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**Minutes of the Public Meeting  
of the  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
Friday, February 26, 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. 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: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Robert Jones, Vice Chair Lloyd Dixon, Chair Russ Guiney, and Allan Kingston. Mary Ann Greene arrived after roll was taken. Absent were Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, Bobbie Parks, Ron Schafer, and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir, Greg Scott, Patricia O'Toole, and Bill LaPointe. Barbara Romero (designee for Joe Edmiston) arrived after roll was taken. Absent were Joe Edmiston and Mary Small.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Sandra Hamlat.

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

**II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (December)**

Motion made by Member Arbor to approve December's meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carries.

**III. Public Comments**

Liz Gosnell (representative of the Cone Fee Trust) brought to the board's attention that a Ballona Creek Trail Brochure shows a photograph of the Cone House and asked that the board or a representative have photo of the house covered. She read a letter with their concerns and submitted it for the record.

David McNeill replied the brochure that Ms. Gosnell referred to was for the Ballona Creek Trail grand opening, and was created by another agency and its partners; the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was not involved in developing the brochure.

Member Arbor suggested that any brochures that includes the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, be made available to the board, so it can be reviewed and alleviate this type of confusion.

Member Kingston felt someone from the BHC should review such brochures, not just the agency creating them.

Member Greene felt that any responses should come from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Executive Officer or the Conservancy's chair, as anything said becomes public record.

**IV. Presentation on County of Los Angeles General Plan Land Use Elements – Susana Franco-Rogan, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning**

Ms. Franco-Rogan gave an overview of the General Plan's land use and conservation policies as they relate to the Baldwin Hills area. The General Plan is currently being updated and more information can be obtained from the website.

**V. Discussion and Possible Action on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy 2010 Strategic Plan Update – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill gave an update on the 2010 Strategic Plan, which covered acquisitions of open space, habitat protection and stewardship, Park-to-Playa linkage and access, environmental interpretation, and the Eastern Ridgeline facilities. The board recommended taking the item up at the next meeting and for staff to provide a cross reference of changes made from 2008 for 2010.

**VI. Presentation of Special Recognition Award – Russ Guiney, Chairman**

Outgoing member, Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, was presented with a special recognition certificate for her dedicated years of service as a founding member, past chair, and member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

**VII. Executive Officer Report**

Mr. McNeill first announced that a new member, Starlett Quarles has been appointed by the Senate Rules committee. He then went over the following in his report:

- Capital outlay projects' status reports
- Kenneth Hahn Park signage (design and development stage)
- Eastern Ridgeline
- Suspension of the USA Advocates project
- California State Parks furniture acquisition for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook
- Letter from Governor's office re 5% cap reduction in salary/voluntary PERS contribution
- Fiscal summary
- Planning updates from Sandra Hamlat

**VIII. Deputy Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes**

Ms. Miramontes reminded board members to complete their Form 700 annual filing as soon as possible

**IX. Board Announcements**

Member Jones extended his appreciation to outgoing Member Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor as a founding member and policy maker, while serving as a member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board and congratulated Ms. Arbor for her contributions, leadership and great work.

Member Greene noted she has observed that the trail leading from Jefferson up to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook is heavily used and is concerned about safety of pedestrians crossing the street at that point. She reminded board members that it had been discussed sometime ago about having a light signal possibly installed at that point for the pedestrians; she would like to have this item put on a future agenda. Member Greene asked David McNeill if there were some way(s) that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy may move up the priority list in State for bond money. She then thanked Member Arbor for her service and contribution as a board member

Board members Patricia O'Toole, Sara Amir, Greg Scott, Bill LaPointe, and Barbara Romero all thanked Member Arbor for her service.

Member Boodnick first thanked Member Arbor for her service on the board. He went on to state that the Ladera Heights Civic Association wanted more information about crime, so he called Loyola Marymount University to see if they have classes who can work in the community. He's spoken with and is now working with a professor at the university, who will send two of their classes of forty students into the community to work on crime statistics and the environment.

Member Guiney thanked Member Arbor and acknowledged her contributions as a board member. He reported that the County of Los Angeles has asked all county departments to take 9% in reductions. This will become public document in April and public hearings will be held on May 12. The 9% reduction is significant for their department (County Parks) as they have already taken a 7% reduction over the last few years.

The Chair called the regular meeting to a close at 11:35 for the closed session portion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Closed session meeting concluded at 12:13 p.m. and the regular session resumed at 12:14 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:

Russ Guiney  
Chair