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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
of the  
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY  
NOVEMBER 7, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Roll Call**

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on November 7, 2003, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

The Conservancy roll was called, and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Mary Ann Greene, Jim Park, Ted Jackson, Robert Jones, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Marta Zaragoza. Mary Nichols arrived after roll was taken. Absent: Kenneth Bentley, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Ruth Coleman, Tim Gallagher, and Fred Klass

The following non-voting members were present: Sara Amir, Greg Broughton. Representing Don Rogers was Don Marquardt. Absent: Neal Fishman, Joe Edmiston, Paul Mount, and Don Rogers.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill, Jeffery Harlan, Gloria Dangerfield.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was John Saurenman.

**II. Approval of Minutes (April, May, October)**

The Chair explained that April's minutes were not approved, as there were no quorum present at April's meeting and minutes for May's meeting was an emergency meeting. Motion made to approve minutes of April, May, and October. Motion carried.

**III. Receive and File Correspondence**

Mr. McNeill stated a follow-up letter was sent to Commissioner Shaw on the meeting with Public Works Board regarding 6000 West Jefferson Blvd., as well as a postponed recommendation from the Bureau of Sanitation to the Public Works Board to designate the site as surplus property.

**IV. Consent Calendar**

The Chair entertained motion to remove item (d) from the consent calendar and approve it as amended. Motion made to approve consent calendar. Motion carried. Following approval of consent calendar, The Chair presented ex-Member and Chair, Clare Bronowski, with a proclamation for service.

## **V. Public Comment – Agenda Items**

Julie Loudenback, on behalf of California State Parks Foundation and Sara Feldman, thanked the board for matching the grant they received, which will be a great opportunity to establish dialogue on about open space/urban L.A. communities.

## **VI. Executive Officer Report – David McNeill**

Mr. McNeill gave his report. Following Mr. McNeill's report, Member Jones-Sawyer informed the board that his department handles all real estate for the City and recused himself from any involvement in the sale of the 6000 West Jefferson Blvd. He will forward the letter from his office to this effect. Member Broughton asked Mr. McNeill about the Bureau of Sanitation and a report stating the Bureau intends to move forward with an ATF on one of the five acres. Mr. McNeill responded that they are looking to pursue an odor scrubber, which requires about an acre and is something that has been mandated by the Bureau of Sanitation. Mr. McNeill has requested on the specs, which will be forthcoming. Member Green stated that the advisory committee did agree to the odor scrubber, but there wasn't any discussions on culpability having anything to do with the park and feels it's very important to make sure that the design of odor scrubber's of piece be consistent with the esthetics of the park.

Member Greene had questions on the timeline for the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. Mr. McNeill informed her that he's received information from Barney Matsumoto that the design development construction documentations have to be completed, along with approvals from the public works board, as well as environmental impact reviews. Member Jackson stated he can get the timeline from Barney and have it available at the next meeting. Ballona Creek Recreational Enhancement Study -- Member Greene asked Mr. McNeill if they would have an opportunity to see the report. Mr. McNeill stated the draft of the study will be given to him next month and his objective is to put it into a report format to present to the board in January.

Member Broughton asked Mr. McNeill if he had hired additional staff; Mr. McNeill informed him that Jeffrey Harlan had been hired as the Planning Associate and is still seeking to fill the Interpreter position, hopefully by December.

## **VII. Deputy Attorney General's Report – John Saurenman**

Mr. Saurenman had nothing to report

## **VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Acquisition Committee - Mr. McNeill stated that reports will be forthcoming. Legislative Proposal Committee - Member Zaragoza, chair for the committee, stated they met on October 20. Their topics of discussion were streamlining evaluations, reviews, appraisals, and land acquisition, and to adjust the boundaries for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. Prop 40 Grant Evaluation Committee - Mr. McNeill stated that the chair of the committee, Ken Bentley, was not present, but the committee had met twice and decided they would make recommendations to the board for the December meeting after further review of the applications. Member Sawyer asked to be part of the Acquisition Ad Hoc Committee.

## **IX. State Lands Presentation**

Mr. McNeill stated that in April, the Conservancy commissioned to have an engineering and feasibility study on the oil fields in the Baldwin Hills, which State Lands Commission is conducting and a preliminary update is being given today. Dave Mercier, State Lands

Commission, gave the PowerPoint presentation. Questions followed the presentation. Mim Shapiro, resident of Blair Hills, informed the board that residents had received notification from Plains regarding mineral rights on their property.

**X. Discussion and Possible Action On a Proposed BHC 2003-4 Strategic Plan Development Workshop**

In the June meeting the board amended a resolution with the intent to revisit the BHC strategic plan in six months in a workshop setting. Member Bentley referred consultant, Rochelle Brown to help facilitate the workshop. The Chair and Mr. McNeill are working with the consultant on a proposal for a workshop to be held the first quarter of next year. Mr. McNeill recommends having it either on the regularly scheduled meeting date in February or March.

**XI. Board Member Comments**

Ron Shafer, California State Parks District reported that the Weeds to Wonder Program received grants from Metropolitan Water District's Community Partnering Program; his staff will have a meeting on November 17 with State Parks' head of communication to solve some of the radio problems they're having at different locations; they are doing a joint training with Culver City Police Department next week; they have a MOU between California State Parks and Culver City's Police and Fire Department; California State Parks' staff are working on the 911 response problem and have it ironed out. He also reported that fences is  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete around the office complex and building and the driveway and curbing is scheduled to be poured on November 11 and paving of Hetzler Road is currently scheduled; open house with the rangers is scheduled for tomorrow, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and will be done regularly with residents and the rangers, lastly, were able to sign documents with Edison to have electricity to get to the rangers' homes.

Member Nichols commented that this would be her last meeting in the capacity as Resources Secretary. Helping getting the Baldwin Hills Conservancy started is one of the highlights of her time in the Resources Agency and the progress that's been made is really extraordinary. She commended Mr. McNeill on the incredible job he's done at the Executive Director for the Conservancy. Board members thanked Member Nichols for her support and dedication and the Chair presented her with a conceptual drawing of the Baldwin Hills.

Member Jim Park, Los Angeles County Department of Recreation and Parks, reported that the soccer field is still underway and are looking forward to announcing a dedication in 2004. The landscaping along La Cienega installed earlier this year has taken hold.

**XII. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

The public meeting concluded at 11:10 a.m. to go into closed session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting was re-opened at 12:15. The Chair announced that during closed session, discussions were held on various subjects, with no action taken. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved:

Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor  
Chair