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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JANUARY 13, 2006

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

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

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

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

Member Jones-Sawyer gave an incoming speech as the new Chair of the Conservancy and what he wants to accomplish as Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes (December)

The Chair called for the motion. Motion was made by Member Zaragoza to approve the meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carries.

III. Presentation of Proclamation to Dr. Allan Boodnick

The Chair presented a proclamation to Dr. Allan Boodnick, recognizing his leadership and contribution as during his term as Chair.

IV. Presentation by Jeffrey Harlan on the Planning and Design Development Process for Prop 40 Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Harlan went over staff recommendations, the planning design process for Prop 40 projects, and the seven step development process. Mr. Harlan concluded that the next step for the board would be to identify some priority projects from the list presented last year.

V. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Member Boodnick reported that meetings of the Eastern Ridgeline Ad Hoc Committee with Los Angeles County Recreation and Parks Department had yielded good progress and that the committee identified substantial cost reductions and the County has offered help with additional funding aspects. A significant agreement on communication issues was reached including monthly meetings between Conservancy and County Recreation and Parks Department staff.

Member Guiney added that there were some oversights on his Department's part and felt the committee process helped make things better.

VI. Executive Officer's Report (David McNeill)

Mr. McNeill gave his report. He asked Mike Bohlke (Supervisor Yvonne Burke's office) for comments on the grant from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for \$11 million dollars for property acquisition. Mr. Bohlke stated that the acquisition of the 100 acres was successfully completed and escrow has closed. He acknowledged the success of the acquisition by efforts of the partnership between the Conservancy, BHRCA, and to Dave Myerson, whom he felt did an outstanding job.

The Chair stated that the Conservancy should swiftly publicize its achievements and successes via our publicist.

VII. Deputy Attorney General's Report (Rosana Miramontes)

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

VIII. Public Comments

Milton Bassett (Baldwin Hills Homeowners Association) presented new problems associated with the proposed air treatment facility intended to draw toxic gas from the sewer lines in the area of La Cienega Boulevard and Rodeo Road. Member Zaragoza requested of the Chair that the issue be put on February or March's agenda.

IX. Board Comments

Member Zaragoza thanked 1) County Recreation and Parks staff on the well maintained port-a-potties they provided while sewer lines were repaired at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area; 2) Nestlé for their 2005 "Very Best In Youth," publication; and 3) she will continue to network with the Conservancy's neighbors stakeholders (she's already met with Culver City Creekside Homeowners Association, Raintree Residence Association, Ocean Drive Homeowners, Jefferson Blvd. Business Owners, East Culver City Neighborhood Members, and Carol Tucker of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Homeowners Coalition).

Member Boodnick commended Member Bentley on his work with Nestlé's "Very Best In Youth."

Member Schafer reported that there was an issue with invasive plant species mistakenly slated for installation at Gwen Moore Lake in Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. The installation was averted and the issue was worked out. He also introduced California State Parks Director, Ruth Coleman, for other comments. Ms. Coleman stated it was exciting to hear how much the Conservancy has accomplished and wants to keep the proposed air treatment facility on the board's "radar screen" and see what options there are.

Board comments (cont'd)

Member Arbor congratulated Member Boodnick as outgoing Chair and Member Jones-Sawyer as the new Chair.

Member Mount felt the board should select a different team of members (other than those on the Acquisition Ad Hoc Committee) to discuss the 100 acres that were recently acquired.

Member Bentley thanked Member Boodnick on his great job as Chair and added that he looks forward to working with the new Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded that to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Approved:

Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair