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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
October 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Lloyd Dixon at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Julie Alvis (teleconference) Pedro Reyes (teleconference) Ronilee Clark (teleconference) Vice Chair Allan Boodnick, Chair Lloyd Dixon, Robert Jones (arrived after roll), John Wicker, Patricia O'Toole, Patrick Reynolds, and Starlett Quarles.

Members Absent:

Sara Amir, Bobbie Parks, Allan Kingston, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, Greg Scott, and Barbara Romero.

Staff Present:

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

Following roll call, the Chair welcomed Jim Park and asked Member John Wicker to re-introduce Mr. Parks and brief the board on his role with County Parks' Eastern Ridgeline Project.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes (August and September)

The Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes for August and September. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the minutes. Adjustments were made to the roll call to reflect Member Clark's teleconference attendance in September. Motion seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

III. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Amend the Performance Period for Agreement #BHC07003 Between the BHC and Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative for Enhancements at La Cienega Entrance to Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

IV. Consideration of a Joint Resolution with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing a Disbursement of Funds from the Authority Account #S8D/27951 for Seasonal Brush Clearance and Fire Management Contingencies at Stocker Corridor Trail and Parkway – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Executive Officer, David McNeill stated both Agenda Items 3 and 4 were discussed in September's meeting; there being no quorum at that time, no action was taken. Member Reyes made a motion to approve both as consent items. Motion seconded. The Chair called for the vote, all ayes. Agenda Items 3 and 4 were approved.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on a Performance Period Extension and a Budget Augmentation Request from the L.A. County Chief Executive Office (CEO) for the Eastern Ridge Project (Agreement #BHC07012) – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Ms. Krippner stated the augmented amount is for \$750,000 to extend the trail. Ms. Katona spoke on behalf of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and thanked the board for considering this action. The 2nd district is committed to funding ADA improvements at five points intersection and will work with the County Department of Public Works. Member Jones moved to adopt the resolution. Motion seconded. Member Reyes had questions of the amount of funds allocated and requested a revised spreadsheet of the budget. The Chair called for the vote to approve with direction to clarify some of the project numbers; all ayes. Motion carries.

****Update on Ohr Eliyahu School Acquisition**** Karly Katona (Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Office) stated the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) has executed their intent to acquire the school property. BHRCA will hold a meeting on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the acquisition and everyone is welcome to participate. Mr. McNeill added that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy had approved a two-million dollar grant to the BHRCA on the acquisition, but will not utilize the funding due to department policy constraints disallowing purchases that vary from fair market value.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on BHC Officer Nominations for 2012 in Preparation for Elections Scheduled for December 2, 2011

Mr. McNeill stated that the nomination process is included in Memo Item 6. The current Vice Chair will rotate to Chair leaving an opening at Vice Chair position; the only eligible board member for the position is Allan Kingston. Mr. Kingston has confirmed his interest in serving.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reviewed the capital outlay report that included status of the La Cienega Bridge Enhancements, Eastern Ridgeline Improvements, BH Parklands Habitat Restoration, and Jefferson Streetscape projects. He also updated the board on the Prop 84 and Prop 40 bond balances and Fiscal Month 2 reports.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Dr. Allan Boodnick

Member Boodnick stated he met with the Chair Dixon, and Executive Officer David McNeill to discuss various ways to have a quorum at board meetings. They also discussed increasing board member terms. Mr. McNeill added that they also discussed other items, which included having a designee for the County Supervisor.

IX. Public Comment

Margot Griswold (L.A. Audubon Society) gave an update of what they doing that included their program at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area's native habitat garden; worked with a group of students from Culver City Middle School, so the could learn about ecological issues; working as volunteers at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, either doing restoration or events. They are working with the Scenic Overlook staff for to do more efficient work with restoration and in the future, help with fire clearance. They are also partnering with Generation Water,

X. Board Announcements

Member Jones commended the staff on their preparation of thereports they present to the Conservancy board.

Mr. McNeill announced that the upcoming Park to Playa public workshop would be held Wednesday, November 2, 2011 and encouraged everyone to attend.

The Chair stated he was excited about the acquisition of the Ohr Eliayhu school site acquisition and was pleased with the progress of the Eastern Ridgeline.

Member Clark stated that September's meeting minutes needed to be corrected as it shows her being marked as both present and absent and she was present. She also stated there is a state fire marshal at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Their staff is on top of things and is working with the volunteers; things should move along better in the future.

Member Reyes stated that it would be helpful if any handouts, etc., passed out during the meeting, be e-mailed to Julie Alvis. Also, when voting on agenda items, roll call should be taken for those members participating by teleconference.

Member Alvis stated she would be willing to work with Mr. McNeill and his staff on web-conferencing if it was something he would be interested in considering.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved:

Lloyd Dixon
Chairman