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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 6:45 p.m., on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at Culver City Senior Center, 4095 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90232.

I. Roll Call

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

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

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

State Attorney General Office – Rosana Miramontes

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (May and June)

A motion was made by Member Boodnick to approve May meeting minutes with amended corrections to his comments. Motion seconded and passes. Member Greene stated a comment she made in June's meeting be amended to read "that Member Greene stated that a delegation from the 27th AD Environmental Commission went to Sacramento." Motion made by Member Zaragoza to accept and approve the minutes with the amended correction. Motion seconded and passes.

Prior to the next agenda item discussion, Member Zaragoza thanked the two volunteers, A.J. Lopez and Paul Kaoud, representing Culver City Skate Park, for their assistance. The Chair also extended his thanks to them.

III. Culver City Skate Park Presentation – Bill LaPointe

Member LaPointe gave a report on their Master Plan Update process. The Baldwin Hills Conservancy will participate in the plan update. Parts included in the update: 1) a current facility conditions assessment report; 2) a re-study on their ordinance and regulation; 3) a development planning project, to include free community/focus group meetings and phone surveys; 4) a Veterans Memorial Park Concept plan; and 5) funding strategies. He then

introduced Patty McVie, Senior Management Analyst, who ran the PowerPoint slide show portion of his presentation and Matt Gasper, Deputy Director of their Public Works/Engineering Services department.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of Prop 40 Funds for Design, Fabrication and Installation Exterior Interpretation and Way-Finding Signage at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook – David McNeill

The resolution would grant \$100,000 from Prop 40 funds to augment the exterior of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook with interpretive and directional signage. Member Greene made the motion to accept the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant of BHC Prop 40 funds for Project Planning and Design for Expansion of the Sports Complex Facility on Fairfax Ave. – David McNeill

The Chair announced that this item would be postponed to the next meeting.

VI. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reported on fiscal and legislative items:

- Budget Summary for FY 06/07
- Prop 40 program delivery
- 2004/05 Bond Capital Outlay
- FY 07 Prop 84 funding
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy sunset date extension

Following his report, Planning Consultant Sandra Hamlat gave a PowerPoint update on BHC prop 40 projects. Related updates included Member Schafer's status report on the Scenic Overlook construction and Mike Bohlke (Senior Deputy to Supervisor Yvonne Burke) was invited to speak on the status of the Baldwin Hills CSD and Oil Field EIR. Supervisor Burke stated the County held two scoping meetings in July and that they were creating a Community Standards District to mitigate the impacts of oil drilling on adjacent communities and the park. A screen check on the draft document will take place in late November, the draft EIR/CSD should be released by January 2008 with a sixty days public review period. The goal will be to hold regional planning hearings in February or March 2008.

VII. Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

VII. Public Comments

Robert Arledge reiterated his request for a state-of-the-art track facility in the community and his opposition to a golf course.

VIII. Board Comments

In response to Mr. Arledge's comments, Supervisor Burke stated that the land being discussed for a golf course was at present, working oil fields and the golf course was a distant future effort and was consistent with active recreation restrictions within Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. The Chair, Member Zaragoza, Member Arbor, Member Schafer and Member Greene

commented that a golf course would be well-received by the community and such a facility has always been a component of the community driven Park Master Plan for the area.

Member Zaragoza thanked Sorrento Market, Joxer Daly Pub, and Culver City Parks and Recreation for providing the food and refreshments and extended special thanks to Patty Mooney, Member Bill LaPointe, and volunteers A.J. Lopez and Paul Kaoud.

The Chair announced that 1) he and David McNeill were guests on KJLH Radio as part of the campaign to get word out about the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. The radio host told them they would do a future live remote at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; 2) they are working with the Friends of Baldwin Hills to develop a membership/fundraiser and the board's Christmas party, scheduled for December 20, this will serve as a kickoff for the membership/ fundraiser.

Member Cash stated that the Rivers Parkway program being ran out of he State Resources Agency, is having their last round of funding under Prop 50. Applications are due by October 19.

Estee Sepulveda, field representative for State Assemblymember Karen Bass, congratulated everyone on getting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy sunset date extended and announced that on October 14, they will host a townhall meeting with Congresswoman Diane Watson and General Eaton at Hamilton High School. On December 16, they will host their year-end celebration; location to be announced. She also stated that anyone wishing to be put on their mailing list to let her know.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will held Friday, November 2, at Los Angeles County Natural History Museum. The regular meeting session then convened at 8:30 p.m. for the closed session portion.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session re-convened at 8:55 p.m. The Chair announced that in closed session, instructions were given to the executive officer to identify accessible funding sources for land conservation. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved:

Kenneth W. Bentley
Chair