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**Minutes of the Public Meeting
of the
Baldwin Hills Conservancy
July 27, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Robert L. Jones, on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting was held inside the Community Center of Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy was called and the following voting members were present: Allan Boodnick, Vice Chair Russ Guiney, Chair Robert L. Jones, Bobbie Parks, Ron Schafer, and Allan Kingston. Members Ta-Lecia Arbor, Kenneth Bentley, and Mary Ann Greene arrived after roll was taken. Voting members absent were Bryan Cash, Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, Department of Finance, Lloyd Dixon, and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The following non voting members were present: Sara Amir, Barbara Romero, and Bill LaPointe. Member Patricia O'Toole arrived after roll call. Non-voting members absent were Joe Edmiston, Greg Scott, 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. Public Comments

Culver City resident Marta Zaragoza requested that agenda items reflect proposed funding amounts.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (May)

Motion made by Member Schafer to approve May's meeting minutes as stand. Motion seconded and carries.

IV. Presentation on the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan – Sandra Hamlat, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist

Ms. Hamlat gave background overviews of the Master Plan, what it is and what it is not from a planning perspective. A summary of the Master Plan is available on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's website.

V. Consideration of a Joint Resolution with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing a Disbursement of funds from the Authority Account #S8D/27951 (Teach Me To Camp) Summer Pilot Program – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated that the joint resolution asks for the board's approval of \$2,500.00 to help with the costs of an outward bound Los Angeles Group, who wants to use Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area as a venue for camping for twenty-two people. Motion made by Member Boodnick to approve. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Consideration of a Joint Resolution with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing a Disbursement of Funds from the Authority Account #S8D/27951, To Commission an Economic and Development Feasibility Study for the Proposed Acquisition Site at 5950 Stoneview Drive – David McNeill, Executive Officer

The joint resolution calls for further investigation of the school site at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Motion made by Member Boodnick to approve. Motion seconded. There was a question on the motion raised by Member Arbor regarding a breakdown on how the \$40,000 would be spent. Member Greene moved that a motion be amended to include the question. All ayes, motion carries.

VII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reported on the following items from his written report:

- State Budget/Bond Funding/Capital Outlay/State furloughs
- Projects - 6000 West Jefferson/Scenic Overlook
- Park to Playa meeting
- La Brea and Stocker clean-up by Baldwin Hills Homeowners Group
- Community Advisory Panel for the CSD

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

There were no reports.

IX. Board Comments

Member Guiney announced that the entrance into Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area was cleaner and brighter. He stated that Shawn McAdory, the park's superintendent, would next be working on the La Brea Greenway; cleaning it up and revising the plant palette to reflect more drought tolerant plants. They will also be working with the City of Los Angeles to clean-up the lower end of the hill on La Brea Ave.. July is recognized across the nation as "Park and Recreation Month," and so has been proclaimed by the County Supervisors. They are doing the second phase of the "Play for Life" campaign and this year feature actual users of the park in the ads as spokespersons. They will be coordinating a symposium in September that will deal with re-claimed water and drought tolerant plants at the County Arboretum. The charge to attend \$15.00. On the note of water consumption, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area is served by DWP and the City of Los Angeles has recently adopted changes on water restrictions on water usages; parks, open spaces, greenways, and golf courses and if a park unit can show a 20% reduction water usage over the past two years, the City will grant them an easement allowing them to water seven days instead of two days, but still within the guidelines.

Member Schafer announced that visitations are way up state-wide in California's state parks.

Member Kingston expressed interest in knowing if there would be multi-use trails along Ballona Creek for pedestrians (walkers, hikers, and joggers) and bicyclists.

Barbara Romero announced that they have awarded a contract to do three entrances (Ballona Creek) at McConnell along the creek, Sepulveda, and Inglewood and is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Member Boodnick announced he is a member of the Sheriff Community Advisory, who holds a national night out each year and this year on August 4, at Calvary Baptist Church, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. They will have a two panel discussion on age related illnesses. He also asked David McNeill (Executive Officer) if there were any news on lawsuits against PXP.

Member Greene stated her neighbors who walk the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook trail, early in the morning and in the evening, has told her they see skateboarders there. Member Greene expressed her concerns made about the issue of safety and state liability and suggested maybe putting up signs against skateboarding. She announced that she was selected to be the Woman of the Year for the Democratic Party for the 47th Assembly and would be honored on Sunday, August 9. She was also recently appointed to Culver City's park commission.

The Chair congratulated Member Greene on her recent appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair