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MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 4, 2000

1. Call to order.

The joint special meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:41 p.m. on December 4, 2000, at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, CA, 90065.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, Steven Treanor, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Edward Albert, Lindsey Kozberg, Steve Horn, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Lesley Devine, Terre Hirsch, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Linda Palmer, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: Mark Johnson. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, Thomas Hasse, Patrick Hunter, Charles McKenney, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, and Timothy Wendler. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel, MRCA; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

4. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

No public comments were heard.

5. Consideration of a motion by the Advisory Committee to make findings that the delay necessitated for providing notice of the meeting 10 days prior as required by Government Code Section 11125 would cause a substantial hardship on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and that immediate action is required to protect the public interest. The specific facts necessitating immediate action are: need to consummate an acquisition of high priority parkland by December 31st, 2000, in order to meet a requirement of the sellers in items 7 and 8 that arose subsequent to the publication of the agenda of the regular meeting for December 4th, 2000.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, and Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee made the findings described above to place items 7 and 8 on the agenda.

6. Consideration of a motion by the Conservancy to make findings that the delay necessitated for providing notice of the meeting 10 days prior as required by Government Code Section 11125 would cause a substantial hardship on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and that immediate action is required to protect the public interest. The specific facts necessitating immediate action are: need to consummate an acquisition of high priority parkland by December 31st, 2000, in order to meet a requirement of the sellers in items 7 and 8 that arose subsequent to the publication of the agenda of the regular meeting for December 4th, 2000.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy made the findings described above and placed items 7 and 8 on the agenda.

7. Consideration of resolution adopting project plan and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 240 acres, APNs 4472-006-002, 4472-007-008, and 4472-008-051, 052, 053, 054, from U.N. Imports,

Inc., Safco Realty & Investment Inc., and Chang Huan-Hsueh, Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair and Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Eck, and Ms. Devine.

The Chair recommended a closed session to hear items 7 and 8.

Closed Session:

- 7. Consideration of resolution adopting project plan and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 240 acres, APNs 4472-006-002, 4472-007-008, and 4472-008-051, 052, 053, 054, from U.N. Imports, Inc., Safco Realty & Investment Inc., and Chang Huan-Hsueh, Arroyo Sequit watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- 8. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire 18 plus or minus acres, APN 2063-008-006, from Associated La Palma, Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Chair called a closed session at 10:24 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Sections 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(a), 11126.3(a), and 11126 Subdivision (e) for special agenda items 7 and 8 and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority closed session was called pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8 and 54956.9 for items IV(k) and IV(l).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:00 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators with respect to items 7 and 8 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority items IV(k) and IV(l).

9. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 22nd, 2001, changing the meeting schedule back to the fourth Monday of every month.

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

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

Approved:

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson