

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
November 4, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Russ Guiney at 10:17 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I Roll Call

Members Present:

Allan Boodnick, Ronilee Clark, Vice Chair Lloyd Dixon, Chair Russ Guiney, Allan Kingston, Robert Jones, Starlett Quarles, Pam Robinson, and Patricia O'Toole.

Members Absent:

Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Bobbie Parks, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Lester Snow, Sara Amir, Mary Small, Joe Edmiston, and Greg Scott.

Staff Present:

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

II. New Member

The Chair introduced new member Ronilee Clark, who was given the Oath of Office by Deputy Attorney General Rosana Miramontes.

III. Public Comments

Former Member Mary Ann Greene, a resident of Blair Hills, welcomed new board member Ronnie Clark and thanked State Parks and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for the moving tribute and celebration of member Ron Schafer's life. Her comments were concerning the popularity of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Pedestrian problems are arising with the cars driving on Jefferson Blvd, especially at dusk; people crossing Jefferson to reach the Scenic Overlook are not visible as there are no lights. She brought up the importance of providing safety features along the strip of Jefferson by the Scenic Overlook. She is aware that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and State Parks have talked about it and Culver City has developed a plan. She asked if the Conservancy, City of L.A., County and State Parks can help Culver City with some of the costs through grants.

IV. Approval of Minutes (October)

Motion: A motion was made by Member Boodnick to approve the minutes and seconded by Member Jones. **Vote:** all ayes, motion carries.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Draft BHC Prop 84 Local Assistance Grant Program and Procedures for 2010-11 – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill went over the draft procedures for the Conservancy's grant program and asked that the Board adopt the procedure as presented. **Motion:** Member Boodnick moved that the resolution be adopted. Motion seconded. **Vote:** all ayes, motion carries.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Amend Contract (BHC07011) Between the BHC and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a Term Extension – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Ms. Krippner stated the resolution for the Milton Street site planning and design is for time extension and modest scope changes. **Motion:** Member Clark moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Member Boodnick. **Vote:** all ayes, motion carries.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Nominations Committee

Mr. McNeill stated the ad hoc committee met and discussed member eligibility and terms. The current Vice Chair, Lloyd Dixon, will rotate to Chair and the committee recommended nominating Dr. Allan Boodnick for Vice Chair at the December meeting.

VIII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill went over the following items in his written report:

- 2011 Meeting schedule and State holidays
- Project status report (capital outlay projects)
- Fiscal updates
- School site acquisition update

Following the Executive Officer's report, the Chair announced next month's meeting on December 2, would be an evening meeting. Member Boodnick asked the board to reconsider evening meetings, as they have not been well attended; and, if the board did decide to continue having evening meetings, that something be done to generate larger audiences. He suggested that December's meeting be held at the standard time (morning). The board was in agreement to having the December 2 meeting changed to 11:00 a.m.

IX. Board Announcements

Member Dixon thanked Mr. McNeill for circulating the letters regarding the signage program.

Member Jones welcomed Ronilee Clark to the board.

The Chair expressed disappointment that Prop 21 did not pass and asked how it would affect State Parks. Member Clark (California State Parks) responded she expect their department will move forward with this year's budget that was passed, which is about equal to last fiscal year's budget. They had reductions in their general fund and in addition have a number of programs being taken out of their allocation; they have also had to reduce their staff by 5%.

The Chair went on to state that the County has adopted their budget and although it's smaller, it will not impact the level of service and hours of operation for Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Approved:

Russ Guiney
Chairman