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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
NOVEMBER 2, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, November 2, 2007 at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum, 900 West Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007.

The Chair thanked the museum staff members for their time and support.

I. 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, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Robert Jones, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Absent: Bryan Cash, Ruth Coleman, and Mike Chrisman and Bobbie Parks.

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

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

Representing the State Attorney General office was Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting (September)

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

The Chair announced that before discussion of Agenda Item 3, the oath of office would be given to Member Ta-Lecia, who was re-appointed to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board.

**III. Consideration of Resolution 07-15 – Nomination Committee Candidate
Recommendations for December Elections – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill stated that the committee recommended nominating Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke as the Conservancy Chair and Robert Jones as candidate for Vice Chair. Motion made by Member Boodnick to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

IV. Consideration of Resolution 07-16, authorizing a Grant of BHC Prop 40 Funds to Develop a Master Plan for the Inglewood Hills Property on Fairfax Ave. – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill went over the details of the Master Plan that would include a proposed golf course and related facilities. Member Zaragoza moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

V. Consideration of a Resolution 07-17, authorizing a Grant Augmentation for the Planning and Interpretive Project Management grant #BHC05006 with the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority – David McNeill

The resolution would grant additional money to augment the balance for the Planning Consultant's position until fiscal year end 2008. Motion made by Member Arbor to approve the resolution. Motion seconded and passes.

VI. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill

Mr. McNeill reported on the following:

- Project funding opportunities with EEMP, Proposition 84 and Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Prop 40 and Prop 84 fiscal update

VII. Board Announcements

Member Arbor recognized Eric Boyd (Senator Ridley-Thomas). She extended her thanks to Senator Ridley-Thomas for her re-appointment and thanked the community for their continued support of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and thanked the Conservancy board members for the opportunity to serve again on the board.

Member Guiney gave an update on the fire situation in Los Angeles County parks that were affected both directly and indirectly. Some of the parks were used as fire centers and thanked and commended County employees for their support in the fires.

Member Greene announced that she attended the American Institute Architecture Symposium held last Friday, which the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Executive Officer, David McNeill, was a panelist representing the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

Member Jones thanked the Chair for providing the supporting he's brought to the board and for arranging to hold today's meeting at the Natural History Museum. He requested to have a Fire Chief who supports the Baldwin Hills area to come to attend a future meeting and speak about fire protection plan and strategies.

The Chair recognized Pilar Diaz of the Amateur Athletic Foundation and commended them on the great work they do.

Member Schafer reported the the Scenic Overlook's construction is still on schedule for May 2008, his office is working with Sandra Hamlat on the grant proposal to make a loop trail that will connect to the Ballona Creek and with Gail Krippner on the way-finding signage project.

Member Zaragoza brought the plaque that was presented to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy by the City of Culver City, at the grand opening of their skate board park on October 27. She also

acknowledged Member Arbor's participation at the grand opening. She reported that Member LaPointe (Culver City Recreation and Parks Director) was there too and recognized the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's participation and support. She added that representation from Supervisor Burke's was also present. She thanked the Xtreme Games for their sponsorship, Gary and Willie of the Culver City Parks Department, Sorrento Market, and lastly thanked A.J. Lopez for helping with today's meeting.

Member LaPointe piggy-backed on Member Zaragoza's comments and thanked the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for their participation in the Culver City Skate Park. The event had over 200 kids skating including lots of parents and community members. He thanked Supervisor Burke for their representation and stated that a plaque would be forthcoming to her office.

Member Mount stated that State Lands staff sponsored a tour for the L.A. County Regional Planning Department relative to the Community Standards District and EIR, to educate them on some oil fields and also provided briefing to the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commissioners about oil fields and oil fields development.

The Chair announced that the Holiday Christmas/Fundraising Kickoff would be held Saturday, December 15. Information will be sent out within the next two weeks.

IX. Public Comments

Robert Arledge, liaison for the Southern California Youth Track and Field Association, raised his concerns with some Conservancy projects. He proposed again that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy provide funds to build a state of the art track facility.

Member Arbor stated she brought a copy of the joint use agreement between LAUSD and Crenshaw and would give it to David McNeill. For the record, LAUSD'S use of the new sports facility at Crenshaw High is Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; shared use Monday - Friday from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (unless there are after-school programs) and Saturday – Sunday, 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Member Jones spoke on the opportunity to having diversity in the types of sports available in the community.

Gloria Wohler gave a report on how to properly destroy pampas grass. She provided pamphlets to the board containing information on pampas grass control.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Approved:

Chair
Kenneth W. Bentley