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**Minutes of the Public Meeting
of the
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
September 3, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Robert L. Jones, on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 6:55 p.m. Meeting was held inside the Conference Room located at 5120 West Goldleaf Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Lloyd Dixon, Vice Chair Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Chair Robert L. Jones, and Ron Schafer. Members Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas arrived after roll. Voting members absent were Kenneth Bentley, Bryan Cash, Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, Allan Kingston, and Bobbie Parks.

The following non-voting members were present: Sara Amir, Bill LaPointe, and Greg Scott. (Note: for the record, Member Scott's name was not called by the recording secretary during roll call in error). Member Joe Edmiston arrived after roll. Non-voting members absent were Patricia O'Toole and Mary Small.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Sandra Hamlat.

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Presentation of the Harvard Graduate School of Design's Final Baldwin Hills "Redefining Infrastructure Studio Book – Mia Lehrer, Mia Lehr and Associates

Ms. Lehrer gave the presentation and stated that they are completing the final draft documents on the study. CD's of the final draft were given to the Executive Officer in the meeting for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board members. She stated that any comments on the draft should be made within the following week, before it goes to print.

Liz Gosnell, a representative of Cone Trust, once again wanted to make it clear that they are opposed to any statements, such as "Baldwin Hills from Oil Fields to a Park;" as it presents to the public that it's a done deal, and wanted to make it public to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board, the State and the County Supervisor.

III. Oath of Office

Oaths of Office were given to Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Greg Scott by Deputy Attorney Rosana Miramontes.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (July))

Member Boodnick made the motion to approve; motion seconded The Chair called for the vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

V. Baldwin Hills Conservancy Capital Improvement Projects and Master Planning Updates – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst and Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Krippner stated that Prop 40 projects were suspended and payments frozen in December 2008, but bond money for those programs are now moving and projects are resuming and a list of the projects were included in the board package and shows all invoices that have been paid. Ms. Krippner asked Joyce Perkins from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) the grantee for the La Cienega Entrance Bridge Improvement Prop 40 project, to give an update on this project.

Ms. Krippner turned over the update on the Milton Street Project to Sandra Hamlat. Ms. Hamlat gave the status update on the Milton Street Project. She also reported on the 6000 West Jefferson site – they have recently entered into an MOU with the City of Los Angeles Department of Sanitation to possibly develop the site; staff gave an update on the La Cienega Bridge and her work with Otis College of Design; staff has helped coordinate the outward bound program event at KHSRA planned for next month.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on the Baldwin Hills Community Standard District Zoning Ordinance Amendments Proposed by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill gave a brief summary of the proposed revisions of the CSD and introduced Vincent Harris from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' office. Mr. Harris spoke on the CSD's amendments and stated that the Supervisor has instructed Dan Rosefeld and Karly Katona from his staff, to continue engaging various stakeholders on how their office can resolve some of their unresolved concerns. A tentative townhall meeting will be held either October 14 or 15, at West Los Angeles College. Motion made by Member Guiney to approve; motion seconded. The Chair called for the vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

VII. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Amend Project Scope and Budget for Contract #BHC07004 between the BHC and Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative – David McNeill, Executive Director

Mr. McNeill stated the restart of projects resulted in a series of resolutions (09-06, 09-07, 09-08, 09-09) to amend each projects' scope and budget. Member Boodnick put forth the question if the Chair preferred to vote on each item separately or vote on Agenda Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 as a group. The Chair asked if there were any objections to move these resolutions as a full consent calendar. Hearing none, Member Boodnick made the motion to move the consent calendar; motion seconded. The Chair called for the vote, all ayes. Motion carries.

IX. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following:

- Outward Bound program
- PXP's hearing date – scheduled for September 9
- Ohr Eliyahu School site project
- Staff's participation in the upcoming Reach Us conference

IX. Board Announcements

Member Edmiston stated he was glad for the evening meeting, which makes it easier for people to attend.

Member Boodnick announced he had the privilege of attending the recognition of Member Mary Ann Greene as "Woman of The Year" by the Democratic Party 47th Assembly. He also wanted to recognize Member Ken Bentley and Nestlé for their Very Best In Youth program and another successful year of outstanding students.

Board announcements (cont'd)

Member Arbor announced that she is now the Senior Field Deputy Parks Mesa Heights West Area Community for Councilmember Bernard Parks.

Member Guiney recognized Shawn McAdory (County Parks Superintendent for Kenneth Hahn Park) who continues to work on the La Brea Greenbelt and La Cienega Greenbelt clean-up with great progress. He thanked Mr. McAdory for his hard work and also thanked the City of Culver City, who was part of the coalition that involved the City of Los Angeles, County Parks, and the County Department of Public Works, who all are working together in the clean-up. Member Guiney also announced that he still has posters, bookmarks, and a series of collector buttons from their current "Play For Life" campaign.

Member Greene thanked Member Boodnick and Chair Jones for supporting her at her award ceremony; it was a very successful evening. She also commended the staff for the coalition building amongst the various jurisdictions and entities. As a Culver City Parks Commissioner, she had an opportunity to look at the Park to Playa Plan and is delighted to see the way in which the work is being done.

Member Dixon announced that he and David McNeill made a presentation to the City of Culver City Parks Commission and feels it is will be useful to continue the communication. They hope to make a similar presentation at Culver City's Council meeting. He requested, if time permitted, to have the close session portion of tonight's meeting for an update by Dave Myerson on the purchase of the Stoneview property school site.

Member La Pointe stated it was great to have David McNeill and Member Dixon at their {Culver City} Parks Commission meeting on Tuesday night and would like to have Mr. McNeill come back and give an update on the Master Plan at their next commission meeting.

Chair Robert Jones thanked the board and staff on their hard work and once again congratulated Member Greene on her award.

At 8:35 p.m., the Chair called for the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into the closed session portion. Motion was made by Member Boodnick and seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

Open session resumed at 9:05 p.m. Mr. McNeill reported that in closed session, discussions on the Stoneview property acquisition were held with no action taken. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair