

BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
MAY 2, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER

I. Roll Call

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on May 2, 2003, 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 Arbor (via conference call), Allan Boodnick, Kenneth Bentley, Clare Bronowski, and Ted Jackson. Tim Gallagher and Supervisor Yvonne Burke arrived after roll was taken. Absent: Ruth Coleman, Mary Ann Greene, and David Takashima.

The following non-voting members were present: Sara Amir, Paul Mount, Shelly Chagnon (for Don Rogers), and Greg Broughton. Joe Edmiston and Neal Fishman arrived after roll call. Absent: Don Rogers.

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

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin for John Saurenman.

II. Approval of Minutes (April)

The Vice-Chair asked for any comments only, since there was no quorum to vote. Member Boodnick commented that his first name was misspelled. The Vice Chair recommended deferring approval of minutes to the June 5 meeting.

II. Ad Hoc Committee Report on Officer Nominations

Member Boodnick – on #4, since the sub-committees haven't been very active, suggests it begin next year and #7, is to get back on track the term of office for each calendar year. The Vice-Chair asked for the names of the nominees for Chair and Vice-Chair. Member Boodnick reported that Member Ta-Lecia Arbor was recommended for Vice-Chair and asked each member to contact him with any suggestions, changes, or comments, before it comes up officially for vote. Discussions followed on how the term would be served.

III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Vice-Chair stated that the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair be held over to the next meeting on June 5.

IV. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill gave his written report, which focused on a contract with Loyola Marymount University to study Ballona Creek, at a cost of \$38,000, which would be funded from the remaining balance of Baldwin Hills Conservancy's 2003-04 Support Budget and a proposal to grant Environment Now for acquisition planning development services. He's spoken to the Budget Department on encumbering these funds, and was told June 16 is the deadline, so the Board needs to take action prior to the June 5 meeting. Mr. McNeill recommends taking action on an emergency conference within the next two weeks to take action on these items.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Items not on Agenda

None.

Motion made to close meeting. Prior to motion, the Vice-Chair asked if the June 5 tentative evening was a firm date. As no one opposed the date, the Vice Chair stated that the meeting would be held June 5. Shelly Chagnon (representing Member Rogers) commented that Mayor Gross (City of Culver City) was wondering if the date of June 5 could be shifted one day, as Culver City is opening their Town Plaza the same day. Mr. McNeill offered to discuss it with them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. to go into the board workshop.

Approved:

Clare Bronowski
Vice Chair