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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JUNE 30, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on June 30, 2007 at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, 6300 Hetzler Road, Culver City, CA 90232.

I. Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Tour – Ron Schafer

The tour of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook site and development overview was given by Member Schafer (California State Parks). The conservancy board and others attending the meeting were pleased with the progress.

II. Roll Call

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

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

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

State Attorney General Office – no representation.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (May)

A motion was made by Member Zaragoza to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passes.

IV. Consideration of Proclamations – Kenneth Bentley, Chair

Proclamations were given to Bill Vandenberg, Garry George, Josue Bustos, Margot Griswold, and the Rotary Club, for the commitment to stewardship activities within the Baldwin Hills Parkland.

V. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Prop 40 Funds for the Revised Eastern Ridge Facilities Expansion Project – David McNeill

The resolution asks for board approval of up to 4.2 million dollars for the revised Eastern Ridge Facilities Expansion Project. Member Schafer made the motion to approve the resolution.

Members Zaragoza and Jones-Sawyer brought up the point on ADA compliance. They suggested having it incorporated back into the budget. Member Arbor made the motion to approve the resolution with the amendment that the Executive Officer find the \$8,000.00 to accommodate ADA requirements. Motion seconded and passes.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant of BHC Prop 40 Funds for Project Planning and design at the Milton Street Property (Ballona Creek) – Sandra Hamlat

The resolution asks for board approval of up to \$75,000 in Prop 40 funds project planning and design. Motion made by Member Greene to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

At this time, the Chair recognized Barbara Romero, MRCA Director of Urban Development and Sandra Davis, Culver City School Board.

VI. Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

No one was present from the Attorney General's office.

VII. Public Comments

Robert Arledge, South California Youth Association Track and Field, stated that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy would be receiving a letter, inviting them to their event in August. He commented again on the lack of track and field facilities in South Central Los Angeles.

VIII. Board Comments

Member LaPointe thanked the board members for supporting Culver City's skate park and is impressed with conservancy staff for the swift assistance Culver City received from them on the skate park. Culver City is now going through their master planning process and will be contacting the conservancy members for input.

Member Mount stated that the Acquisition Ad Hoc Committee's report would be given in the next board meeting.

Member Guiney stated that Rotary Club International will hold their national convention in Los Angeles next June and would like to have them visit and tour the Scenic Overlook while here.

Mr. McNeill gave an update on meetings he had with representatives from Culver City regarding opportunities to partner with the conservancy on future projects. He proposed that August 3 board meeting be moved to the September 20 date. He also reported on the new fiscal year's budget for Operations and Prop 40 funds and that the budget also has included in it a ten-year extension for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. He then thanked the L.A. 5 Rotary for doing a great job with the Earth Day event.

The Chair called for the motion to approve moving the August 3 meeting date to September 20. Member Zaragoza made the motion to move the meeting date. Motion seconded and passes.

Member Jones-Sawyer remarked the Scenic Overlook should be a destination spot for visitors and want a marketing plan put together for the Visitors Center's opening. The Chair requested that the public relations ad hoc committee be re-established with Member Jones-Sawyer as

Chair of the committee. The following board members volunteered to be part of the committee: Ken Bentley, Ta-Lecia Arbor, and Mary Ann Greene.

Member Greene stated that a delegation from the 27th AD Environmental Commission went to Sacramento to lobby on behalf of AB 47. AB 47 is strongly supported and people are very enthusiastic about the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. She also reported on other important bills that were heard.

Member Zaragoza gave the Youth Internship Ad Hoc Committee's report. She also requested a list of contractors receiving Prop A funds.

The Chair recognized Eric Boyd from Senator Ridley-Thomas' office. Mr. Boyd reported that they will host an Empowerment Congress Summit regarding Plains Exploration on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at West Los Angeles College, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked Member Schafer for hosting today's meeting and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved:

Kenneth W. Bentley
Chair