

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Rotunda Room of the Culver City Veteran Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230 and was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Robert L. Jones.

I. Roll Call

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

Non voting members present: Sara Amir and Greg Scott. Patricia O'Toole arrived following roll. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, and Bill LaPointe.

Staff members present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Sandra Hamlat.

There was no representation from the Office of the State Attorney General.

II Presentation on Best Management Practices and Green Solutions for Developments in the Ballona Creek Watershed – Shelly Luce, Executive Director, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Ms. Luce gave a presentation focusing on creating solutions to control runoff generated by various elements. Major impacts of toxins in storm-water flowing to the Ballona Creek and the Bay were presented.

III. Review of Proposed Grant Project Accountability Checklists – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

The Chair announced that this item would be deferred.

IV. Public Comments

Marta Zaragoza wanted to thank the owner of Jox's Daly Pub and the owner of Arco Station (Washington and Centinela) for providing the food and refreshments for today's meeting. The Chair personally thanked Ms. Zaragoza on behalf of the board for hosting the meeting and arranging for the refreshments.

V. Presentation and Possible Action on Proposed BHC Prop 84 Priority Projects – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Hamlat gave an update of the Prop 84 projects and stated the Conservancy will be using a similar process as Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission uses for their grant project applications. She is looking to kick off solicitation in January.

VI. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill gave an overview on the status of the Capital Outlay Projects.

VII. Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes was not present.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

None.

IX. Board Comments

Vice Chair Guiney stated County Parks and Supervisor Burke celebrated the reopening of Ruben Ingold Park. Public Works rebuilt the slope and completely overhauled the park. Board of Supervisors renamed a couple of parks; Ladera Community and Senior Center was renamed the Yvonne B. Burke Community and Senior Center and the new driving range/batting cage complex was dedicated as the Yvonne B. Burke Sports Complex.

Member Boodnick asked Mr. McNeill for an update the PXP issue; if a lawsuit had been filed. Mr. McNeill reported there were four lawsuits filed against the County of Los Angeles regarding the EIR process for oil drilling in the Baldwin Hills; 1) the City of Culver, 2) Community Health Councils; 3) The City Project (on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles) and 4) Coalition for a Safe Neighborhood based in Windsor Hills.

Member Arbor reported that Council District 8 would hold their 7th annual Winter Wonderland and Toy Giveaway on Saturday, December 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Vision Theatre; 3341 South 43rd Place. Also on they would again celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. King Day parade on January 19, 2009.

Adjournment

The Chair announced the next board meeting would be held Friday, January 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair