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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JANUARY 12, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on January 12, 2007 at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

As there was no quorum present and the Chair announced that Item VIII (Executive Officer Report) would be heard first and Approval of Minutes (December) would be deferred until a quorum was reached.

I. Executive Officer Report

The Executive Officer gave his report.

II. Roll Call

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Kenneth Bentley, Lyn Wallensak, Mary Ann Greene, Robert Jones, Bobbie Parks, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Members Mary Ann Greene and Reginald Jones-Sawyer arrived after roll. Absent: Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, Russ Guiney, and Supervisor Yvonne Burke.

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir and Bill LaPointe. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, and Paul Mount.

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

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (December)

A quorum was now present and the Chair called for the motion to approve December's meeting minutes. Motion made by Member Zaragoza to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and carries.

III. Consideration of Resolution 07-01 in Support of AB3 (Bass)

The resolution would support Assembly member Karen Bass' (Majority Leader) legislative bill with a provision to delete the sunset date for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

IV. Consideration of Joint Resolution 07-02 – Authorization to Expend up to \$8,000 from the Authority Fund

A resolution in compliance with the terms of the MOU between the BHRCA and the BHC to spend up to \$8,000 from the Authority Fund for consulting services to develop landscaping guidelines within the Baldwin Hills Zoned District. Motion made by Member Zaragoza to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

V. Consideration of Joint Resolution 07-03 – Authorization to Expend up to \$5,000 from the Authority Fund in Recognition of Emilia and Michael Wright

A resolution in compliance with the terms of the MOU between the BHRCA and the BHC to spend up to \$5,000 from the Authority Fund to create a living memorial to Assembly Member Karen Bass in recognition of Emilia and Michael Wright. Mr. McNeill reported that Doris LaCour would meet with the Assemblywoman on Sunday, January 27, to review the opportunities and will update the ad hoc committee. Member Zaragoza reminded the board of issues that were raised by Supervisor Burke. She requested the issues raised by Supervisor Burke be included in the record. Mike Bohlke, Chief Deputy for Supervisor Burke, stated the Supervisor had spoken against plaques being put up and that Doris LaCour, Parks Deputy, who will be meeting with Assembly Member Bass and is very fluent with all park policies. Motion made by Member Zaragoza to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Negotiations – Mr. McNeill stated that he would give the report on behalf of Member Paul Mount, in the closed session portion of the meeting.

There were no other committee reports.

VII. Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes gave the procedure in the event the Chair is not present, the Vice Chair would start the meeting. In the event that both the Chair and Vice Chair aren't present, any member can be the Chairperson and call the meeting to order. Once either the Chair or Vice Chair arrives, the Acting Chairperson will then turn over the meeting to them.

VIII. Approval of Proclamation to Outgoing Chair Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.

The Chair personally thanked outgoing Chair, Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr. for his leadership and presented the proclamation to him on behalf of the Conservancy board.

IX. Board Member Announcements

Prior to any comments from the board, the Chair went over the four priorities for 2007; the Vice Chair, Prior Chair and the Executive Officer discussed: 1) Communications and Legislature (local and state); 2) Golf facility; 3) Acquisitions (he commended Member Mount on the excellent job he's done with acquisitions; and 4) Oil drilling ordinance.

In reference to the Communications/Legislature item, the Chair appointed Member Jones to head up a Legislature Ad Hoc Committee and also assigned Member Parks to serve on the committee.

Member LaPointe asked if California State Parks could have a representative give progress reports on a quarterly basis on the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook construction. Member Schafer responded that one of the site superintendents would provide it or Barney Matsumoto on occasion.

Member Zaragoza followed up with Member Schafer on two issues from residents of Hetzler Road/Tompkins Way: 1) damage to private property; and 2) prevention of erosion of run-off. She also asked the Chair if the number of evening meetings could be increased.

The Chair stated he would discuss with David McNeill about moving the current evening meeting date to earlier in the year.

At 10:55 a.m., the Chair stated the meeting would now go into the closed session,

At 11:10 a.m., the Chair resumed the regular portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Member Zaragoza and seconded to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Approved:

Kenneth W. Bentley
Chair