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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JANUARY 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 18, 2008, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

Vice Chair Jones assumed the role as Chair for today's meeting on behalf of Chair Burke.

I. Roll Call

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

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

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

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

Chair Jones announced that as there wasn't a quorum present, Agenda Item IV (Kenneth Wayne Bentley Proclamation) would be heard next

II Proclamation – Kenneth Wayne Bentley

A proclamation was presented by the Chair to Member Bentley for his past term as Chair.

III. Presentation by South Coast Air Quality Management District

A presentation on the role of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, was given by Stan Myles, Public Affairs Specialist and a presentation on reporting air quality complaints and procedures was given by Inspector Ashkaan Nikravan. Following their presentations, Member Arbor requested of the Chair, arranging a tour of South Coast Air Quality Management District's facilities for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board members.

At this time, the Vice Chair recognized and welcomed Culver City Councilmember Carol Gross and Sharita Moon, of Congresswoman Diane Watson's office.

Member Jones-Sawyer arrived and a quorum was achieved.

IV. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (December)

The Chair called for the motion to approve December's meeting. Motion made by Member Zaragoza to approve the minutes as stands. Motion seconded and passes.

V. Consideration of a Resolution (08-01) Authorizing the Executive Officer to Disencumber the Balance of Funds from Agreement #BHC06002 between the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and North East Trees for Planning and Site Analysis at 6000 West Jefferson Blvd. – David McNeill

Motion made by Member Boodnick to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes with one abstention by Member Jones-Sawyer.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution (08-02) Authorizing a Matching Grant of Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Prop 40 Funds to the California Conservation Corps for Planning and Proposed Trail Improvements for the East La Brea Greenbelt – David McNeill

Member Arbor made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes

VII. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes reminded board members of their Form 700 filing and members serving holding other eligible positions requiring Form 700 filing; need to file with those agencies. Members can direct any questions to her.

VIII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his report and highlighted the following areas:

- Friends of Baldwin Hills 2007 Fundraiser/Holiday Reception – raised \$39,500.00
- Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook interpretive signage
- Ballona Creek Connection
- Los Angeles County response to PXP's request for re-drilling
- Eastern Ridgeline project
- State budget

IX. Board Announcements

Member Bentley asked if the fundraising of Member Jones-Sawyer and consultant Gene Boykins be placed on the next meeting agenda. He introduced Sy Fountaine (The Bedford Group) who wants to partner with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

Member Zaragoza extended an invitation to attend Culver City's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 19, at their senior center beginning at 7:30 p.m. and on also on January 20, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged Members Bill LaPointe and Mary Ann Greene (Chair, Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee) for efforts in coordinating the celebration.

She also recalled a request made in last month's meeting, on behalf of Crenshaw High School's principal, to increase evening meetings.

IX. Board Announcements (Cont'd)

Member Jones-Sawyer was recently appointed by the Community College Board Trustee to their Oversight Committee to their \$22 billion bond program. He brought up the issue of open space opportunities.

Member Arbor announced that Councilmember Bernard Parks and City of Los Angeles will have their Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities, starting with a bike race Saturday, January 19, surrounding Crenshaw High School, starting @ 5:00 a.m. The parade is scheduled for Monday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and will culminate with a gospel concert from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Leimert Park Village.

Member Amir thanked the South Coast Air Quality Management District's representative for their presentation.

Member Zaragoza made an additional comment; commending the Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff on their tremendous work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Vice Chair