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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
AUGUST 5, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on August 5, 2005, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Los Angeles, CA 90056.

New board member Bill LaPointe was given the oath of office by Deputy Attorney General Rosana Miramontes.

Member Zaragoza requested the Chair change the meeting agenda to show an item for non-agenda items for public comment.

I. Roll Call

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

The following non voting members were present: Paul Mount, II, and Bill LaPointe. The following non-voting members arrived after roll: Sara Amir. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Neal Fishman, and Greg Broughton.

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

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

The Chair announced there was no quorum and items on the agenda requiring action would be heard later.

II. BHC Summarized Strategic Plan – Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill reviewed the plan highlighting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's accomplishments and goals, acquisitions, trail development, and other projects. He introduced Frank Padilla, California State Parks Superintendent for Trail Management and Development, who gave a presentation on the trail's development.

III. Presentation of the Resource Catalog, Curriculum Guide and Community Needs Assessment - United Education Partnership

Eric Taylor gave an update presentation on the project's progress and distributed copies of the resource catalog, curriculum guide and community needs assessment to the board.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action Proposed Projects from the Baldwin Hills Park Linkage and Access Study

Jeff Harlan gave a presentation on the status of the projects named in the linkage and access study.

V. Discussion and Possible Action on a Draft Scope of Work to Publicize Baldwin Hills Conservancy Projects

Member Bentley, Chair of the Publicity Ad Hoc Committee, gave a report on the committee's meetings. He introduced Teri Holoman, the public relations consultant selected by the committee. Ms. Holoman discussed the two phase campaign that she and the committee established. She has already scheduled Mr. McNeill as a guest speaker on a local radio show to talk about and promote the work that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy is doing and she is working with COMCAST for future appearances.

VI. Approval of Minutes (July)

Member Zaragoza requested that the minutes reflect the following amendment; add non-agenda items for public comments. The Chair added that Supervisor Yvonne Burke's name is missing from the roll and needs to be added. Also, add that the oath of office for new board member could not be given as there was no quorum present. The Chair called for the vote to approve the minutes; all ayes, minutes approved as corrected.

VII. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

No report.

VIII. Closed Session

At 11:35 a.m., the Chair excused the public to go into the closed session portion of the meeting.

At 11:45 a.m., the Chair called to order and returned to the regular session of the meeting and announced that Agenda Item VIII was discussed in closed session.

IX. Board Member Comments

Member Guiney reported that County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation will have open house at the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre on August 15, 2005, to introduce their new executive team. On October 24, 2005, People for Parks will hold their annual Parks Award Celebration.

Member Zaragoza requested the board to allow her to check into the status of the MOU between State Parks and Culver City.

Mr. McNeill reported the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority and the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, are having an opening of the Ballona Creek Trail Centinela Gateway on August 18, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. He also announced that the Friends of Baldwin Hills will be putting on a golf tournament on October 1, 2005, at El Segundo Lakes, as fundraiser to raise money to help support Baldwin Hills Conservancy's activities as well as those inside Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

Allan S. Boodnick
Chair