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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JUNE 28, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was assembled on June 28, 2013, and was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Chair Allan Kingston. The meeting was held inside the Community Room at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, at 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Julie Alvis, Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Karen Finn, Yolanda Gorman (arrived after roll) Russ Guiney (arrived after roll) Robert Jones, Chair Allan Kingston, Vice Chair Starlett Quarles, Craig Sap, and Sara Amir..

Members Absent:

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, Jason Marshall, Patricia O'Toole, Patrick Reynolds, Barbara Romero, and Marina Voskanian.

Staff Present:

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, Rosana Miramontes and Gloria Dangerfield.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (May) G. Allan Kingston, Chair

The Chair called for the motion to approve May's meeting minutes. Member Dupont-Walker made the motion to approve. Member Boodnick stated that on the last page of the minutes, under "Member Boodnick spoke about ...," asked should he submit to the Conservancy's secretary some changes that would clarify his comment or if the board needed to hear it stated now? The Chair asked if there were any objections to allow Member Boodnick to adjust his own comments in the minutes. Hearing none, the Chair called for a motion to approve. Motion was moved by Member Boodnick to approve, motion seconded and carries.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Rescinding Resolution 12-09 for the BHC Prop 40 Hetzler Road Pedestrian Path Project at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook – Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager

Mr. McNeill stated that the grant was approved last year for the Hetzler Road improvements at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook for L.A. Conservation Corps and was approved based upon a grant match application from the L.A. Conservation Corps. Due to their budget, the L.A. Conservation Corps has had to withdraw from the project. The Chair called for the motion to approve. Member Jones moved that the resolution be approved. Motion seconded and carries.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Performance Period, Scope, and Budget for Agreement #BHC110000 with Los Angeles Infrastructure Academy – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill noted that the grantee (L.A. Infrastructure Academy aka Generation Water) has worked on the habitat restoration project, is now having difficulty in their cash flow and have had to relieve their operational staff. The resolution would re-allocate the costs within scope of work for a shortened performance period and revised deliverables. The Chair called for the motion to approve. Member Dupont-Walker moved that the resolution be approved. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Staff Comments for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated this group led effort represents multiple watersheds in the greater Los Angeles area and he attended their meeting to look at the plan moving forward (update the 2006 plan to 2013). The plan will address run off and water quality issues in Los Angeles County. The resolution would approve comments adding the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and its plans to the document to make sure that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and its territory is well represented. The Chair called for the motion to approve. Member Gorman moved that the resolution be approved. Motion seconded and carries.

VII. Executive Officer Report – BHC Staff Representatives

Project Status Update

Ms. Krippner reported that:

- The Eastern Ridgeline –Contractor had some delays regarding fencing materials. They are moving quickly towards a completion deadline of August 1.
- Norman O Houston Park Improvements – The City is still in the plan approval stage but still expect to at least start the sewer construction by August.
- Milton Street Project – Pre-construction meetings will be announced by MRCA, plan review with DOT is underway.
- Contract documents for the Stoneview Nature Center have been completed; construction drawings and site interpretive elements are still evolving.
- Contract documents for the Park-To-Playa section at Stocker Corridor are under development.

Fiscal Update

Fiscal Month 10, the ELPF funds for support staff remain within budget. The Prop 84 position is still vacant, however the eligibility list of applicants has been received and interviews could start next month. The capital outlay local assistance funds for Prop 84 are being encumbered including another two million dollars for the Milton Street project. Prop 40 balance does not reflect two recent projects just encumbered funds for the Stoneview Nature Center and Stocker Corridor, so the balance will be reduced by six million dollars. The Conservancy's goal is to utilize the bond funds with ongoing consideration for acquisitions as fund balances get smaller. Bond Cash balances are being reduced; however timing makes it difficult to spend if there's no bond cash available. Agencies continue to cooperate and cash balance transfers can be made when money is needed.

In conclusion of his report, Mr. McNeill announced that:

- Thursday, July 4, at Norman O. Houston Park, will have live music, "Jazz On The Hill," from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be free parking/shuttle bus service to the park from the church by Windsor Elementary School.
- Christmas in July will be held Saturday, July 13, sponsored by Assemblymember Holly Mitchell's office (AD 54).
- Bike to Ballona Creek, Saturday, June 29, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The event begins at the Expo Line in Culver City and continues all the way out to the Creek. The event is being sponsored by Walk and Rollers in partnership with Metro Transit Authority.

VIII. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Dupont-Walker asked the Executive Officer to come back with recommendations for the dealings with match options for non-profits to reduce barriers and create a win-win situation.

Member Gorman stated that in her work with non-profits, when they don't have the cash match; they find other ways and then end up in situations where they are unable to perform. Understanding what the non-profits are fiscally capable of is important.

VIII. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings (cont'd)

Member Boodnick stated the Baldwin Hills Conservancy is about to end another year with vacant appointments, he asked if the current Chair, Executive Officer or a former Chair could contact the Governor's appointment secretary again to check on the status.

Member Guiney reported Los Angeles County Parks has started their summer programs are in full swing. One of the most interesting is their "parks after dark" programs. They have six parks doing activities on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, to help keep kids off the streets. Last night they had service night, held at Jesse Owens Park, which was a huge success. If anyone's interested in these events, he will send the schedule.

Member Dixon announced that he, David McNeill, and Chair Allan Kingston gave a fifteen minute presentation to Culver City's city council a couple weeks ago and were warmly received and the Council was very appreciative of the work that the Conservancy is doing.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Approved:

G. Allan Kingston
Chairman