

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056 and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Yvonne B. Burke.

I. Roll Call

Roll was called and the following voting members were present: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair, Robert L. Jones, Vice Chair, Allan Boodnick, Russ Guiney, Bryan Cash, Russ Guiney, Bobbie Parks, and Ron Schafer. Members Ken Bentley and Ta-Leicia Ann Arbor arrived after roll was taken. Voting members absent were: Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, Mary Ann Greene, Lloyd Dixon, and Allan Kingston.

Non voting members present: Sara Amir, Patricia O'Toole, and Bill LaPointe. Non voting member absent: Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, and Paul Mount.

Staff members present: David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

Representing the Office of the State Attorney General: Rosana Miramontes, Deputy Attorney General.

II. Approval of Minutes (April and June)

The Chair called for the motion for approval of the minutes for April and June. Member Schafer made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passes with one abstention made by Member Schafer (absent that day).

III. Approval of a Proclamation by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Recognizing Member Paul Mount for Outstanding Service, Leadership, and Innovation During His Six Year Term on the Governing Board

Motion made by Member Boodnick to approve the proclamation. Motion seconded and passes.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter Into an Agreement with California State Parks, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000 of BHC Prop 40 Funds, for Fabrication of Exterior Furniture and Fixtures at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook

Marta Zaragoza wanted to have verified for the record that the funding request was not part of the original planning for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Member Schafer responded that he didn't think exterior furniture is part of the Capital Outlay Project. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on a Comment Letter to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Baldwin Hills Oil Field Community Standards District

Sandra Hamlat (Associate Parks Specialist) went over the concerns that she addressed in her review of the draft EIR. Mike Bohlke interjected that the next EIR workshop would be held on Tuesday, July 22 at Knox Presbyterian Church. A public meeting will be held on August 2 at West Los Angeles College at noon. Ms. Hamlat added that the comment period will end August 19. Mr. McNeill stated that this agenda items reflects the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's efforts to make sure the Master Plan is addressed and to get the message out that Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area is part of the long range plans for the Baldwin Hills. He anticipates that the Conservancy's final comment letter will be ready by the final comment date.

The Chair went over the purpose of the Community Standards District and stated that anyone with comments on the EIR can direct them to the County's Regional Planning Office. Responding to a comment made by Marta Zaragoza's that the EIR be complete and thorough, Member Amir stated that her department (Department of Toxic Substances Control) is involved and will thoroughly address all toxic/contaminated substances on the site.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on 2008 Updates to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Summarized Strategic Plan

Mr. McNeill went over the updates he made to the plan. Member Boodnick made the motion to adapt the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

VII. Deputy Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

VIII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following items:

- Milton Street Project (Ballona Creek)
- Signage contract/branding concepts
- Neighborhood Council meeting on La Brea Gateway project
- Fiscal year summary

IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

No reports.

X. Board Announcements

Member Schafer reported that the grand opening of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook would occur in late October or early November; thanked the conservancy board for the appropriation for the wayfinding signs; met with a consultant for a feasibility study for food service at the Scenic Overlook;

Member Guiney reported that he attended the National Association of Counties Conference. Supervisor Burked attended also, and was honored at one of the receptions. The Association also recognized five of County Parks' programs and one their outstanding ones – CSI Ted Watkins (developed at Ted Watkins Park) and their parenting program. Beginning this month, Supervisor Burke brought a motion before the Board of Supervisors, to declare July as Parks and Recreation month and adopted a Children's Outdoors Bill of Rights. The Children's Outdoors Bill of Right has been pushed focused by California State Parks and has been pushed statewide and has been adopted by Governor Schwarzenegger. Also, this is their Go Fore It month, which emphasizes golf within County Parks.

Member Bentley reported that the City of Los Angeles is opening their parks at night and suggested that County Parks consider doing the same.

Supervisor Burke announced that on August 1, they will host Fishing in The City at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area; Tennis at Home Depot (date TBA) and a beach party for foster children (date TBA).

At 11:30 a.m. the Chair announced that the next scheduled meeting would be Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. At this time, the regular session adjourned for the closed session portion.

Adjournment

At 11:35 a.m., the Chair called the regular session back to order. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Yvonne B. Burke
Chair