

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056 and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Yvonne B. Burke.

**I. Roll Call**

Voting members present: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair, Robert L. Jones, Vice Chair, Allan Boodnick, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Lloyd Dixon, Ron Schafer, Allan Kingston, and Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor (who arrived after roll). Voting members absent: Bryan Cash, Kenneth Bentley, Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, and Bobbie Parks.

Non voting members present: Sara Amir and Patricia O'Toole. Non voting member absent were Joe Edmiston, Mary Small, Paul Mount and Bill LaPointe.

Staff members present were David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

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

**II. Public Comments**

Bill Vanderberg, Eco Club (Crenshaw High School) announced members from Crenshaw High's Eco Club hiked Saturday, February 2, 2008 from their high school to Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area, the purpose was to introduced students to the park and the Sierra Club will host a hike Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas that is scheduled Saturday, March 29, 2008 inside Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area at Burke-Roche Point from at 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Outgoing member, Marta Zaragoza thanked the board and members of the audience for their commitment to the goals and objectives of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. She was presented a proclamation by the Chair on behalf the board for her hard work as a past member.

Marcus Bossett of Archers Instruction Association introduced Marciano Agustin, also from the association. As their spokesperson, Mr. Bossett announced that they have started a movement to build an archery range in Culver City and are in talks with various Culver City officials. They would like to submit information to the board to perhaps consider building an Olympic-style archery range at the Scenic Overlook site.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (January 18, 2008)**

Member Boodnick moved that the minutes be approved without objection. Motion seconded and carries.

**IV. Oath of Office**

The Chair introduced the new Governor appointed members Lloyd Dixon, G. Allan Kingston, and Patricia O'Toole and Governor re-appointed members Mary Ann Greene and Robert Jones. The Oath of Office was then given to them by Deputy Attorney General Rosana Miramontes.

The Chair then recognized the following persons; Margot Griswold (Earthworks Restoration) and Bill Vandenberg (Crenshaw High School/Sierra Club) Ron Webster (Sierra Club) and Mike Meador (California Greenworks) who wasn't present, who all support grant proposals on the agenda. She turned the floor over to Member Guiney, Director for County Parks and Recreation, who introduced Shawn McAdory, the new superintendent at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

**VI. Consideration of a Resolution Amending Resolution 08-02 for the Proposed Eastern La Brea Greenbelt Recreational Trails Matching Grant – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill reported the amended resolution amendment would clarify the agency being awarded the grant. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the amended resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

**VII. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Extend the Delivery Date of the Eastern Gateway Contract (BHC06003) with North East Trees from June 30, 2008 – December 31, 2008 – Sandra Hamlat**

Ms. Hamlat reported that the contractor, North East Trees, has experienced some scheduling conflicting, which has lead to extending the contract's timeline. Member Guiney made the motion to approve the amended resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

**VIII. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Disencumber \$49,690 in BHC Prop 40 Funds from the Milton Street Acquisition Contract (BHC07001) With the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority – Gail Krippner**

Ms. Krippner reported the resolution would disencumber the balance (\$49,690) from the original amount encumbered to acquire the property. Member Greene made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries.

**IX. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant for Development of an Interpretive Learning Module for On-Site Native Plant Propagation at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill stated the resolution would be for a grant proposal of \$101,150 to create a learning module and greenhouse at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Margot Griswold (Earthworks Restoration) stated that the grant from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy would help re-invigorate the greenhouse initiated prior by the Weeds to Wonder project. Member Kingston made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and carries with one abstention made by Member Dixon.

**X. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant for the Implementation of a Trail Link Between Ruben Ingold Park and the Stocker Corridor Trail – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill requested that this item be deferred until next month's meeting. He did state the purpose of the resolution would be to have a trail developed that would link the park to the Stocker Corridor Trail. He is working with Ron Webster (Sierra Club) on design and layout of the trail link and is also working with Mike Meador (California Greenworks) on engineering issues, an entry gate, and signage. Mr. Webster was introduced and gave background information on trails he helped develop within Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area..

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

Ms. Miramontes reminded the board submission of their Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests..

**XII. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill**

The Chair asked Mr. McNeill to come up with an approach to orientate regarding events inside Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area and other projects.

Mr. McNeill gave his written report on the following items:

- Appropriations balance sheet
- State Audit Department's engagement letter

Executive Officer Report (cont'd)

- Ballona Creek
- Eastern Ridgeline project
- Community Standards Overlay Zone
- Possibly changing day of Baldwin Hills Conservancy's meeting to Monday

Following his report, the Chair announced that L.A. Times has an article in today's paper regarding advancements in technologies and funding for continued oil drilling and spoke of Baldwin Hills Community Standards District being developed as a result of complaints received from Culver City and neighbors regarding noise and odor from the new drilling methods.

**XIII. Board Announcements**

Board members Russ Guiney, Robert Jones, Mary Ann Greene, Allan Boodnick, and Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, each welcomed and congratulated the new board appointees and e-appointed members and thanked the past members for their commitment and hard work.

Member Guiney reported that County Parks and Recreation department launched a Play for Life campaign last month and in upcoming months, they will focus on different aspects on activities in county parks. One month they will focus on hiking and in May they will focus on their swimming pools and will rededicate Ted Watkins Park's pool on Saturday, May 3, 2008,

Member Schafer spoke briefly on State Parks budget; they had a 10% cut and is at a critical point, where park closure is a direct result. There 48 proposed park closures on their list; it will not affect the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, however. Some of the proposed park closures are in Los Angeles County, and the County Board of Supervisors has sent a five signature letter to the Governor protesting it.

Member Jones thanked Member Guiney, Supervisor Burke's Chief Deputy Mike Bohlke, and park superintendent Shawn McAdory on their commitment to remove potentially dangerous debris from the park's grounds.

Member Boodnick announced that the Ladera Heights Civic Association will host candidate night on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, for the candidates running for County Supervisor.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved:

Yvonne B. Burke  
Chair