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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

May 12, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at St. Mary's Ethiopian Church, 5707 Shenandoah Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

Prior to roll call, the Chair announced a quorum was not present, items not requiring a vote would be conducted first. He also stated that the two guest speakers Speaker Nunez (California Assembly/Majority Whip) and Assemblymember Karen Bass would not be able to attend due to the funeral of Michael Contreras. The Chair also announced that Agenda Item 7 would not be discussed.

The Conservancy roll was called, and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Lyn Wallensak (designee for Director - County Parks and Recreation), Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Mary Ann Greene and Robert Jones arrived after roll was taken. Absent: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Ruth Coleman, Kenneth Bentley, Mike Chrisman, Russ Guiney, and Supervisor Yvonne Burke.

The following non-voting members were present: Sara Amir, Paul Mount, and Don Rogers. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Neal Fishman, and Greg Broughton.

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

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Presentation of Survey Results – Urban Education Partnership

The Chair apprised everyone that was an update of input from teachers and community members about programs for students, which was based on last year's grant initiative. Erin McGoldrick of Urban Education Partnership (UEP) gave the presentation. Following the presentation, Member Schafer commended UEP on a their survey, stating it was very thorough and recommended that UEP focus on ways of reaching teachers to let them know what's available and transportation issues.

At 7:20 p.m., Member Jones-Sawyer notified the Conservancy's secretary that he had to leave, due to a family emergency.

The Chair acknowledged that Assemblymember Karen Bass had arrived and would speak. Assemblymember Bass expressed her concerns over the English and math proficiency rates that were given in UEP's presentation. Assemblymember Bass gave an update on the status of

SB 856 and input she received from the Conservancy board for the bill. She stated the bill is in appropriations on a suspense file and the next deadline is May 25, when decisions around suspense files will be made.

III. Approval of a Proclamation by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Recognizing Member Jim Park

Award of recognition was presented to Mr. Park for his contribution as a member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Mr. Park promised to remain active in the Conservancy

IV. Approval of a Proclamation by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Recognizing Member Don Rogers

Mr. Rogers promised to remain active in the Conservancy and announced that a candidate has been interviewed for his position on the board.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Spend up to \$15,000 of the BHC Support Budget to Contract with a Public Relations Consultant

Member Schafer went over the public relations ad hoc committee's written report and key areas of the report. In their discussion of the resolution, members felt it was a good idea to hire a public relations consultant. The Chair stated that Resolution 05-07 would be postponed to the June meeting.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Report - Acquisition

Member Mount gave an update on the status of Parcel #13 (Lovingfoss) Parcel #22, Parcel #3 (La Brea Corridor) and Parcel #6. He reported that status of the 6000 West Jefferson property would be covered by Mr. McNeill in his report. He also added that they've met with Senator Murray and Supervisor Burke on financing strategies, which probably be brought to the June agenda for discussion.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his written report and went over the Capital Outlay/Prop 40 budget report,

VIII. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

The Deputy Attorney General had nothing to report.

IX. Board Member Announcements

None.

At this time, a member from the audience, Eric Robinson, requested to speak. Mr. Robinson relayed his concerns that a gate now surrounds the ranger side of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, denying access from that point. He stated the only access point to is now from

Jefferson, which is quite dangerous due to heavy traffic and asked if the Conservancy board would consider creating access from the west side. Member Schafer asked him to address a

letter to State Parks. Mr. McNeill added that the concerns Mr. Robinson expressed were already being looked into. Member Zaragoza stated she would assist Mr. Robinson in getting the right resources information.

Les Hamasaki, for the Tom Bradley Legacy Foundation, stated they have a green technology institute and feels it's a great opportunity for youth to learn about transitioning from the gray economy to the green economy.

At 8:45 p.m. the Chair announced that the meeting would now go into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting reconvened for the open session at 8:30 p.m. Motion made to close meeting and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved:

Allan S. Boodnick
Chair