

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
December 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Russ Guiney at 11:15 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I Roll Call

Members Present:

Allan Boodnick, Ronnie Clark, Vice Chair Lloyd Dixon, Chair Russ Guiney, Allan Kingston, Sara Amir, Pam Robinson, Patricia O'Toole, and Greg Scott.

Members Absent:

Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Robert Jones, Bobbie Parks, Starlett Quarles, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Lester Snow, Mary Small, and Joe Edmiston.

Staff Present:

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

II. Approval of Minutes (November)

As a quorum of voting members wasn't present, the Chair announced that this item would be delayed.

III. Presentation on the California Green Chemistry Laws and Regulations Initiative – Sara Amir, Manger – Sustainability Branch Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology

Ms. Amir gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide background on Green Chemistry Laws. Her department (State Department of Toxic Substances Control) will implement it in January 2011.

IV. Election of Board Officers Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 32558

The Chair stated there was a recommendation from the Nominations Committee to nominate Member Allan Boodnick as Vice Chair for 2011. The Chair called for any other nominations from the board. Hearing none, by acclamation and upon the committee's recommendation, it was accepted that Member Boodnick would serve as Vice Chair for 2011 and current Vice Chair Lloyd Dixon, will take over as Chair.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on Revisions to the Eastern Ridge Project Scope and Budget – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill went over the latest revisions to the scope. The project has evolved to a \$2.25 million dollar improvement of the ridgeline to include trail, fitness zones, fencing, landscaping and sculptures. Construction is projected to start in 2012.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Report

There were no reports.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reported on the following from his written report:

- Capital projects updates
- Ad Hoc Committees – working with Member Kingston to explore non-profit partnerships; and establishing a committee with Member O'Toole to work with the landowners/oil producer

VIII. Board Announcements

Mr. McNeill announced that he would be on vacation most of this December.

Member Boodnick wished everyone Happy Holidays.

The Chair reflected on the year's accomplishments. During a visit last year with New York City's Parks Department Commissioner, they discussed and compared their different park systems. The Chair noted that the things the Baldwin Hills Conservancy does are important, even if it seems things take a long time. He also recommended the book, Urban Green, which talks about cutting edge projects that the County has done with the fitness zones; he will provide the Conservancy's secretary with the information for board members. In closing, he thanked the members for their commitment and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:

Russ Guiney
Chairman