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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
DECEMBER 9, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m., at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

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

The following non voting members were present: Bill LaPointe. Member Joe Edmiston arrived after roll. Absent: Sara Amir, Neal Fishman, and Paul Mount.,

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

Representing the Office of the State Attorney General was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Unfinished Business – Agenda Item 3a (Eastern Ridgeline Facilities Expansion)

The Chair stated before discussion of the item, that in last month's meeting, the board directed staff to study and recommend to the board an analysis of the grant agreement and today's discussion will deal specifically on the question to rescind the contract only. Mr. McNeill went over points of Agenda Item 3a that addresses the areas of concerns with Los Angeles County Department of Recreation and Parks progress and obligation of the project set forth in the grant agreement's terms. Lyn Wallensak (Los County Department County Department of Recreation and Parks) went over their Department's written response (to be entered into record as attached to meeting minutes). She purported that the Conservancy staff's recommendation to rescind or terminate the contract is not allowed in the contract; only the County can unilaterally withdraw the grant. She further stated that the State could rescind the grant with mutual agreement from the County in writing. Board members discussed the increase in cost to complete the project and if it would be feasible at this point to rescind the contract and start the bidding process over. State Deputy Attorney General, Rosana Miramontes advised that further discussion on rescinding or terminating the agreement should be conducted in closed session.

III. Election of Conservancy Vice-Chair

Member Arbor, Chair of the Nominations Committee, went over the nomination process and announced they had nominated board member Kenneth Bentley in keeping with the policy. Member Zaragoza made the motion to confirm Member Bentley as the Conservancy's Vice

Chair by acclamation. Motion was seconded and carries. Member Boodnick made comments as the outgoing chair (copy attached to the meeting minutes).

IV. Approval of Minutes (October)

The motion was made by Member Jones-Sawyer to approve October's meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carries.

At 11:15 a.m., the Chair excused the public for the meeting's closed session to discuss with potential litigation regarding the Eastern Ridgeline contract.

At 12:15 p.m., the public session re-convened and the Chair announced that in closed session, on advice from counsel, a motion was made to form an ad hoc committee for Agenda Item 3a with the following members: Marta Zaragoza, Ron Schafer, Mary Ann Greene, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Robert Jones, Lyn Wallensak, and Jim Smith; Supervisor Burke will act as advisory to the committee. The committee is expected to meet prior to the January 13, 2006 meeting.

V. Unfinished Business – Agenda Item 3b (Ballona Support Letter)

Mr. McNeill stated a second draft of the letter with changes had been passed out. Member Zaragoza read a letter submitted to her from David Rockwell on this item to be entered into record (copy of letter attached to the meeting minutes). A motion was made by Member Zaragoza to approve Mr. McNeill's letter with the current changes. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Presentation on Conservancy Planning and Design Development Process for Prop 40 Capital Improvements – Jeff Harlan

The Chair deferred this item to January's meeting.

VII. Resolution 05-13 – Authorizing the Executive Officer to Extend the Term of Contract BHC4003 (California Conservation Corps)

The motion was made by Member Cash to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries; all ayes and one nay.

VIII. Public Comment

Councilmember Carol Gross, City of Culver City, remarked that she was pleased to see copies of all materials discussed in today's meeting, made available to the public.

IX. Executive Officer's Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his written report.

X. Deputy Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

XI. Board Comments

Member Zaragoza stated she had been contacted by the Hetzler Association, but they did not send her any correspondence. She was also contacted by a muralist, Michael Pearce, who wants to be informed of any future project development along Ballona Creek. Member Zaragoza stated she had requested copies of the Department of Finance's report that identified recommendations of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy expenditures and bookkeeping and to date, has not received them. Mr. McNeill responded that the report from the Department of Finance was issued last year and board members had received copies. Regarding the MOU between Culver City and California State Parks, she met with Culver City Mayor Vera and CAO Fulwood on December 7, 2005 and the report from Culver City will be forthcoming to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Councilmember Gross (City of Culver City) stated there was new information from ongoing conversations with California State Parks and that State Parks has determined the Scenic Overlook is within Culver City's boundary and falls under Culver City's management from a public safety standpoint.

In response to Councilmember Gross' comments, Member Schafer (California State Parks Angeles District Superintendent) stated that it's a territory of concurrent jurisdiction and both agencies share the responsibility and will do everything possible to insure public safety.

Member Greene encouraged Culver City, California State Parks, and the Conservancy to work out the MOU so that there's an assurance of adequate response for residents in the area.

Member Jones-Sawyer thanked the outgoing Chair, Allan Boodnick for his leadership and accomplishments during his term.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Approved:

Allan S. Boodnick
Chair