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**Minutes of the Public Meeting  
of the  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
Thursday, April 1, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chair Russ Guiney. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

**I. Roll Call**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Chair Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Robert Jones, Ron Schafer, Vice Chair Lloyd Dixon, Allan Kingston, and Starlett Quarles. Absent were Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Bobbie Parks, Lester Snow, and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir, Greg Scott, and Pam Robinson. Absent were Joe Edmiston, Barbara Romero, Mary Small, and Patricia O'Toole.

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

Representing the State Attorney General office was Christina Ardnt.

**II. Oath of Office**

New members Starlett Quarles and Pamela Robinson were given the Oath of Office and sworn in by Supervising Deputy Attorney General Christina Ardnt.

**III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (December and February)**

Motion made by Member Jones to approve the minutes for December and February. Member Boodnick pointed out that on Page 3, Line 2 of February's draft minutes, it reads "Ladera Civic Association," and it should be "Ladera Heights Civic Association." The Chair called for the motion to approve February's minutes as amended with the correction made by Member Boodnick. Motion was seconded and carries.

**IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Performance Period and Scope of Agreement #BHC 07007 between the BHC and the Department of Toxic Substances Control – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst**

Ms. Krippner stated that staff wants to amend the agreement with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for two years. The agreement is for the environmental review of the Eastern Ridgeline Project. There will no changes to the scope. Member Amir suggested the amendment be for three years, as the contract is for \$500,000 and would have to go through General services, whose review may take longer. She asked that the motion be amended for three years. Member Schafer moved to adopt the proposed amendment for three years, motion seconded and carries. Member Kingston moved to approve the main motion, motion seconded and carries.

**V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Performance Period, Project Location, and Scope of Agreement #BHC07002 between the BHC and the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority – David McNeill, Executive Officer**

Mr. McNeill reported that this agreement with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority was to work on acquisitions, including pursuing an acquisition that would provide access to the Western Ridgeline. Mr. McNeill asked approval to re-direct the funds from the 6000 West Jefferson proposed acquisition to the school site proposed acquisition. Member Schafer made motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded and carries. Member Schafer asked that the item be agendaized for a future meeting and to have a report provided on how the low impact development will look.

**VI. Discussion and Possible Action on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy 2010 Strategic Plan Update – David, McNeill, Executive Officer**

Mr. McNeill reported that this summarized version explains in broader terms, projects likely to be implemented and what projects appear to be priority. Following his report, the Chair suggested having a field trip for the new members to visit the sites discussed and for any of the board members wishing to come along. He asked McNeill to poll each member as to their availability. Member Kingston moved to adopt the 2010 Strategic Plan, motion was seconded and carries.

**VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following:

- Project priority status list
- Reminded board to file their Form 700 Annual Statement
- Board appointments – members whose appointments have expired, need to re-apply.
- PXP's annual Baldwin Hills CSD meeting on April 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Jefferson Blvd. improvement projects

**VIII. Deputy Attorney General Report – Christina Ardent**

Ms. Ardent had nothing to report.

**IX. Board Announcements**

Member Kingston stated he noticed while on his way to this morning's meeting, lots of cars parked on Jefferson down below the Baldwin Scenic Overlook and whenever he's goes past the Scenic Overlook, he sees an increase in parking, people, and activity.

Member Greene once again stressed the need for the board to get a move on towards getting a light signal installed on Jefferson at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook point, as more and more people are visiting the site everyday.

Member Dixon reported that some of his friends have told him that people who were using the stairs in Santa Monica are now using the stairs at the Scenic Overlook. He also noted that the number of cars and pedestrians crossing the street are a real issue, which needs to be addressed. Lastly, the school site acquisition is back on the list and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy should throw their hats in the ring.

Member Robinson stated she was glad to hear the comments regarding the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and the traffic on Jefferson that it's created.

The Chair relayed that if anyone has questions or concerns about Kenneth Hahn Park and activities within the park or other County Parks, Kenneth Hahn Park's superintendent and staff will be available to assist.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair announced next month's meeting is scheduled for May 6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Approved:

Russ Guiney  
Chair