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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
OCTOBER 28, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 11:00 a.m., on October 28, 2005, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

As a quorum was not yet present, the Chair announced the meeting would start with a public comment on Agenda Item IV.

I. Public Comment

Jim Lamm, Ballona Creek Renaissance, commented on the agenda item pertaining to the Ballona Creek network. He stated their board is in favor of the broader vision of an inter-connected network of trails, open space and habitats, that would link to the Ballona Creek wetlands, but they have not officially taken a position on it.

The Chair announced that Agenda Items 5 and 6 would be combined for discussion only as no action could be taken until a quorum was present.

II. Discussion and possible Action on Proposed Prop 40 Capital Improvement Projects in the Baldwin Hills/Ad Hoc Committee Reports – Capital Improvement Projects Committee, Russ Guiney

Mr. McNeill gave an update on the Prop 40 projects identified for discussion, he deferred to County Parks' Chief Deputy John Wicker for discussion of their progress on the Eastern Ridgeline and the committee recommendation. Member Wicker reiterated they were off budget and explained the factors causing the project to be off budget. During his discussion, he stated that they are 2.5 million dollars off budget at this point and will need to complete 90% of the scope to remain eligible for the competitive grant, and so to complete the 90%, they will need to add 2.5 million dollars to the project. He brought up Jim Park to give more of the history on the project. Following his update, Mr. Park then deferred to Jim Smith (Chief of Project Management Division) to give detail, schedules, and costing of the current project. Member Amir suggested asking EPA and oil companies for grants. The Chair brought up concerns that the ad hoc committee raised in their meeting with County Parks and Recreation regarding the project,

delaying it, and costs and asked if the augmentation could be reduced. Members voiced concern about costs and completion timeline. During this part of the discussion of item, Member Jones arrived and the Chair called for the roll.

III. Roll Call

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

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

After roll, The Chair resumed discussion on the Prop 40 agenda item. Victoria King, Senator Murray's position is that the Conservancy board should delay decision until next year's Park bond or until County Parks have an opportunity to present a true concept of what they can provide for the original grant agreement amount. Member Amir made a suggestion that as the project is still in its design phase, there may be grants/funding available from the Federal EPA and felt it should be looked into; she also suggested checking with oil companies for funding. Member Wicker felt it was important to have a commitment on the funds to continue with the design and stated they've already expended about \$33,000 to date on the plans. Member Zaragoza made motion to augment the current agreement with, but not to exceed, 2.75 million dollars for the East Ridge Facility Expansion. Motion seconded. Ms. Miramontes recommend that the board allow additional time to look at the contract and need to propose language to modify or amend it. Member Arbor moved to amend Member Zaragoza's motion and table the amendment until December's meeting. The Chair called for the motion to table the item until December 9; motion made and carried.

IV. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Rosana Miramontes

Ms. Miramontes had nothing to report.

V. Approval of Minutes (September)

Motion made by Member Zaragoza to approve September's meeting minute. Motion seconded and carries.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution (05-12) Authorizing the Executive Officer to Amend the Stocker Corridor Trail and Bike Planning Grant (BHC3002) with California State Parks Foundation

Mr. McNeill gave an update on the Stocker Corridor Trail's progress and requested the grant be augmented to not exceed \$43,000. Member Arbor made the motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded. Member Zaragoza had questions on Paragraph 4 of the resolution. The Chair called for the vote to approve the resolution. All ayes, motion carries.

VII. Consideration of a Resolution (05-13) Authorizing the Executive Officer to Issue a Letter of Support for the Ballona Creek Parkway Vision

Member Zaragoza made motion to postpone voting on the resolution until December 9, to allow more public input. Motion seconded. The Chair called for the vote to approve Member Zaragoza's motion. Members voted three to two in favor of the motion. Motion carries.

VIII. Board Comments

Member Mount felt that the comment made earlier by Member Amir (seeking funding for future projects from other sources) was a good point and felt that it solely not be the responsibility of the Executive Officer and suggested board members be willing to seek funding opportunities and act upon them. On the deferred resolution (5-13) he stated that State Lands owned wetlands in the area and felt a dialogue with State Lands to determine if they would want to participate.

Member Bentley congratulated the Baldwin Hills Conservancy on the great job done on the Stocker Corridor Trail opening earlier that day.

Member Zaragoza stated she did contact the Culver City's Chief Administrative Officer regarding the public safety MOU and did give him a memo requesting an update. To date, he has been unable to schedule a meeting to include representative(s) from the Conservancy. She's followed up with both the Mayor and the CAO for a status and has not gotten a response.

At 12:45 p.m. the Chair excused the public for the closed session portion.

The Chair called the regular meeting back to order at 12:55 p.m. and announced that in closed session the Board discussed property issues.

.ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Approved:

Allan S. Boodnick
Chair