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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JANUARY 18, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair G. Allan Kingston, at 8:45 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Theater Room at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, 6300 Hetzler Road, Culver City, CA 90232..

I. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Allan Boodnick, Julie Alvis, Lloyd Dixon, Yolanda Gorman, Russ Guiney, Chair Allan Kingston, Robert Jones, Starlett Quarles (arrived after roll) Craig Sap, Sara Amir, Jason Marshall, and Patricia O'Toole.

Members Absent:

Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, Karen Finn, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, Barbara Romero, Patrick Reynolds, and Marina Voskianian.

Staff Present:

David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes (December) Dr. Allan Boodnick, Chair

The Chair called for the motion for approval of December's minutes. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve. Motion seconded and carries.

III. Presentation to Dr. Boodnick Recognizing His Service as Past Chair of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy – Allan Kingston, Chair

Outgoing Chair Allan Boodnick was presented with a plaque by this year's Chair Allan Kingston, recognizing his service e, great work, motivation and key achievement of getting all the board appointment positions filled during his tenure as 2012 Chair.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the BHC Prop 40 and Prop 84 Grant Programs to Allow Applications for Projects and Acquisitions Over \$2 million – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated the Conservancy was making updates to the BHC Prop 40 and 84 grant programs. The resolution would put a three million dollar limit on Prop 84 grant programs and Prop 40 grant limit will be left open. Member Guiney made the motion to approve. Motion seconded and carries.

Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Culver City's Application to the Metro Transportation Authority's 2013 Call for Projects for the Ballona Creek Bike Path Connectivity Project at Higuera Street Bridge – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated the City of Culver City has put in an application for the MTA/County of Los

Angeles program for the Park To Playa Project. They were given a \$60k grant from the BHC a year ago to design a ramp that will be included in proposed development project connecting the Higuera Street Bridge to the to Ballona Creek. Member Jones moved to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded and carries.

Consideration of a Resolution in Support of the County of Los Angeles Sponsoring a Bill Amending the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act to Include a Designee for the L.A. County 2nd District Supervisor Appointment – David McNeill, Executive Officer

The Chair called for a motion for approval of the resolution. A motion was made by Member Guiney to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

Executive Officer Report – BHC Staff Representatives

Mr. McNeill stated the capital outlay project report has been covered and the only thing that he wanted to add was the second part of the Eastern Ridgeline Prop 40 project progress is moving slowly due to an easement that that intersects one part of the trail. County of Los Angeles is waiting on a consent agreement. Martin Luther King Day of Service will be hosted by Generation Water on January 21, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – noon at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area activities will include tree planting and habitat restoration. Mujeres De La Tierra will be present to do the outreach and Shawn Mcadory will also be there to accommodate participants.

Mr. McNeill further reported on the fiscal side, the support project budget is reflected in Attachment #2 and the expenditures are on track for year. The Prop 84 support budget is still unspent due to a slow hiring schedule.

Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Boodnick reported there is a La Cienega task force beautification committee coordinating projects that will affect the park area, landscaping the traffic mediums, as well redoing the medium at La Cienega and La Tijera. He thanked the members for the plaque he received and acknowledge the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's staff members; David McNeill, Gloria Dangerfield, and Gail Krippner, they should not be taken for granted for the fabulous work that they do for the board.

Member Marshall stated that his department (State Department of Conservation) has not forgotten the Conservancy board's charge to take a look at the issue of consolidation of well drilling. He has staff looking at general practices on how to go about consolidation of some well pads through directional drilling so the Conservancy can technically get a sense of the constraints and opportunities for collaboration with the oil field operator. Member Marshall also gave a heads up that under the terms of the CSD, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources is planning to review ground movement reports from the operator regarding movements equal to or greater than 0.6 inches in a twelve month period.

Member Alvis stated that she was happy to be attending the meeting in person.

Member Sap reported within the Governor's budget, there's twenty million dollars for California State Parks' projects. Grant Gerson (one of the founders of the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Counsel) memorial service will be held January 26.

Member Dixon stated it was nice to have Jason Marshall at the meeting in person and is very excited about the information he's bringing together, and he is looking forward to reinvigorating their ad hoc committee to discuss land conservation strategies.

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

Member Jones gave a heartfelt thank you to outgoing Chair Allan Boodnick, congratulating him on his successful completion of chairmanship service for the BHC.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Approved:

G. Allan Kingston
Chairman