

March 1, 1967

TO ALL MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS:

I am looking forward to the many new challenging problems the residents of Benedict Canyon will face this year.

The general membership meeting was held in the Rodeo Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel on the evening of Feb. 16th. A large and enthusiastic audience heard our guest speakers.

Our City Councilman, James B. Potter, Jr., presented his views regarding proposed ordinances which would effect all city officials active in city planning and zoning problems. They would require reports of campaign contributions and gift disclosures, Lobbyist registration, and declaration of assets.

The Councilman forewarned us of a proposed plan to build a sewage tunnel under Benedict Canyon. The tunnel would extend from the valley, with a possible proposed work shaft located near the storm drain at Benedict Canyon Drive and Hillgrove. This location is one of three proposed work shafts. Estimated time of construction would be from 2 years 8 months, to 4 years 7 months. The passage of a bond issue would be required to build the tunnel. We are gathering information on this project and will keep you informed.

William T. King, Field Representative for Congressman Alphonzo Bell, discussed the Washington scene.

The "Glenwood Project" of U.S. Plywood, a 954 unit condominium development, was reviewed by Jack Thompson, President of the Residents of Beverly Glen Association. "The visual effect, noise and traffic problems created by this project will be at least as great to Benedict Canyon residents as it will to those in Beverly Glen," according to Mr. Thompson. The residents of Beverly Glen are in the process of taking legal action to stop this construction.

The meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served, and the bar was closed.

The first meeting of the Executive Board was held February 23, and future meetings are planned for the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Attached are 3 information sheets which will assist you in contacting general and emergency services, your board of directors, and your elected government representatives. Monthly bulletins will be sent to the membership to inform you of our activities.

The Executive Board approved the following:

- (1) To assist the residents of the Beverly Grove Drive and Tower Grove Drive area in their fight to oppose dirt dumping operations at that site.
- (2) To mail enclosed information sheets to all residents.
- (3) To get information regarding cost and types of signs to be used to help alleviate traffic problems on all streets.
- (4) To investigate emergency medical assistance within the canyon.
- (5) To contribute a token of \$100.00 to aid Beverly Glen in their legal fight against U. S. Plywood. We will consider additional to assist.

It is imperative that the City Planning Department be constantly reminded of our problems. They would weaken our protective zoning safeguards with a proposed R.P.D. (Residential Planned Development) ordinance. A large and active membership working through the Federation of Hillside Associations (17 associations) can help bring about orderly growth in the hills.

This Association depends for its support and existance upon the active participation of all residents. Join now if you have not already done so by returning the enclosed statement for 1967 dues with your remittance in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Let us make this 20th year of the Association a banner one.

Sincerely,

Marshall Geller,

Marshall Seller

President