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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
FEBRUARY 23, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 2007 at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

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

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir and Paul Mount. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, and Bill LaPointe.

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

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (January):

Motion made to approve January's meeting minutes. Motion made by Member Boodnick to approve minutes. Motion seconded and passes with one abstention.

III. Presentation on the Baldwin Hills Zoning Study and Community Standards District Application Process – Ron Huffman, County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Department

Material on the study was passed out to the board and a verbal presentation was made by Mr. Huffman on the zoning study and how it relates to the oil production and recreation activities in the Baldwin Hills. The County was directed to perform this zoning study as a result of an urgency ordinance that was adopted by County Board of Supervisors to have additional regulations on oil drilling operations in Baldwin Hills. They have concluded there are creative and innovative ways to establish new zoning land use regulations in Baldwin Hill oil field area and are proposing a community standards district. An Environmental Impact Report is also being initiated. Once a community standards district is developed, a draft document will be presented to their planning commission for a public hearing. Following that, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Supervisors who will make the final decision.

III. Presentation on the Baldwin Hills Zoning Study (Cont'd)

Steve Rusch, Vice President for Plains Exploration commented they support the effort moving forward. They have developed, in conjunction with Mia Lehrer and Associates, a landscape and screening concepts document for the oil field.

Antoine Durr and Ken Kutcher, local residents and members of the Culver Crest Association stated they were interested in PXP's activities and that they letter submitted a letter to the Department of Oil and Gas concerning the 2007 proposals. Mr. Kutcher expressed the concerns of their neighborhood regarding past drillings by PXP and they want to make sure there are adequate mitigation measures in place to deal with oil drilling of close proximity to residential homes. Mr. Rusch responded during one of oil well peak drilling programs, they drove through a new fault zone and drew oil that was very pungent (not toxic) and gas came to the surface and was blown by the winds through the neighborhoods. PXP has since obtained the technology to suppress odor releases and has met with residents of the area, representatives from the City of Culver City, Los Angeles County Supervisor Burke's Office, and Supervisor Burke, where the issues were addressed.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Matching Grant of BHC Prop 40 Funds to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

The resolution would approve \$850,000 from Prop 40 funds to purchase the property on Milton, which is along Ballona Creek and adjacent to Culver City Middle School. Member Zaragoza made the motion for approval of the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Increasing the Executive Officer's Delegation Authority to Sign all Documents for Expenses and Payments Not to Exceed \$25,000

The resolution would enable the Executive Officer to sign all documents, expenses, and payments to not exceed an amount of \$25,000.00. Motion made by Member Arbor to approve resolution. Motion seconded and passes with one opposition.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Legislative – Member Jones nothing to report.

Memorial – Member Jones would give his report in closed session.

Negotiations – Member Mount stated he would give his report in closed session.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report on the following items:

- Contract with Environment Now
- Stocker Corridor -- met with California State Parks, County Department of Parks and Recreation, and County Public Works to deal with the up slope erosion issues
- Working hard on grant matches for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Interpretation
- Eastern Ridgeline Project is continuing to move forward
- Met with Councilmember Parks to discuss the Don Lorenzo/La Brea entrance
- LACC's interpretative trail program is moving forward
- Presented fiscal report for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's support budget
- UEP science backpacks have been delivered
- Assemblymember Karen Bass' Bill AB 3 update
- Prop 40 expenditures
- Prop 84

VIII. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes reminded the board of the Form 700 filings and anyone with technical questions can contact her or the FPPC's office.

IX. Board Member Announcements

Member Schafer stated that Craig Sapp give the updates for California State Parks in response to Member LaPointe's request to provide monthly or quarterly updates on the Scenic Overlook project and Member Zaragoza's request for follow-up on resolutions to problems raised by the Hetzler Road/Tompkins Way residents.

Mr. Sapp reported:

- Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook is 50% completed
- Moving full steam ahead on the Interpretive Center
- They forwarded a letter to the Hetzler Road/Tompkins Way residents, (Supervisor Burke was copied) advising them that t along Hetzler Road is being addressed by Metro and Hetzler Road's storm drain system, first base coat and first layer of asphalt should be completed in one month
- Metro is to provide him with a construction schedule, which he will bring to the next board meeting

The Chair suggested tabling the item for discussion in the next board meeting, so that all board members could have a copy of the memo written by the Hetzler Road and Tompkins Way residents. Motion was made by Member Greene to table the item. Motion seconded.

Member Zaragoza read the letter containing the concerns submitted to her by Hetzler Road/Tompkins residents and submitted a copy to be part of the record.

Member Greene felt problems of this nature should be subject to discussion and put on the agenda as opposed to being announced.

Member Burke spoke on the program that PXP and others are working on to improve the aesthetics of the oil pumps and tanks to make them blend in better with the landscape.

The Chair entertained a motion to have any correspondence for the board, be give to the Executive Officer at least 48 hours prior to the board meetings. Motion made by Member Greene to have any information given to the Executive Officer for submission to the board. Motion seconded and passes.

The Chair adjourned the regular session at 11:10 a.m. for the closed session.

The regular session reconvened at 11:30 a.m. The Chair announced that matters of negotiations were discussed in closed session and there were no resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved:

Kenneth W. Bentley
Chair