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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
APRIL 7, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy was called and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Bryan Cash, Kenneth Bentley, John Wicker, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Robert Jones, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, and Marta Zaragoza. Absent: Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Bobbie Parks, and Ron Schafer.

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir and Paul Mount. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Neal Fishman, and Bill LaPointe.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

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

II. Update on Inverted Siphon Proposal for Odor Control Along Jefferson Boulevard

Carol Tucker (Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Homeowners Association and City of Los Angeles Odor Control Advisory Board) gave an update on the proposed air treatment facility for the area and spoke on the extensive research made by Mr. Milton Bassett (also of the Odor Control Advisory Board) who discovered the odors were the result of an undersized siphon under the 405 Freeway. She gave two suggestions made by Mr. Bassett that could rectify the problem; 1) the undersized siphon be changed or 2) the air treatment facility(s) be built by the source of the problem. Ms. Tucker also stated that the City's Sanitation Bureau has moved ahead in selecting sites and accepting bids to build air treatment facilities at 27th and San Pedro in Los Angeles and three within the Culver City/Baldwin Hills community, which Mr. Bassett contends is an environmental injustice as all three are within a one-mile radius. She further stated that the current status, as of this week, is that the project is on hold. Following her report, Member Zaragoza voiced concerns over some of the information contained in the letter from the City of Los Angeles dated November 22, 2005 and asked that they be reviewed before any decisions are made by the board. The Chair advised that this item was not for action today and any information that needs following up on be brought to the board's next meeting in May.

III. Approval of February's Meeting Minutes

Member Zaragoza commented that the Chair's request regarding the air treatment facility(s) issue be deferred to April, be added into the minutes and moved that the minutes be approved with the amendment as presented. Motion seconded and carries.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action Making BHC Prop 40 Funds Available to Match Proposed Applications for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District 2006 Competitive Trails Grant Program

Prior to the discussion of the item, Mr. McNeill gave an update on the history of the Master Plan. Jeffrey Harlan identified the projects and funding for the grant program. Member Boodnick made motion to approve the recommendation. Motion seconded and carries.

V. Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Prop 40 Funds for Design Development and Construction Documentation for the Proposed Stocker Street Pedestrian Bridge Project

Jeff Harlan stated that staff has been in contact with the Los Angeles County Public Works Department and details of the discussions are in a report included in the board's package. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Resolution Authorizing a Grant of BHC Prop 40 Funds to Acquire Surplus Portion of Property Located at 6000 West Jefferson Blvd.

Mr. McNeill stated the item would be discussed in closed session.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Eastern Ridge Facilities: Member Boodnick reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had met on March 22, 2006 and everything has been accomplished with a timeline that should be forthcoming today. The project scope will be the same as before, and the contract has passed the design document stage and will be ready to go to construction bid soon. Lynn Wallensak commended Jim Smith and his staff on their work, especially finding solutions to some of the drainage issues that will save money and be more environmentally sensitive. Board members commended the employees from County Parks on their work and also Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff members and consultant, David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Jeff Harlan. Member Cash asked if County Parks had any idea of the timeline. Ms. Wallensak responded they expect the design portion to be finished around October this year and construction would probably begin early 2007 and finish February 2008.

Negotiations: Member Mount stated his report would be given in the closed session portion.

VIII. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill gave his report.

IX. Attorney General Report

Ms. Miramontes reminded board members that their Form 700 should have been submitted to the Conservancy's secretary for submission to FPFC's offices; if not, they need to be submitted immediately.

X. Board Comments

Member Boodnick reported that Member Greene would be honored on April 23 at a luncheon.

Member Amir asked Mr. McNeill if there were any plans for Earth Day, April 20. Mr. McNeill responded that Anthony Myles (Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area) is working with a consultant on a plan for the event, but would probably take place the following week

Member Zaragoza thanked Mr. McNeill for providing the board with the pro bono acknowledgment from the previous public relations consultant.

At 10:50 a.m., the Chair excused the public for the closed session portion.

At 11:05 a.m., the Vice Chair reconvened the meeting to the public. Deputy Attorney General Rosana Miramontes announced that in closed session, the board adopted Resolution 06-02 authorizing a grant amount for an amount not to exceed two million dollars of Prop 40 funds to the resource opportunity fund for acquisition of 2.64 acres (6000 West Jefferson Property) Parcel No. 4204-008-901, City of Los Angeles.

Adjournment:

Motion made to close meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved:

Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair