

**MINUTES OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Community Center of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056, and was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke.

I. Roll Call

Roll was called and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Kenneth Bentley, Allan Boodnick, Chair Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Vice Chair Robert L. Jones, Ron Schafer, Lloyd Dixon, and Allan Kingston. Absent: Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, and Bobbie Parks.

Non-voting members present: Mary Small and Patricia O'Toole. Absent: Sara Amir, Joe Edmiston, and Bill LaPointe.

Staff members present: David McNeill, Gloria Dangerfield, Sandra Hamlat

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

II Public Comments

Bill Vanderberg, Crenshaw High School/Crenshaw High Eco Club spoke on various activities that his students participated, which included National Public Lands Days on September 27, working to remove tumbleweeds in Kenneth Hahn Park, and overnight camping in Kenneth Hahn Park, as part of their 4th Annual Sierra Club Survival Challenge Campout. .

Marta Zaragoza stated the following: 1) on behalf of Culver City residents, expressed their disappointment of the CSD's denial to the residents' public comment extension request (Chair Burke informed Ms. Zaragoza that their comments should not be directed to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy but to her) 2) asked if the County could provide areas for their workers to smoke enough feet away from a facility; and 3) Senator Ridley-Thomas has opened a new Culver City campaign office at the southwest corner of La Cienega and Washington. .

Margrit Cheesboro, Secretary for the Baldwin Village Apartment Owners Association, voiced her concerns about the bad air stemming from toxic fumes coming from the oil fields and it's affect on the residents.

Lark Galloway-Gilliam, Community Health Council/Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance, expressed her organization's concerns and the outstanding issues they have with the oil fields.

Liz Gosnell, Member of the Advisory Committee for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and the Administrator for the Cone Fee Trust, read a statement on behalf of Peter Goss (Cone Fee Trust) re their position on the CSD and EIR, a copy of which she submitted.

Ruth Salerno stated she strongly feels that the final text in the EIR and the third version of the CSD is insufficient to address health and safety issues.

Gary Gless stated that he had major concerns about property damage resulting from the oil wells drilling and health issues.

III. Approval of Minutes (September)

The motion was made by Member Boodnick to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and carries.

IV. Consideration of an Amendment to Resolution 08-03, Changing the Funding Source from Prop 40 to Prop 84 for the Los Angeles Conservation Corps East La Brea Greenbelt Project – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Hamlat stated that the amendment was being made to change the funding source from Prop 40 to Prop 84 and that the project was consistent with the funding source (will include watershed protection components). Member Arbor moved to approve the amended resolution. Motion was seconded and carries.

V. Consideration of an Amendment to Resolution 08-13 Changing the Funding Source from Prop 40 to 84 for the Baldwin Hills Studio Book – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Hamlat stated this amendment is to correct a typo from September's agenda, changing the funding source from Prop 40 to Prop 84. No action would be required.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on the Final Baldwin Hills Oil Field Community Standards District and Environmental Impact Report – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

The Chair turned the meeting over to the Vice Chair for this agenda item. The Chair asked Sandra Hamlat to comment. Ms. Hamlat requested that no action on this item be taken at this time; it was just to reiterate the community's concerns.

VII. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment of Contract #BHC06003 with Northeast Trees for the Don Lorenzo Eastern Gateway Project – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Mr. McNeill gave the update on the project on behalf of Ms. Krippner, which they would like to augment the budget to \$63,500 and extend the contract term by six months. Member Boodnick moved to approve. Motion was seconded and carries with the amendments.

VIII. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Enter Into an Agreement for Legal Services with the Office of the Attorney General, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$25k of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Environmental License Plate Fund Support Budget – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Mr. McNeill stated a letter was received from the State Department of Justice stating that agencies would now be required to pay for Attorney General's services. Member Arbor moved to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded and carries.

IX. Approval of a Proclamation by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Recognizing Chairman Yvonne B. Burke for Outstanding Leadership and Dedication During Her Term as Chair of the Governing Board – Robert Jones, Vice Chair

The Chair requested this item recognizing her as Chair be taken off the agenda. The Vice Chair and board still honored and thanked her for her outstanding leadership and service.

X. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following items:

- Capital Outlay Update
- Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook signage project
- L.A. Conservation Corps interpretive nodes installation
- Advocates USA outreach project
- Meeting with Department of Toxic Substances Control re the EIR
- Fiscal update

XI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Youth Employment Committee - Member Guiney requested the item be deferred to next month's meeting. Marta Zaragoza, as part of the Youth Employment Committee, commended Member Guiney and his staff for their efforts in the community.

Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee – Member O'Toole reported that their committee is discussing a Master Plan amendment. They need a lead agency for the EIR that will accompany the Master Plan and are in the process of talking with candidates from governmental agencies, etc.

Member Dixon expressed interest in being involved with the Acquisition Ad Hoc Committee

XII. Board Announcements

Member Bentley announced that tennis camp for kids will be held by Los Angeles County at the Home Depot Center on October 18 and they are expecting 1,500 kids. Member Guiney added that the event would take place from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Member Arbor reiterated and extended her thanks to Supervisor Burke for the wonderful service she's extended to the citizens of Los Angeles County and the State of California overall.

Member Greene thanked Supervisor Burke for all her efforts; her help and support has enabled the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to move forward to a great extent.

Mr. McNeill expressed his thanks to the Supervisor for her attendance, support, and leadership, as a Baldwin Hills Conservancy board member and as County Supervisor.

Eric Boyd (Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas' office) personally thanked Supervisor Burke for inspiring him and his family and stated how much she is appreciated.

The Chair recognized Larry Smith from North East Trees. Mr. Smith acknowledged Supervisor Burke's involvement within the community and pledged his company's support on Baldwin Hills' issues.

The Chair announced there would be no closed session. The next board meeting will be held November 14, 2008.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair