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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
JULY 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

I. Roll Call

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on July 8, 2005, at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

The following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Ann Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Russ Guiney, Robert Jones, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Bobbie Parks, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Supervisor Burke arrived during closed session. Absent: Kenneth Bentley, Ruth Coleman, Mike Chrisman, and Mary Ann Greene

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

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

There was no representation from the State Attorney General's Office.

The Chair stated the oath of office could not be given for new board member, Bill LaPointe, as there was no quorum.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April and May)

The Chair called for the motion. A motion was made by Member Zaragoza and seconded by Member Jones-Sawyer to approve April's minutes. The minutes were approved as read. A motion was made by Member Jones-Sawyer and seconded by Member Arbor to approve May's minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

III. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to spend up to \$20,000 of the BHC Environmental License Plate Fund Support Budget to contract with a Public Relations Consultant

Mr. McNeill gave the Public Relations ad hoc committee meeting report, stating the committee interviewed three consultants for the position and that contracting the preferred consultant is contingent upon approval of the resolution. Member Zaragoza moved that a change be made in the second sentence of the first paragraph and was seconded by Member Jones-Sawyer. The Chair stated that a public comment would now be heard before voting on the amendment. Culver City Councilmember Carol Gross made comments, Mr. McNeill responded. Member Zaragoza made comments, Member Schafer responded.

The Chair called for the vote to approve the resolution with the amendment, all ayes with one abstention. Motion carries. The Chair called for the vote on the main motion, all ayes with one nay and one abstaining. The Resolution passes.

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Proposed Baldwin Hills Park Lands Branding Concept and Proposed Template

Member Guiney discussed the subcommittee's report on the logo and branding concept. The Chair called for the motion to accept the resolution. Motion made by Member Arbor and seconded by Member Zaragoza. Motion carries.

The Chair stated Agenda Item V would be discussed after the closed session.

VI. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill gave his report and an overview of the Department of Toxic Substances Control Preliminary Endangerment Assessment of the Eastern Ridgeline. Member Amir added that in addition, they did a soil and gas survey and found in one area natural methane, and if no structure is built in that area, it is safe for public use.

At 11:15 a.m., the Chair called to order and returned to the regular session of the meeting. The Chair announced that in closed session Resolution 05-08 passed, which authorizes State Lands Commission to develop and arrange financing for acquisition of oil properties in the Baldwin Hills.

VIII. Consideration of a Resolution Adopting a Notification Policy for Absentee Board Members

The Chair went over the points stated in the resolution and called for the motion to discuss. Motion made by Member Zaragoza for discussion and seconded by Member Schafer. Members had some concerns over certain policies of the resolution. The Chair called for the vote to adopt the resolution; all ayes, one opposed and two abstaining. Motion carries.

IX. Board Member Announcements

Member Schafer reported that the General Plan for the Cornfield and Taylor Yard sites was approved by California State Parks. The Cornfield site has been renamed to Los Angeles State Historic Park and Taylor Yard is now Rio de Los Angeles State Park. They had a kick-off event last week at Malibu Creek State Park for a park-link shuttle.

Member Guiney reported that County Supervisors has passed the budget and the Department of Parks and Recreation has received \$37 million augmentation to their budget for operations.

Supervisor Burke announced that COMCAST has shown a real interest in doing a piece on the park, the plans, and felt it was something that the public relations consultant or someone from the Conservancy could look into.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

Allan S. Boodnick
Chair