

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
July 12, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER

I. Roll Call

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 2002, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

The Conservancy roll was called, and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Ruth Coleman, Clare Bronowski, Jim Park, Carrie Chassin. Absent: Kenneth Bentley, Tim Gallagher, Mary Ann Greene, Mary Nichols, Annette Porini, and Steve Treanor.

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

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

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was John Saurenman.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by the Vice Chair to approve minutes; seconded, all ayes. Note: Correction to Roll Call from June 7, 2002 to reflect Member Bronowski as absent.

III. Receive and File all Correspondence

Mr. McNeill reported he received letters from Wayne Woodroof, California State Parks, regarding comments on the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area General Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Report) and Frank Quiambao, President of West Los Angeles College regarding partnership with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

V. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Deputy Attorney General

None.

VI. Executive Director Report - David McNeill

Mr. McNeill stated he is working with the Friends of Baldwin Hills, to create two trail maps; one illustrative, and the other in digital photo image; he is collaborating with Star ECO to identify funding for student transportation for the Weeds 2 Wonder Program at Vista Pacifica; and met with the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering regarding property owned by the Sanitation Bureau, information on the odor scrubbers is still forthcoming. Mr. McNeill has also submitted his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 03-04 for review by the Department of Finance.

VII. Planning & Development – Barney Matsumoto

Mr. McNeill reported that the presentation to be made today by Barney Matsumoto has been postponed until the next meeting.

- a. Kenneth Hahn Park West (Vista Pacifica) – Superintendent Russ Guiney reported the comments they received from residents attending the public meeting last month, all support State Parks' acquisition of the property along the Stocker Street Corridor.
- b. Interim planning - Superintendent Guiney spoke on their Weeds 2 Wonder program and stated that their biggest hurdle for this program was getting funding for it (it would cost \$60,000 per year). He stated they have received a grant from the California State Parks Foundation for the program and introduced Sarah Feldman from the Foundation, who spoke. Superintendent Guiney spoke on another program that they've developed, Student-To-Student, which is a learning project, to match schools from diverse areas through the Internet.
- c. Long-term planning – Superintendent Guiney stated they are working on an immediate use public trailhead and the rangers' housing and office is development is progressing.

VIII. Existing Facilities & Improvements

- a. Kenneth Hahn Park – Jim Park reported that they had three fires that were intentionally set after July 4, that were quickly contained, due to Park Superintendent Lori Bennett's year-round preventive measures in clearing brush, etc. Park Superintendent Bennett reported there would be a Dodgers Clinic inside the park today. She also anticipates the park will be very busy this summer; expects attendance to be 300 – 500 each day.
- b. Partnerships – the college president, Frank Quimbao and Planning Manager, Rochelle Hudson, are proposing amendments to the college's master plan to make it more consistent with the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan and in their letter, emphasized the areas of their long range planning interests.

IX. Policy

- a. Conservation Priority Matrix - Mr. McNeill went over the matrix he drafted, explaining changes and how the process works.
- b. Board meeting schedule – Motion made and carried that the conservancy’s first evening meeting be held September 12. John Saurenman stated that one of his deputies would be available to attend. It was brought up that the next scheduled meeting for August 2, be postponed, will have to discuss with Chair Greene for final decision.

X. Board Member Comments

None.

XI. Public Comment on Items Not On the Agenda

None.

The Vice Chair thanked the public and adjourned meeting at 10:58 a.m. for closed session to discuss property acquisition.

ADJOURNMENT

Closed session adjourned and the public meeting was reopened at 11:35 a.m., the Vice Chair announced that land parcel acquisition along the Stocker Street was discussed during closed session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Approved:

Mary Ann Greene
Chairperson