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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FEBRUARY 24, 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, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Bobbie Parks, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Member Robert Jones arrived after roll. Absent: Ruth Coleman and Mike Chrisman.

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

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

Representing the Office of State Attorney General was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes (January)

The Chair pointed out that in the draft minutes, under Item #4, change the mis-spelled word “Panning Associate,” to “Planning Associate” and change the wording “huge job” describing Dave Myerson’s work to “outstanding job.”

On a separate matter concerning correspondence on the air treatment facility from Mr. Milton Bassett, (Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Homeowners Association) that Member Zaragoza had for review, the Chair informed her that he wanted to comment on it, but would not be able in today’s meeting, would discuss in the next board meeting in April. Member Zaragoza informed the Chair that she would advise Mr. Bassett of the change.

Motion made by Member Zaragoza to approve minutes with the recommended changes. Motion seconded and carries with one abstention.

III. Awards Certificate Presentation to Crenshaw High School Eco Club President

An award certificate was presented by the Chair to Karla Rivera-Guzman, president of Crenshaw High School’s Eco Club.

IV. Public Comment

Bill Burke, Police Chief for the City of Culver City, stated he met with residents and Ron Schafer (California State Parks) regarding questions on the need for an MOU between Culver City and California State Parks. They've held several meetings with California State Parks on the current state of the law, concurrent jurisdictions, etc., and came to the conclusion an MOU was not necessary, as all the different entities have their own laws in place, which address the issues.

They also met with other agencies that have California State Parks in their area on how they address various issues. Regarding response, he's met with Ron Schafer, who's given him contact names and phone numbers to reach them after hours and it was decided that residents could use Culver City's dispatch number, who will direct callers to correct party. Chief Burke also stated they plan to have area meetings to inform residents on their plans and how to address any issues. Culver City's Fire Department representative stated that a mechanism is in place under the California Master Mutual Aid System for their response to fire and medical emergency calls. Member Schafer added that he's spoken to the ranger living in the Scenic Overlook, who understands that he is to respond to calls. On a matter unrelated to the issue, Member Guiney, on behalf of the board, extended well wishes and a speedy recovery to Chief Burke for the officer who was injured.

Councilmember Carol Gross (Culver City) reiterated Chief Burke's comments regarding the MOU and concurrent jurisdictions and added that the Chief would be presenting a memo and presentation to their City Council.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to disencumber up to \$250,000 in Capital Improvement Funds from Contract #BHC04001

Mr. McNeill went over the resolution. Member Arbor made the motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded. The Chair called for the vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Park Linkage and Public Access Capital Projects in the Baldwin Hills – Jeffrey Harlan, Planning Associate

Mr. McNeill gave the report in Mr. Harlan's absence. Staff requested \$300,000 to begin the Requests for Qualifications process, to start moving the Stocker Bridge, Don Lorenzo Entrance and La Brea streetscape projects forward. Member Burke recommended to Mr. McNeill to first check with the City of Los Angeles and get opinions from the County of Los Angeles before going through any hiring process. Member Schafer stated he wanted to have more discussions regarding O&M before making any commitments. Member Greene agreed with Supervisor Burkes' recommendation and added that staff also look into researching any recent history; i.e., lawsuits, jurisdictional and community resolutions/oppositions. Member Guiney stated his department (County Recreation and Parks) would like to be involved in the selection of the design firm and the design itself. Member Zaragoza and Member Arbor requested the item be tabled April's meeting. The Chair called for the vote to table the item to next month's meeting, all ayes. Motion carries.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Designating a Board Member to Help Facilitate Joint Agency Projects for the Cooperatively Acquired Parcels

The Chair designated Member Bentley to pull together stakeholders for their input on compatible joint projects for the recent 100 acre acquisition. Member Burke reported that the County is moving forward with the driving range (Ladera Little League that is adjacent to the property) and have selected a developer.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Eastern Ridgeline Facilities - Member Boodnick reported that the ad hoc committee met with County Parks on February 14 and the County should know the timeframe completion by February 27. The committee will meet again on March 22 and hopefully, they can wrap things up for a final present to the board in April's meeting.

Negotiations – Member Mount had nothing to report.

IX. Executive Officer's Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report.

X. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes reminded the members that their Form 700 (Conflict of Interest) were due soon.

XI. Board Announcements

Member Zaragoza reported that 1) she met with Hetzler Road and Tompkins Way neighborhoods where they voiced issues they felt are unresolved, their petition listing these issues, will be given to the Conservancy's secretary (Attachment I) 2) she's attended several meetings with Culver City officials addressing the MOU; and 3) she's received correspondence from Milton Bassett but his cover letter didn't correspond with the attachments, she will contact him and once she's gotten it clarified, will deliver the materials to the Conservancy's secretary (Attachment II).

At 11:15 a.m., the Chair announced that the public session of the meeting would adjourn for the closed session portion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:40 a.m., the closed session ended and the meeting reconvened to the public session. There being no further business, a motion was made to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Approved:

Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair