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## City Council Indecisive on Hillside Ordinance



*Bambi vs. The Bulldozer Continues*

After years of discussions about *tightening* the Hillside Ordinance...

After CCEA spent thousands of dollars appealing *irresponsible development* which had been approved by the City...

After the City Council directed the Planning Department to propose revisions that would *close the loopholes* which have allowed developers to build the unthinkable...

After a year of studies and input from homeowners groups who fought hard to *strengthen* the Hillside Ordinance...

After the City Council decided in December that they couldn't vote on a revised Hillside Ordinance until they *toured representative hillside lots*...

After a van carrying City Councilmembers *smashed its side-view mirror* as it tried to maneuver our narrow, winding canyon roads (the roads the developers say can easily support additional development)...

**A revised Hillside Ordinance was introduced to the City Council on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

After a meeting, which lasted until 1:30 a.m., the City Councilmembers *still* could not agree on whether the Hillside Ordinance should be made more strict, less strict or simply left alone!

We think it's important that you know exactly what each Councilmember's position was at the end of the Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

- **BOB YOUSEFIAN** made a motion to adopt the Planning Commission's recommended revisions, which would substantially **WEAKEN the Hillside Ordinance** by eliminating the CUP (conditional use permit) process for lot width and excavation, and by drastically easing any slope restrictions.
- **DAVE WEAVER** did not support the motion. Mr. Weaver said he was in favor of some sort of slope limitation.
- **RAFI MANOUKIAN** did not support the motion. Mr. Manoukian said (1) he does not think the proposed F.A.R. (floor area ratio) changes should apply to flat areas and (2) he did not feel comfortable *easing* current slope restrictions (as the proposal would have done).
- **GUS GOMEZ** did not support the motion. Mr. Gomez said (1) he wanted to retain the current CUP process and (2) he thought that the slope law should be a variance based on some limit and measured by the average of the whole lot (not simply the area covered by the proposed house, as the proposal would have done).
- **FRANK QUINTERO** did not support the motion. Mr. Quintero said (1) he wants to retain the current CUP process and (2) he did not like the proposed FAR changes being applied to flat areas.

The public hearing on this matter is now closed. However, if you agree or disagree with any of the Councilmembers' views, we encourage you to speak during Oral Communications before any City Council meeting. The Revised Hillside Ordinance will again be on the agenda at the March 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

### Don't Let Your City Council Gut the Hillside Ordinance!

Write letters, make phone calls, send e-mails and speak out at City Council meetings!

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*Your membership enables CCEA to continue its fight to protect Chevy Chase Canyon.  
If you haven't already sent in your dues, please take a moment and do it today.  
Every member counts!*