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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
May 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Lloyd Dixon a 10:15 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I Roll Call m

Members Present:

(Teleconference) Julie Alvis, Ken DaRosa. Vice Chair Allan Boodnick, Chair Lloyd Dixon, Allan Kingston, Robert Jones, Barbara Romero, Patricia O'Toole, Patrick Reynolds, Greg Scott. Russ Guiney (arrived after roll)

Members Absent:

Bobbie Parks, Starlett Quarles, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Ronilee Clark, Sara Amir, and Joan Cardellino.

Staff Present:

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, Gloria Dangerfield, and Rosana Miramontes.

II. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered by Deputy Attorney Rosana Miramontes to new members Ken DaRosa (designee for the State Department of Finance) Patrick Reynolds (designee of the Director for Culver City Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services) and Barbara Romero (designee of the Executive Director for Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy).

III. Presentation on the Updated ADA Rules and 2010 Standards for Accessibility Design - Jennifer Harris, Accessibility Section Chief – California State Parks and Jason Spann, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist – California State Parks

Mr. McNeill stated that in last month's board meeting, a discussion on getting from the Baldwin Hills to the ocean via the Ballona Creek trail aka Park to Playa, sparked an interest in making members aware of the recent developments made by Federal rulings on accessibility. He introduced Jason Spann (teleconference) who gave an overview on general accessibility guidelines that relate to recreational trails. He also covered the Department of Justice's Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) policy addressing transportation for disabled persons.

IV. Presentation on the Irrigation Water Efficiency Survey Conducted at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area – Marcus Castain, CEO, Generation Water

Marcus Castain, founder and CEO of Generation Water (non-profit) focuses on workforce development/green jobs and water industry. His company completed a pro bono project for County Parks and Recreation and as a result of their study, found 38.4 % of the park's irrigation valves malfunctioning. Mr. Castain has also been working with BHC staff on a proposal on invasive species management.

V. Approval of Minutes (April)

Member Guiney pointed out one correction; John Wicker attended April's meeting and his name needed to be reflected in the minutes. Member Jones made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The Chair called for the vote. All ayes, motion carries.

VI. Public Comment

Jim Lamm, Ballona President of Ballona Creek Renaissance, reported their mission is connecting the creek to communities. They have put out a newsletter, which can be accessed on their website, www.ballonacreek.org. The newsletter includes articles on the park master plan and the creek.

VII. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill went over his written report that included:

- Project status updates
- Bond balances/appropriations
- Prop 84 funds

Following Mr. McNeill's report, the Chair asked Mr. McNeill to give an update on the Prop 84 grant applications. Member Kingston asked about progress on installing a stoplight or creating a pathway or trail on Jefferson for pedestrian crossing to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Mr. McNeill stated the process has been in three stages of development and California State Parks has been working on solutions with the City of Culver City.

Chair Dixon asked Mr. McNeill about the plans for Prop 40 funds. Mr. McNeill stated that the funds were available for the Park to Playa Trail and Milton Street projects.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

There were no reports.

IX. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Jones thanked the new members upon their board appointment and the quality of service they will be bringing to the community and Baldwin Hills Conservancy board.

Member Guiney acknowledged new member Patrick Reynolds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved:

Lloyd Dixon
Chairman