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**Minutes of the Public Meeting  
of the  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
Friday, October 23, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Robert L. Jones on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 10:05 a.m., at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

**I. Roll Call**

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

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

Liz Gosnell (Cone Trust) wanted to clarify for the record, that at times she's been quoted and listed as "Liz Gosnell," "representative of Baldwin Hills Owners." She has never reported that; she is "Liz Gosnell, a representative of the Cone Trust." Cone Trust is one of the landowners in the Baldwin Hills. She also stated that the map on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's website is misleading and needs to be removed immediately from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's website, as it misleads the public to believe that the Conservancy owns their land contained in what the Conservancy' calls their boundaries. Also, regarding Item 3 on today's agenda, (money being contributed to the CSD study) she stated that neither the public nor public agency has the legal right to dictate evaluation of a field right nor the resource recovery forecast on private property, whose operations are in compliance with all rules and regulations.

Member Boodnick recommended that the Conservancy board make some response to Ms. Gosnell so that she won't find a need to say something about this at every meeting. The Chair stated it would be reviewed as to what the appropriate response will be.

As there was no quorum, the Chair announced that the next item discussed would be Agenda Item 4.

**III. Discussion and Possible Action on BHC Officer Nominations for 2010 in Preparation for Elections Scheduled for December 3, 2009 – David McNeill, Executive Officer**

Mr. McNeil stated the procedures listed were the ones adopted in 2004, where rotation of the Vice Chair to Chair, so Russ Guiney will be Chair. They are looking for nomination for Vice Chair. The Chair recommended eligible members express their interest in being nominated prior to the elections.

At this time, Member John Wicker arrived.

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

Mr. McNeill reported on the following:

- Eastern Gateway/Don Lorenzo project was restarted, the Northeast Trees grant has allocated \$250,000 for the project and all designs are complete
- Councilmember Parks' has created a new walking trail in Norman O. Houston park
- LANI - working on temporary signs for the Signage and Wayfinding Projects, contract is moving forward
- Eastern Ridgeline project – Prop 40 fund certified project and are waiting for a bond sale to come through this month

**V. Presentation of Special Recognition Awards – Robert L. Jones, Chairman**

The Chair commended the Baldwin Hills Conservancy staff for doing an immense and wonderful job and presented each staff member with a special award.

At this time, Member Ta-Lecia arrived. There was now a quorum and the Chair moved to Item III of the agenda.

**VI. Consideration of a Joint Resolution with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds from the Authority Account #S8D/27951SC29, in An Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000 for Project Management and Financing of the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District Review**

Mr. McNeill reported that a CSD Review Ad Hoc Committee had met to discuss some of the key issues of the CSD amendments motion from the County Board of Supervisors. They focused discussions on items including the scope of work, recommendations for tech support, and funding. He recommended to the board to approve the funding from the authority account.

Liz Gosnell (Cone Trust) respectfully requested to make one additional public comment, that was the biggest issue she see and respectfully request is that a check system be created, so as not to use experts that have already taken a stand, opposed to the oil field, opposed to the CSD, and opposed to their operations. These should be individuals who are not biased.

Board members expressed their concerns over legal status of the CSD, the scope of work, difficulty following the draft proposal, opposition to funding of the study, and issues of control.

Karly Katona (Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas office) clarified that the motion was to provide instructions to the Regional Planning Department to conduct a review of this CSD and that there were no specific amendments suggested. She further stated the objective was to get an unbiased team of consultants with expertise to look at the existing CSD and provide recommendations for consideration on how the CSD might be amended. Implementation of the CSD will continue as the review is underway. Also, the County's internal staff did their best to come up with a draft proposal that would be appropriate and if the ultimate costs do exceed it, then their office is committed to making every best effort to look for funding elsewhere

Lisa Paillet (Plains Exploration Production Company) offered a point of correction regarding Mr. McNeill's comments related to plan review. "The CAP had," "per the CSD," "input on comments for landscaping EQAP (Environmental Quality Assurance Program) and annual drilling plans." The plans were submitted to the CAP; the first plan was the annual drilling, which was re-submitted (the County gave an extension) as there were some issues regarding how the plans were able to be reviewed by the CAP. All other plans, that were not deemed not publicly available by the fire department for various reasons were not available. Every other plan has been submitted in a timely fashion to the Department of Regional Planning or any institute that requires the review. All plans are and have been available on the website.

Member Dixon, recommended postponing this item to next month and also felt that it would be appropriate to have someone from the Department of Regional Planning come and speak on the study to get their perspective. He made the motion to table the item for further review. Motion seconded with a question on the motion made by Member Scott that if postponing, would it impact the project, the timeline, etc.

The Chair called for the motion to table with the proviso, which is not included in the motion, to select an ad hoc committee to take up the action the motion will create when it is tabled. Roll was taken for the vote: Allan Kingston – aye; Lloyd Dixon – aye; Bobbie Parks – aye; Allan Boodnick – no; Ta-Lecia Arbor – no; John Wicker – no; and Robert Jones – aye. Motion passes.

Following the vote, Member Boodnick made the recommendation that the item be referred to the ad hoc committee already engaged with the issue and brought back to the next meeting. Member Dixon and Member Kingston expressed interest in being added to serve on the CSD Review Ad Hoc Committee.

#### **VII. Approval of Minutes (September)**

Member Boodnick made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded but with recommended corrections per Liz Gosnell. The Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes as amended and corrected; all ayes, motion carries.

#### **VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

#### **Board Announcements**

Member Kingston apologized for not being able to attend last month's evening meeting and stated he would like to part of the CSD Review committee.

Member Parks announced that Council District 8 has two events: on Monday, November 30, they will have the lighting of the holiday Christmas tree in Leimert Park at 6:00 p.m., there will be entertainment. Also, on Saturday, December 12, they will have their toy drive and snow park. If anyone would like this information e-mailed, please let her know.

Member Boodnick announced he was reappointed Speaker Karen Bass to serve another two-year term on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy board.

Member Arbor had a question on the discussion or the action to be taken on Agenda Item 4. Mr. McNeill responded that he or the Nominations Ad Hoc Committee would notify the eligible members on the list of the opportunity.

The Chair thanked the board and staff.

#### **X. Oath Of Office**

Member Boodnick was administered the Oath of Office by Deputy Attorney General Rosana Miramontes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Approved:

Robert L. Jones  
Chair