

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**  
*of the*  
**BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY**  
October 7, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Russ Guiney at 10:15 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. Public Comment**

Liz Gosnell, representative for the Cone Fee Trust (one of the landowners in the area), spoke regarding the “One Big Park” phrase on signage. They are opposed to the usage and feel it’s a misrepresentation of theirs and all other properties within the area and request that it’s omitted. She also stated that the County of Los Angeles is in agreement to have the words removed from proposed signage per their written letter to David McNeill dated September 21, 2010.

**II Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Allan Boodnick, Vice Chair Lloyd Dixon, Chair Russ Guiney, Allan Kingston, Robert Jones, Bobbie Parks, Starlett Quarles, Sara Amir, Joe Edmiston, Pam Robinson, Patricia O’Toole, and Greg Scot.

**Members Absent:**

Bryan Cash, Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Lester Snow, and Mary Small.

**Staff Present:**

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Gloria Dangerfield.

**Staff Absent:**

Rosana Miramontes, Deputy Attorney General

**III. Moment of Silence – Ron Schafer**

The Chair asked for a moment of silence in memory of board member and California State Parks Angelus District Superintendent, Ron Schafer, who suffered a stroke and passed away last month. A memorial service will be held starting at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. For more information, please see David McNeill at conclusion of today’s meeting.

**IV. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (August)**

The Chair called for the motion to approve August meeting minutes. **Motion:** Member Kingston made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and motion was seconded by Member Jones. Motion carries.

**V. Consideration of a Resolution Amending Agreement #BHC07004 With L.A. Neighborhood Initiative for Signage Installation/Maintenance Provisions and Contract Term Extension – Gail Krippner, Associate Government Program Analyst**

Ms Krippner reported the Baldwin Hills Parkland way finding signage project was moving along. Staff is asking for a contract term extension today and the project’s completion is expected prior to December 31, 2010. Staff also proposes a provision for maintenance of banners. **Motion:** Member Boodnick moved that the resolution be approved and motion was seconded by Member Jones. **Vote:** all ayes, motion carries.

At this time, the Chair introduced Roy Williams, the new Regional Operational Manager for Los Angeles County Parks' regional agency.

**VI. Presentation on the Potential Opportunity for and Impacts of Bringing Reclaimed Water to the Baldwin Hills Parklands – Jim Smith, Chief of Development, L.A. County Parks, Bertha Ruiz Hoffman, Water and Conservation Section Head, L.A. County Parks, and Ron Wildermuth, MWD Manager of Public Information and Conservation**

Jim Smith stated there is a county-wide search for opportunities to address recycled water needs. Today's presentation is an overview of where the County has gone and the collaborative efforts just starting with L.A. DWP and West Basin.

**VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Development of the BHC Prop 84 Local Assistance Grant Program for 2010 – David McNeill, Executive Officer**

Mr. McNeill stated grant procedures were drafted, which would give the Baldwin Hills Conservancy more opportunities to partner with local agencies, as well as non-profits. Focus will be on projects on contained on the Conservancy's planning priority list. As there was no quorum, the procedures would be available for the board's review until next meeting.

**VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Report – Acquisition Update on 5950 Stoneview Drive (School Site) Lloyd Dixon, Committee Chairman**

Member Dixon reported that the committee met to discuss acquisition of the school site. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is completing their evaluation of the site and they should be done later this month. Their report will then be reviewed by the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, who will make a recommendation and confer with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to make sure that the acquisition is consistent with two-million dollars approved for the site.

**IX. Presentation of Special Recognition Award to Board Member William LaPointe – Russ Guiney, Chairman**

The Chair announced this agenda item would be deferred, as Mr. LaPointe was not present.

**X. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill reported on the following:

Fiscal Year Expenditures

- Prop 84 allocations
- Prop 40 existing projects allocations

Planning

- Staff and the ad hoc committee met with SCAG re the La Cienega Improvements

**XI. Board Announcements**

Member Kingston expressed he would really miss Ron Schafer.

Member Dixon would like to have the letter circulated that Ms. Gosnell referenced earlier,

Member Jones expressed his thoughts on Ron Schafer and personally thanked him for all that he shared and taught him.

Member Boodnick echoed what was said about Ron Schafer.

The Chair again reminded everyone of the memorial services for Ron Schafer to be held later today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved:

Russ Guiney  
Chairman

