

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
May 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Robert L. Jones on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 10:15 a.m., at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook PORTS Theatre, 6300 Hetzler Road, Culver City, CA 90232.

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy roll was called and the following voting members were present Allan Boodnick, John Wicker (designee for Vice Chair Russ Guiney) Mary Ann Greene, Chair Robert L. Jones, Ron Schafer, Lloyd Dixon, and Allan Kingston. Absent: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Kenneth Bentley, Bryan Cash, Mike Chrisman, Ruth Coleman, Bobbie Parks, and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The following non voting members were present: Patricia O'Toole, and Greg Scott. Absent: Sara Amir, Bill LaPointe, Joe Edmiston and Mary Small.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill, Gail Krippner, and Sandra Hamlat.

Representing the State Attorney General office: Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (March)

The Chair called for the motion to approve April's meeting minutes. Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion was seconded and carries.

III. Presentation by the UCLA

Dr. Travis Longcore, instructor for the course, introduced himself and Travis Brooks as well as the two groups of senior environmental degree students who gave the presentations focusing on urban encroachment, odor problems, and native coastal scrub habitat in the Baldwin Hills.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action on a Recommendation by the Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee Regarding the Acquisition and Development of Approximately 5 Acres of Land Located at 5950 Stoneview Drive, Culver City, CA – Lloyd Dixon

Member Dixon, Chair of the Negotiations Ad Hoc Committee, stated their committee had met to discuss acquisition of the property and concluded the property was appropriate for acquisition by the BHC. The property contains several buildings on it and could be used for different uses, such as recreational and office space for the conservancy staff. Their committee overall recommends proceeding with environmental assessment of the property and looking into the issues that need to be considered before acquiring. Member Boodnick moved that the recommendation of the presentation made. Motion seconded and carries.

V. Public Comments

Marta Zaragoza, ECCNA/HTCC recognized Culver City Councilmember Micheál O' Leary who was in attendance. She thanked the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for providing single bottled water for the meeting, but asked, with the current state of global waste, that the conservancy board consider and approve eliminating single use bottled water for recycled cups and/or recyclable two gallon water containers.

VI. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill gave his written report, which focused on the Capital Outlay projects and Prop 40 and 84 bond funding outlook.

VII. Attorney General Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

VIII. Board Member Announcements

Member Schafer thanked all who attended the grand opening of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook on April 18.

Member Wicker commended Member Schafer and Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and having State Parks as a partner in the Baldwin Hills.

The Chair thanked Member Schafer for facilitating today's meeting at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and for his dedicated service.

Following the board comments, Liz Gosnell (Cone Trust) stated she represented the owners of land in the oil fields and they are opposed to any documentation of proposed plans that utilizes their private property and presents to the public that they are done deals or the sale of them is an absolute possibility.

At 11:00 a.m. the Chair announced that the meeting would now go into the closed session portion and excused the public.

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m. The Chair announced that in closed session the board moved to have the agency negotiator, Dave Myerson, continue discussion and negotiations for the purpose of acquiring the forementioned property on record (5950 Stoneview Drive). Any additional proceedings to occur will be developed in closed session.

Marta Zaragoza (ECCNA/HTCC) asked for the status of yesterday's CAP meeting that was part of the Executive Officer's report. Mr. McNeill responded that it was not included in his report, but in the meeting, the CAP discussed the by-laws and obtained information on the landscaping plan. He advised Ms. Zaragoza that she could obtain the meeting minutes from the County planning department

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones
Chair