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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY
June 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order by Chair Lloyd Dixon a 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held inside the Community Center at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call m

Members Present:

Julie Alvis (teleconference) Pedro Reyes (teleconference) Vice Chair Allan Boodnick, Chair Lloyd Dixon, Ronilee Clark (teleconference) Robert Jones, Patrick Reynolds, Greg Scott, Russ Guiney, and Sara Amir.

Members Absent:

Bobbie Parks, Starlett Quarles, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Joan Cardellino, and Barbara Romero.

Staff Present:

David McNeill, Gail Krippner, Gloria Dangerfield, and Rosana Miramontes.

II. Approval of Minutes (May)

The Chair called for the motion to approve May meeting minutes. Member Boodnick moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and carries.

III. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered by Deputy Attorney Rosana Miramontes to new member Pedro Reyes (designee for the State Department of Finance).

IV. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Officer to Amend Agreement #BHC07011 Between the BHC and the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority for a Term Extension and Deliverables – Gail Krippner, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Ms. Krippner stated that the resolution to extend the term of the grant agreement with MRCA for the planning and design of the Milton Street site. Member Jones made the motion to approve the resolution. The Chair called for the vote. All ayes, motion carries.

V. Public Comments

Jim Lamm (Ballona Creek Renaissance) stated he's supportive of all the proposals presented today and spoke briefly on Agenda Item 4 (invasive species control) and encourages native planting. Their organization is part of a project that will be planting on Saturday, a creekside restoration of native grass, that will embrace both sides of the Mar Vista Greenway.

VI. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000 of BHC Prop 84 Funds to Los Angeles Infrastructure Academy (dba) Generation Water for Invasive Species Removal and Habitat Restoration Projects Within the Conservancy Territory – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated the grant amount would be \$400,000. The ad hoc committee members Allan Kingston and Joan Cardellino conducted application reviews. Generation Water worked with Mr. McNeill to develop the proposal and Drew Ready (San Gabriel Watershed council) was present in support. Member Guiney made the motion to approve and stated that as operator for Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, the County thinks this will be a great project to battle a number of issues that include creating a natural landscape, water, fire, and other management issues. Chair Dixon requested Mr. McNeill include measureable outcomes as a part of the agreement. The Chair called for the vote. All ayes, motion carries.

VII. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$570,000 of BHC Prop 84 Funds to Culver City for Streetscape and Pedestrian Access Improvements on Jefferson Blvd. adjacent to the Scenic Overlook and Ballona Creek – David McNeill, Executive Officer

Mr. McNeill stated the application was submitted by the City of Culver City for Jefferson Blvd. (between the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook and Ballona Creek). This grant project proposes a signal crosswalk and modification of the curbs around the intersection (that would include traffic calming) and other improvements. Member Jones moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded. Member Clark stated that California State Parks has been working closely with Culver City on this proposal and noted the number of improvements that State Parks is making. The Chair called for the vote. All ayes, motion carries.

Yvette Ludlow, a resident from Blair Hills, inquired if something could be implemented, as far as pedestrian crossing, prior to the project's estimated twelve months completion. She feels that public safety can't wait for twelve months.

Acting Angeles District Superintendent Craig Sapp (California State Parks, Angeles District) responded the state is working quickly on related improvements and are actually putting together a parking area along Jefferson after July 4.

Annie Wilson, Blair Hills Association, asked of the feasibility of having a traffic light installed. Mr. McNeill responded that Culver City has applied for federal funds for a full traffic signal and are waiting for approval.

VIII. Executive Officer Report

Mr. McNeill reported on the following updates on Prop 40 and Prop 84 projects:

- North East Trees/Eastern Gateway Project
- School Site Acquisition
- LANI project (La Cienega Bridge Entrance)
- Wayfinding signage
- DTSC grant
- Eastern Ridgeline
- MRCA/Milton Street site
- Fiscal update
- Capital outlay

He further reported; 1) he attended the greenhouse intern graduation at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook; 2) Assemblymember Holly Mitchell will host "Christmas in Jul" on July 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area's Olympic Forest and the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will participate in their Environmental Zone; 3) Ballona Creek Bikeway Opening on Saturday; June 25 at 10:00 a.m.; and 4) Relay for Life Fight for Cancer this weekend, at Kenneth Hahn Little League Ballfield. Member Boodnick stated the Relay for Life is a great event and encouraged everyone to participate.

IX. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

There were no reports.

X. Board Member Announcements or Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Member Jones welcomed new member Pedro Reyes to the board.

Chair Dixon thanked David McNeill for his work in getting the grant proposals together.

Member Reynolds thanked the board for approving the grant to the City of Culver City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17a.m.

Approved:

Lloyd Dixon
Chairman