

**Hillside Federation**  
**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Video Conference**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Charley Mims.

**Meet the Candidate Series**

- **Ethan Weaver - LA Council District 4**

Ethan was a neighborhood prosecutor for 5 years. “Party houses were destroying the neighborhoods”.

Ethan got hundreds of citations issued, “our success came from being close to the community”. “McMansionization in the hillsides started the party houses.” “The infrastructure doesn’t handle big trucks”.

Ethan is opposed to digital billboards; “they are a traffic hazard with flashing lights”

Ethan: “we need to be thinking about hillsides for preservation, not development”.

Ethan: “every council office has discretionary funds; David Ryu had an overtime party car to crack down on party houses”.

Ethan: “I learned that it was important to show up to neighborhood community meetings I will have regular office hours in the district, regularly attend community meetings. I want to see Park Rangers expand; Runyon Canyon Park Rangers should be full time”

- **Rick Chavez-Zbur - CA Assembly District 51**

Joshua Marin-Mora from his office attended the meeting as well.

His focus is 1) housing and homelessness, 2) civil rights and abortion, 3) climate crisis.

Rick will work on foster youth, housing insecurity and climate change.

“We have to build houses in urban environments along transit, not in areas with high fire risk”.

Nickie Miner asked Rick to explain his boundaries and he replied “Hollywood, UCLA, Universal City, Universal Studios, Cheviot, Rancho Park, Runyon Canyon, Beverly Hills but not Century City”

Wendy-Sue Rosen said that Scott Weiner misinterpreted some language. She said that some developers oppose CEQA because they think it slows down development.

Rick mentioned that Scott Weiner allowed housing on religious property.

Charley: “What can we do?”

Rick: “Have regular engagement with the office; regular communication with me”

**CD 4 Update – Mehmet Berker**

Van Nuys Airport: CF 23-1339 Padilla: passed by the Trade Travel Tourism

22-1488 – asking for summary to date. Trying to have a specific plan for the airport.  
Environmental assessment for the flight patterns is still with the ADA.  
Burbank Airport: FHA added 60 day extension for the Bob Hope Airport. Working with CD 5,2,6 on Burbank Airport travel patterns

#### Storm Issues:

Bowmont: 4 lockouts. May restoration: 15 foot bulkhead  
Fryman: mudslides, evacuated  
Skirball: 405 exit ramp- closed  
Cleanup: Beverly Glen, Mulholland, Laurel Canyon  
Geotech: Runyon washout  
Tax relief: if a property is destroyed by a calamity, the loss must exceed \$10,000.  
Storm Survey LA County: estimates disaster damages  
No SBA disaster loans  
Red Cross Disaster Relief: Laurel Canyon

Tour Bus signage is meant to introduce new laws. At the beginning of March there will be 2 types of signage: Criminal violations: complete prohibition on Outpost and Torreyson. Civil violations are enforced by LAPD: cannot stop or stand on Mulholland.

Installing speed humps on Mulholland: Hollywood Hills West, Upper Nichols, Universal City Overlook.

Friends of Griffith Park: Motion for South Griffith Park to have Federal earmark; working with Rec and Parks for funding an adult center; the funding agreement signed with Cal Trans.

Phase 3 of Griffith Park Crystal Springs; will install speed bumps on Zoo Drive, new crosswalk on Franklin and Harvard; new crosswalk Trails Café.

Encino Hills traffic calming survey

River Project: Federal help from Congressman Schiff

3003 Runyon: Planning Department is reviewing.

#### **CD 5 Update** – Haley Martinez

On Saturday the city approved the demolition of a house on Caribou Lane; cleaned debris on the public right of way.

The Councilwoman has introduced an organic program to promote organic composting.

#### **CD 11 Update** – Michael Amster

There was a power outage on Bundy and Saltair

The City Council is considering landmarking the Marilyn Monroe house.

Wendy-Sue Rosen: Measure HLA would be very dangerous for LAFD & LAPD access because of narrow streets.

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

The minutes of January were approved as written.

## **III. Officers' Reports**

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

We are working with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to identify a memorial at the Jerry Daniel Overlook; a drinking fountain with a plaque on the front memorializing Jerry Daniel with the Hillside Federation. Wendy-Sue Rosen suggested a dedication event.

Marian: The Federation signed Center for Biological Diversity letter to strengthen restrictions on rodenticides at the Federal level.

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

Tarzana Property Owners Assn. dissolved and donated \$2783 to the Hillside Federation. There are 47 Member Associations and 26 have paid annual dues.

We have a plan for a new website – looking for a web designer.

We will implement the Chair Emeriti Grove- a tree for every past chair at some location Spring Social- late April or May – outdoors – like at Tree People. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event.

The treasurer's financial report was received and filed

**IV. Old Business –**

**A. Digital Billboards – Wendy-Sue Rosen**

Lawsuits overview and HF Support of Coalition for a Beautiful LA (CBLA) lawsuits

The City let the sign ordinance expire and favors digital billboards. CBLA has filed 3 lawsuits:

- 1) STAP (Sidewalks and Transit Amenities Program) digital changing ads on bus shelters;
- 2) Metro TCN digital billboard program along scenic corridors against Metro;
- 3) Metro TCN digital billboard program against City.

MOTION: The Hillside Federation Executive Committee moved that the Hillside Federation financially support these legal actions:

1. The Hillside Federation will donate up to \$5000 from the HF Legal Fund as a Match Challenge
2. Each HF Member Association or individual is asked to donate to the Hillside Federation Legal Fund to meet the \$5000 Match Challenge to support these legal actions, to the best of their ability
3. The Hillside Federation would then donate the sum of those funds to the Coalition for a Beautiful Los Angeles with the understanding that upon successful resolution, the Hillside Federation would be reimbursed for its legal fund donation.

The motion passed.

**B. Zoo Vision Plan (Lawsuit) – Marian Dodge no update**

**C. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project (Lawsuit) – Alan Dymond**

Filed a lawsuit: 8 violations of zoning rules, 13 violations of municipal codes, eliminate swimming pool, and don't cut down 200 trees

**D. Berggruen Institute Project – Steve Drimmer – Not available**

**E. Short Term Rentals – Ellen Evans**

There will be a short term rental hearing in March.

**F. Updated CEQA Thresholds and Methodology – Ellen Evans: no update**

G. Jeff Swofford: Hollywood Sign Lighting has reoccurred with no notice. He does not think the city approved it.

#### **V. New Business**

Wendy-Sue Rosen referenced AB 2320 introduced by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin which would require the California Natural Resources Agency to identify key wildlife corridors and goals for protecting them as part of state's efforts to conserve 30% of its lands and coastal waters by 2030 (30 x 30). The measure would also push the state to acquire and restore large plots of land needed for wildlife corridors.

Assemblymember Laura Friedman's AB 1889 would require cities and counties to add wildlife connectivity goals and policies to their general plans. We should ask officials to update us on relevant legislation.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting: March 19, 2024

Robin Greenberg  
Secretary

## Hillside Federation Attendees - 20 February 2024

### Members

Stephen	Krawchuk
Missy	Kelly
Mark	Stratton
Robin	Greenberg
Patricia	Templeton
Nickie	Miner
Robert	Schlesinger
Carolyn	LoBuglio
Wendy-Sue	Rosen
Steven	Kates
Krista	Michaels
Lois	Becker
Ellen	Evans
Charley	Mims
Don	Andres
Jan	Hohenstein
Alexa	Iles Skarpelos
Jeff	Swofford
Kristina	O'Neil
Marian	Dodge
Ben	Nunemaker
Alan & Beth	Dymond
Joan	Cashel

### 19 Member Associations

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Bel-Air Hills Association
Bel-Air Hills Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Canyon Back Alliance
Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Outpost Neighborhood Association
Studio City Residents Association
Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

### Officials and Reps

Michael	Amster	CD11 - Field Rep
Mehmet	Berker	CD4 - Transportation, Public Space Deputy
Joshua	Marin-Mora	Rep - Assemblymember Rick Zbur
Haley	Martinez	CD5 - Hillside Deputy
Josef	Siroky	CD4 - Field Representative
Alan	Kishbaugh	Chair Emeritus

### Guests

Ethan	Weaver	Council District 4 - Candidate
Rick	Zbur	Assembly District 51 - Candidate