations

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
Nickie	Miner	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
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Jamie	Hall	Laurel Canyon Association
Marian	Dodge	Los Feliz Improvement Association
Stephen	Drimmer	Mountaingate
Andrea	Falco	Outpost Neighborhood Association
Dale	Fernandez	Save LA River Open Space
Jay	Weitzler	Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Alan & Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Tom	McWilliams	Sunshine Hill Residents Association
Robert	Young	The Oaks Homeowners
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Officials and

Michael	Amster	CD11 - Field Representative
Haley	Martinez	CD5 - Hillside Deputy
Steve	Twining	Hillside Federation Chair Emeritus

Guests

Ari	Ruiz	Candidate, Assembly District 52
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Respectfully submitted,
Robin Greenberg, HF Secretary