

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the Ladera Senior Center, 4750 West 62nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90056 and called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke.

I. Roll Call

Roll was called and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Kenneth Bentley, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Chair Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Lloyd Dixon, Ron Schafer, and Allan Kingston. Vice Chair Robert Jones arrived after roll. Absent: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, and Bobbie Parks.

Non voting members present: Sara Amir Non. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, Paul Mount, and Bill LaPointe.

Staff members present: David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

Representing the Office of the State Attorney General: Rosana Miramontes, Deputy Attorney General.

II Approval of Minutes (July and August)

The motion was made by Member Boodnick to approve the minutes for July and August. Motion was seconded and carries with one abstention for August made by Member Schafer abstained (he was absent that day).

III. Update on the Baldwin Hills Community Standard District Draft Environmental Impact Report – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Hamlat stated that the CSD would be heard at the County Planning Commission meeting on September 10 and possibly held over to September 17. They are looking to bring a final CSD before the Board of Supervisors in October. The Chair commented that many of substantive comments have been reviewed and will be part of the CSD. After the CSD has left the Regional Planning Commission and comes to the Board of Supervisors, amendments will likely be included up until the time it's adopted.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Matching Grant of BHC Proposition 40 Funds for Publication Costs Associated with the Baldwin Hills Parklands Design Studio Book Proposal by Mia Lehrer and the Harvard Graduate School of Design Department of Landscape Architecture – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill reported that the resolution calls for approval of a grant of \$25,000 from Prop 84 funds for publication of the studio book project. He introduced Mia Lehrer, who gave a brief update on the proposed project, which is part of her community service program, put together by Harvard. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the resolution contingent upon raising the remaining funds. The board discussed awarding the additional \$40,000 needed for full development of the project. Member Jones made the motion to amend Item 4 on the agenda to not exceed \$40,000 pursuant to a joint authorization of disbursement from the BHRCA account. Member Greene made the motion to reconsider Item 4. The Chair called for the motion to approve \$25,000 from Prop 84 for publication of the final product and up to \$40,000 from the BHRCA account for the development costs of the item as described in the budget. Member Dixon voiced his concerns about funding the full project and asked that the question be divided. The Chair called for the vote on the \$25,000 portion. All ayes, motion carries. The Chair called for the vote on the second question, \$40,000 from the BHRCA account; all ayes and one abstention. The motion carries.

V. Consideration of a Joint Resolution Authorizing a Disbursement of up to \$10,000 from the Authority Account (S8C/27950) Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority – David McNeill, Executive Director

Mr. McNeill informed the board that the funds to host a booth at the upcoming "Taste of Soul" event scheduled for October 18 would come from the BHRCA account. The event is expected to be great venue for community outreach and exposure of the Baldwin Hills' natural resources. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on the Revised Scope and Budget for the Eastern Ridge Facilities Expansion Project at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – Gail Krippner, Associate Government Program Analyst

Ms. Krippner reported that the original amount of \$4.5 million for the project was adjusted to \$ 2.25 million, due to revisions in the scope that included removal of a restroom. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the revised scope and budget. Motion seconded and carries. Member Greene asked that staff continue to look at the issue of addressing the need for restrooms.

VII. Executive Officer – David McNeill

Before giving his report, Member Guiney asked that the presentation on the youth employment be deferred to next month's meeting.

Mr. McNeill then gave his report on the following:

- State Budget
- Ballona Creek/Milton Street Project
- Wayfinding Project/LANI

Following Mr. McNeill's wayfinding portion of his report, Member Schafer stated that the signage at the Scenic Overlook was coming along nicely and they are working hard to have the grand opening as soon as possible. They are having problems with graffiti, which currently the contractor is responsible for the site. He's been in discussion to find ways to acquire a budget to operate the Scenic Overlook. They have entered into an agreement the Audubon Society to providing staffing at the Visitors Center, etc.

The Chair stated that she had spoke with Congresswoman Jane Harmon, who is very excited about the bike link between Ballona Creek and the park.

VIII. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

None.

IX. Board Announcements

Member Guiney announced they are continuing to work on possible golf course in Baldwin Hills and are currently working on the driving range. He also stated there was nice write-up from one of the local papers, on County's eighteen golf courses.

Member Schafer extended his thanks to the Ladera Senior Center's staff for allowing use of their facility for tonight's board meeting and commented that the Taste of Soul would be a great marketing venture and asked Mr. McNeill if he had staffing for the booth; he will have volunteers and requested support from State Parks.

Member Bentley introduced Joe Rouzan and Rod Henley from the Advocates. He would like to put them on next month's agenda to speak.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

Yvonne B. Burke
Chair