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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
THOMAS PROPERTIES:
Metro Studio @ Lankershim

Development in and around the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor has been a topic of conversation for many months. One of the first projects to come forward with a definitive plan is that of Thomas Properties Group, the Los Angeles-based developer of nationally recognized green and sustainable commercial developments.

The Federation has invited Ayahlushim Hammond, Senior Vice President for Thomas Properties Group, to meet with us on July 9 and present the plans for this new development and provided the following preliminary information. Accompanying her will be the lead architects from DMM and Pat Gibson, Traffic Engineer from Fehr & Peers/Kaku Association.

Metro Studio @ Lankershim is the project name. It is to be located at the Universal City Metro Station and the anchor tenant for the first phase is currently planned to be NBC Universal. As a result of its location, Metro Studio @ Lankersim is being designed to capitalize on its proximity to public transportation and will build an additional 250 parking spaces for Metro customers.

We are informed that the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project is anticipated to be released in August.

Joan Luchs
President

Important Information
Enclosed



NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, July 9, 2008
Social Hour at 7 PM/Meeting at 7:30 PM

Meeting to start promptly at 7:30 pm

UNIVERSAL CITY NISSAN

3550 Cahuenga Blvd. West
between Lankershim-Universal Drive bridge
off ramps; park underground garage/street;
take elevator to 2nd floor conference room

AGENDA

Introductions: Members/Guests

Minutes: June

President's Report:

A. Next meeting – September 3rd

No meeting/newsletter in August

B. Mulholland hearing on three houses in Sherman Oaks

C. Buckley School and Camino de la Cumbre appeals were successful in City Council.

Old Business:

A. Stephen Wise School Expansion Update / Barbara Dorhmann

New Business:

A. Metro Studio @ Lankershim presentation

Guests: 1. Ayahlushim Hammond, Sr. VP/Thomas Properties

2. Michael Mann & Paul Danna, DMJM Architects

3. Pat Gibson, Traffic Engineer/ Fehr & Peers Kaku Associates

Adjournment:

**THREAT TO
CAMINO DE LA CUMBRE
TREES IS REMOVED**

Dr. Arnold Newman, Executive Director of the International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest reported that on Tuesday, June 17th, the City Council voted unanimously to confirm the recommendation of the City Council PLUM Committee to restrict invasive roadwork on Camino de la Cumbre. The work will be limited to treatment of only a 55 foot length of the road which is unarguably required to direct water off the road, particularly in severe storms. This favorable decision means there will be no more than 1 or 2 trees removed as a result of a last minute compromise of Bureau of Engineering and Buckley School engineers to restructure previously proposed roadwork to essential repairs and forgo cosmetic repairs to the balance of the street .

Newman spearheaded the drive to achieve this favorable result and gave heartfelt thanks to the many organizations that supported his efforts through these long deliberations. (See June Newsletter for details) He thanked, in particular, HF President Joan Luchs and HF Recording Secretary Ann Walnum for their testimony at that recent, all-important PLUM meeting.



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**February Newsletter, News and Update
Links are available**

**If there is something else you'd like to see, or
if you want to send an article for the
newsletter, let us hear from you.
Call Joan Luchs at (213) 368-6120
with your suggestions.**



R E M E M B E R

**NO MEETING IN
AUGUST**

NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST

SPECIAL GUEST
SEPTEMBER 3rd MEETING

COUNCILWOMAN
WENDY GREUEL

**MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

**Meets the first and third Thursday of the
month at 6:30 PM**

**MARVIN BRAUDE CONSTITUENTS
SERVICE CENTER**
6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA
First Floor Conference Room

**Free parking under the building:
Entrance just east of Van Nuys Blvd.
On Sylvan Street**

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc.
Post Office Box 1673, Hollywood Hills, CA 90078
213-368-6120

ROBERT NUDELMAN REMEMBERED

In the Hillside Federation June Newsletter, tribute was paid to Robert Nudelman, who for thirty years was Director of Preservation for Hollywood Heritage. He is credited with saving from oblivion and/or restoring such significant Hollywood landmarks as Magic Castle, Grauman's Chinese, the Egyptian, the Pantages and the Music Box. The list is endless.

Marc Wanamaker, Hollywood Heritage President, who spoke so movingly about Robert at the June Federation meeting, considers him a hero of a special kind for his dedication to the task he had set for himself to keep Hollywood history alive in saving those structures that are the very essence of the Hollywood community.

The Robert W. Nudelman Memorial Preservation Fund has been formed in his memory to help assure the continuation of the important work he began. Federation members and associations are invited to contribute to the Fund as indicated below.

Hollywood Heritage, Inc. was founded in 1980. It is a completely all-volunteer organization and publishes an interesting, information-packed magazine. A quick perusal of their magazine indicates how much they have in common with every homeowner organization. For example, the real estate market puts pressure on historic resources; variances are given away to developers, especially to make large scale, non-compliant projects possible. Every variance issued for density increases is a free gift from the city. That's just the tip of the iceberg. Your contributions will help maintain the high quality of work that is the backbone of preserving Hollywood history.

Use this form to accompany your contribution

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The Robert W. Nudelman Memorial Preservation Fund

Mail your donation to:

Hollywood Heritage, Inc., P.O. Box 2586, Hollywood, CA 90078

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other

**Please make your check payable to Hollywood Heritage, Inc.
and write RWN Memorial Preservation Fund in memo section**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

We thank you for your donation in Robert Nudelman's memory

JUNE MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES HILLSIDE FEDERATION

General Membership Meeting: June 4, 2008

A quorum being present, the meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:45 PM at Universal City Nissan, 3550 Cahuenga Blvd. West, Los Angeles, CA. with self introduction of members and guests.

MINUTES: May minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Membership renewals: The following three homeowner associations joined/renewed: Oak Forest Canyon, Holmby Hills and Pacific Palisades.

Meeting date changes: A motion was made to move the July meeting to July 9th because of the holidays. Motion approved with one dissenting vote. There will be no meeting or Newsletter in August. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd with Councilperson Wendy Greuel as our guest, speaking on issues of traffic and development.

Universal Studios Fire: Discussion of the impact on surrounding communities of Hollywood Manor, Toluca Lake and Lake Hollywood, especially with the inadequate water pressure. Additional environmental questions were raised regarding Universal's application for a massive Universal Studios Vision Plan which the Mayor seems to support. The Universal DEIR should be released in the fall while the Thomas Property Metro project will be the primary topic of July's meeting.

EAHCLA lawsuit: A modification of our support of the EAHCLA lawsuit: **MOTION (Levy/Palmer)** *"Resolved that the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations rescind joining as a plaintiff to an action to overturn said City actions including but not limited to becoming a party to require CEQA consideration of all Density Bonus applications."* Motion passed unanimously. A companion motion regarding financial support remains to support the EAHCLA. President Luchs continues to serve as advisor to EAHCLA.

Eulogy to Jill Swift: Jean Rosenfeld, friend, neighbor and confidante, described Jill Swift as a "Hero of the Community" for her work in protecting and promoting responsible use of the earth's ecosystem and resources and using all lawful means to carry out these objectives. Her best known actions included organizing 5000 people to stop bulldozers poised to pave Dirt Mulholland and serving on Recreation and Parks Commission for five years. At the conclusion of Ms. Rosenfeld's talk, **Dr. Arnold Newman moved that the Federation request the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to name a trail or overlook to honor Jill Swift's memory and work. Motion was seconded by Jim Nelson and passed.**

Eulogy to Robert Nudelman: Founder of Hollywood Heritage and its perpetually active leader, Robert Nudelman was honored by Hollywood Heritage President and Archivist Marc Wanamaker for his 30 years of work in preserving Hollywood history. Some of the many and memorable structures he saved from demolition include the Grauman's Chinese, Pantages, El Capitan and Egyptian theaters. Because of his new tactics, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce became convinced that there was money to be made from tourism by promoting Hollywood history so they finally became another supporter. He also used legal action to sue the CRA and other City entities, charging them with violations of ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS:

MRCA Parkland Acquisition: Paul Edelman, MRCA Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, distributed maps which plotted the property at Laurel Canyon and Mulholland that MRCA is attempting to purchase. He said preservation of this six acre area would protect an important wildlife corridor and that the purchase option is close to being secured. Individual contributions were encouraged. It was moved as follows:

MOTION: (Nelson/Levy) Resolved that the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations contribute \$1,000 toward the option to purchase the six-acre property needed to connect Laurel Canyon Community Park via the Mulholland Drive right-of-way, adjacent to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority parkland. Motion passed unanimously.

JUNE MINUTES continued

Griffith Park nomination: **Marian Dodge**, President of the Los Feliz Improvement Association. presented facts and hand-outs regarding the Griffith family’s application to designate Griffith Park a Los Angeles.

Historic-Cultural Monument, noting that Barnsdall, Echo and MacArthur parks already have this status. Griffith Park meets the criteria in all four areas of history of the city, historic personages, distinguishing architectural styles and master/ builder/architects. A July hearing at Cultural Heritage Commission is expected. The application may be viewed on LFIA’s website:

lfia.org..

MOTION: (Eick/Chapman) Resolved that the Hillside Federation support the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust’s application to designate Griffith Park a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Landmark. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM
Ann Walnum, Recording Secretary

FEDERATION OFFICERS PRESENT

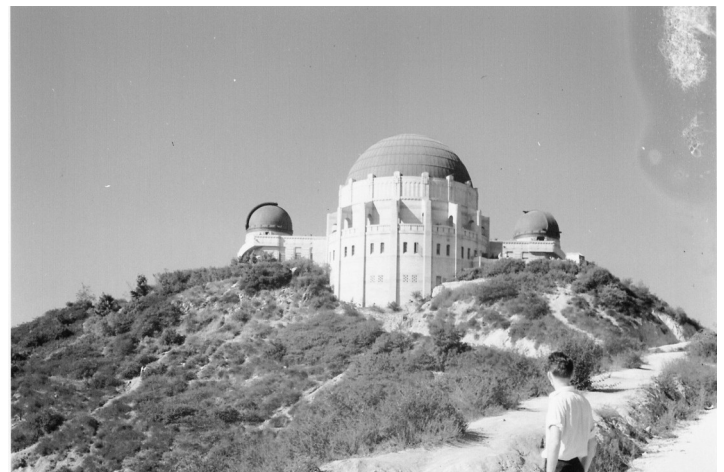
- President Joan Luchs, Cahuenga Pass
- Treasurer Dan Palmer, Residents of Beverly Glen
- Recording Secretary Ann Walnum, Mount Washington
- Executive Secretary Liz Tigar, Tarzana Property

FEDERATION DIRECTORS PRESENT

- Skip Nevell Bel-Air Skycrest
- Nickie Miner Benedict Canyon
- Peter Haldeman Crests Neighborhood
- Laura Gutierrez Glassell Park
- Jim Nelson Laurel Canyon
- Marian Dodge Los Feliz Improvement
- Madeline O’Donnell Nichols Canyon
- Robert Levy No.Beverly/Franklin Canyon
- Arnold Newman Oak Forest Canyon
- Bill Eick Shadow Hills Property
- Dr. Niles Chapman Sherman Oaks

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS – GUESTS

- Barbara Dohrmann Bel-Air Skycrest
- Arnold Chapman Sherman Oaks
- Jean Rosenfeld Friends, Caballero Canyon
- Howard Rosenfeld Friends, Caballero Canyon
- Paul Edelman Sta.Monica Mts.Conservancy
- Marc Wanamaker Hollywood Heritage
- Peter Jones Crests Neighborhood Assoc.



Griffith Park Observatory

**PLUM REFERS CARDENAS
MOTION TO PLANNING
DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Cardenas made a motion at the last minute in City Council to increase the maximum garage square footage allowed from 400 to 600 square feet without reducing the total square footage of the home.. This took place while City Council was voting on the Final Baseline Manzionization Ordinance.

On June 24th PLUM heard Cardenas' Motion and referred it to the Planning Department to prepare a report and refer it back to PLUM.

This is how Cardenas Motion plays out. On a 4,999 square foot lot this could translate into a house that is 3,850 square feet:

- 2,500 square feet 50% Base
- 750 square feet 30% Bonus if articulated
- 600 PLUM originally approved 400 to be uncounted square feet for a garage; now Cardenas wants to raise it to 600

3,850 total sq. ft.
----- = 77% house to lot ratio
4,999 lot size.

This means that on a lot less than 5000 sq. ft (with over 52,000 lots existing under 5000 sq. ft). the house to lot ratio could therefore be as high at 77% which really defeats the goal of preventing mansionization and incompatible with single family residents development.

Cardenas motion is just another way of allowing developers to add 200 more feet to the house which will not be counted. On small lots, that will have a severe impact on neighbors and permit oversized and incompatible homes in our communities

Joan Luchs
President



**REMINDERS:
ISSUES & MOTIONS**

Federation meetings are scheduled to start at 7:30 PM and end by 9:30 PM. In order to end on time, issues to be brought to the Board require a complete outline and a background, including what is being requested, then emailed to president@hillsidefederation.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting along with a direct hone and fax number or phone and email address if available.

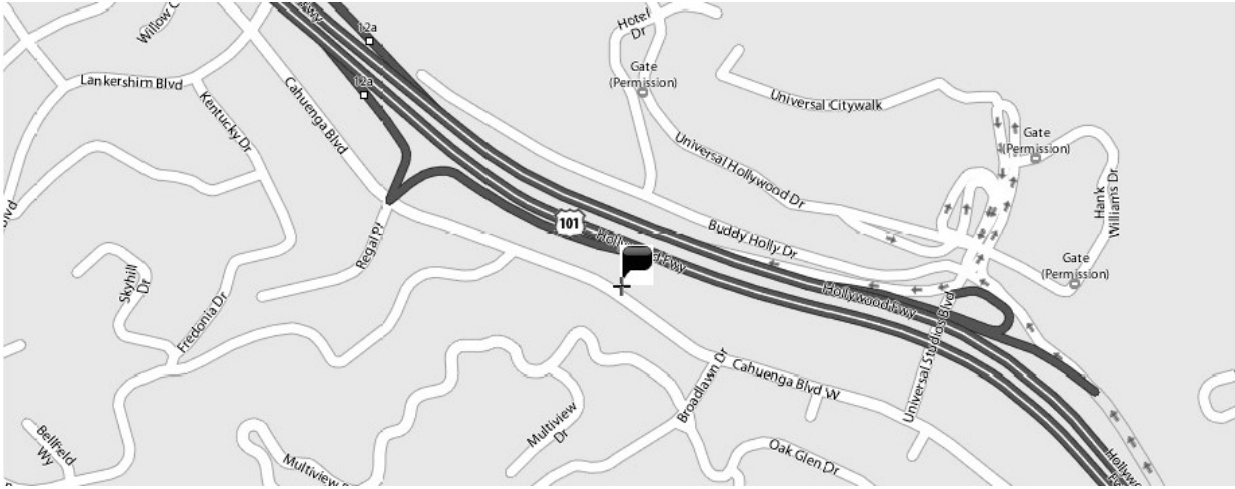
MOTIONS to be made at the meeting should be well thought out and printed so that they are clear and concise, with enough copies for all member associations. Each presenter will be given 5 minutes to make a presentation so that meetings can be kept on time. All requests to agendize an issue **MUST** be approved in writing by the President before the item will be placed on the Agenda.

NEXT MEETING
JULY 9, 2008
Social Hour at 7 PM - Meeting at 7:30 PM

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Park on street or in underground garage; take elevator to "S" street level or enter
through showroom, turn left, follow signs to 2nd floor conference room



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