

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
March 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Robert L. Jones on Friday, March 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

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

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir, Barbara Romero (designee for Joe Edmiston) Greg Scott, and Mary Small. Absent: Bill LaPointe and Patricia O'Toole

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

There was no representation from the State Attorney General office.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (January)

The Chair called for a motion to approve January's meeting minutes. The motion was made by Member Boodnick to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and carries.

III. Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Grand Opening – Sean Woods

Sean Woods, Sector Superintendent, Angeles District announced that California State Parks in collaboration with Baldwin Hills Conservancy and the Los Angeles Chapter of the Audubon Society, have scheduled the grand opening celebration of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook on Saturday, April 18, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be entertainment and refreshments; parking will be limited, so free shuttle service to the Scenic Overlook celebration will be provided. Announcements will be sent out next week.

IV. Presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Crenshaw Corridor Project for Improved regional Public Transit Service, Mobility and Connectivity – Lee Andrews Group

A PowerPoint presentation of the overview was given and the focus was on the mid-corridor and southern areas. They will hold working group meetings next week and more detailed information will be given out at that time.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Extend the Performance Period for BHC Prop 40 Projects Impacted by the Freeze on Interim Loans for General Obligation Bonds – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

The Chair called for the motion to approve the resolution. Motion was made by Member Schafer and seconded. Motion carries

VI. Consideration of a Joint Resolution with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing a disbursement of Funds from the Authority Account #S8C27950 for Publication of the Baldwin Hills “Redefining Infrastructure Studio Book” – David McNeill, Executive Officer

The Chair called for the motion. Motion was made by Member Boodnick and was seconded. Motion carries.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report on:

- Met with the Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force and representatives from Congresswoman Jane Harmon’s office;
- University of California Los Angeles Institute of the Environment study on impact of landscape areas within the Baldwin Hills
- Tour given by Baldwin Hills Conservancy to Otis College
- Acquisitions – talks with Ohr Eliyahu School re potential sale of the property
- Stewardship – in February, Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff facilitated two volunteer events
- Partnerships – Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff participated in the first Community Task Force
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy move to new offices

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

There were no reports.

IX. Board Member Announcements

Member Guiney announced that the opening day of the Little League Ball Park would be on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the sports complex.

Member Bentley announced that he would be going to Africa next week.

Member Schafer stated that the State’s freezing of bonds may have some affect on the Scenic Overlook project and other projects but are fortunate they have been able to move ahead.

Member Boodnick acknowledged and thanked the ombudsman from PXP for her attendance of the Conservancy’s meeting.

David McNeill announced that the Los Angeles Audubon Society will be holding a docent training on April 4 (at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook) from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and California Greenworks will hold heir Earth Day o April 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged Doris Strong-Jones and recognized and thanked the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair