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MINUTES
of the
Advisory Committee
of the
WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

September 1, 2004

I. Call to order.

The regular meeting of the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairperson Bob Kanne at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Level 1, Brea Civic and Cultural Center, One Civic Center Circle, Brea, California.

II. Administration of oath of office to new members.

Anne Coté was sworn in by Judi Tamasi.

III. Roll Call.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Bob Kanne, Chair; Michael Hughes, Vice Chair; Lidia Yoshida; Anne Cote; Tom Greene; Charles Hanson; Bill Herrick; Alissa Ing; Dexter MacBride; Claire Schlotterbeck; Wilbur Smith; Bob Turner and Richard Zinsley. Bill Madden arrived subsequent to roll call.

The following members were absent: Roland vom Dorp, Bill Kowalik, Helen Rahder, and Jeff Yann.

Staff present: Judi Tamasi, Project Analyst and Melissa Chigaridas, Board Secretary.

IV. Election of officers.

This item was postponed.

V. Comments by members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

Robert Dale, La Habra Heights, requested an update on the status of the Area property.

VI. Advisory Committee and staff response to public comment.

No new information was available at this time regarding the Aera property.

VII. Approval of minutes and bullet minutes from the meeting of July 7, 2004.

On motion of Ms. Schlotterbeck, duly seconded, the minutes, including bullet minutes, were approved as corrected with Mr. Turner abstaining.

VIII. Update on Governing Board meeting held on July 7, 2004.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Ing.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair and Ms. Ing.

IX. Comments and announcements from Advisory Committee Members.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Greene.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, Ms. Schlotterbeck and the Chair.

Bill Madden entered at 5:55 p.m.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, the Chair and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Madden.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Madden.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, the Chair, Ms. Schlotterbeck and Mr. Hanson.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to Los Angeles County on Negative Declaration for Harbor Boulevard-Wildlife Underpass.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zinsley.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. Madden and Mr. Zinsley.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck and Mr. Zinsley.

On motion of Ms. Schlotterbeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-11 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Alamo Heights Vesting Tentative Tract Map 53670, Tonner Canyon watershed.

Comments were made by Mr. Turner, the Chair and Mr. Smith.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck and Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

On motion of Ms. Schlotterbeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-12 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Tentative Tract Map 53430, Tonner Canyon watershed.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by Mr. Madden and Ms. Ing.

Ms. Schlotterbeck left the room at 6:34 p.m.

Comments were made by Mr. Madden and Ms. Ing.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by Mr. Madden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi, Mr. Madden and Mr. Smith.

Ms. Schlotterbeck returned to the room at 6:36 p.m.

Comments were made by Mr. Smith, Ms. Tamasi and Mr. Madden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smith.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Tamasi and Mr. Madden.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Turner.

Comments were made by Mr. Madden, Ms. Ing, the Chair and Mr. Smith.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Turner.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. Turner, Mr. Smith, Ms. Ing and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Madden.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

On motion of Ms. Schlotterbeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-13 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Chino Hills on Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vila Borba project, Tentative Tract Maps 15989, 16413, 16338, and 16414.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, Ms. Schlotterbeck and Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded Mr. Greene.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, Mr. Greene and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

On motion of Ms. Schlotterbeck, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-14 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

XIV. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Industry's recreation and facilities management plan for Tonner Canyon and any potential improvements.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Tamasi and Ms. Coté.

Questions were propounded Mr. Turner.

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Questions were propounded Mr. Turner.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. MacBride, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Herrick.

Questions were propounded Mr. Madden.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck, Mr. Hughes, Mr. MacBride and Ms. Tamasi.

XV. Discussion and possible action regarding the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for Mountain Park Specific Plan Amendment Project, City of Anaheim, south of Gypsum Canyon.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Mr. Smith left at 6:58 p.m.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck, Ms. Ing and Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Ing.

Comments were made by Ms. Schlotterbeck and Ms. Ing.

Mr. Turner left at 7:03 p.m.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Greene.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hanson.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Schlotterbeck.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, the Chair and Ms. Tamasi.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Madden.

Comments were made by Ms. Ing, Mr. Madden, Ms. Tamasi and Ms. Schlotterbeck.

On motion of Ms. Schlotterbeck, duly seconded, staff was asked to prepare a letter to the City of Anaheim based on the staff report submitted, and including additional language.

XVI. Discussion and possible action regarding electronic meeting materials distribution.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Chigaridas, Ms. Ing, Mr. Madden, Mr. Hanson and Mr. MacBride.

XVII. Reports from Advisory sub-committees:

a. Outreach subcommittee, Roland vom Dorp, Chair.

There was no report for this item.

b. Media Liaison subcommittee, Helen McKenna Rahder, Chair.

There was no report for this item.

c. Ecological subcommittee.

There was no report for this item.

d. Fund Raising subcommittee, Roland vom Dorp, Chair.

There was no report for this item.

e. Habitat subcommittee, Bill Madden, Chair.

There was no report for this item.

f. Legislative subcommittee, Claire Schlotterbeck, Chair.

There was no report for this item.

XVIII. Statements, responses, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code which states the following:

“No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for

clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.”

There were none.

XIX. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair in appreciation of Ross Johnson at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Melissa Chigaridas
Board Secretary

Bob Kanne
Chairperson

Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority
Advisory Committee Bullet Minutes
September 1, 2004
Submitted by L.C. Yoshida

- Item I. The WCCA Advisory Board session began at 5:35 pm in the Brea Council Chambers.
- Item II. The oath of office was administered to Anne Cote
- Item III. Roll call was taken
- Item IV. Election of office postponed till end
- Item VI. Inquiry about the status of AERA project, no other comments
- Item VII. Bullet minutes approved with change to Bob not Bill
- Item VIII. Mr. Kanne made comments on previous meeting; did they consider our comments on Diamond Bar letter? Will send Mr. Smith a copy of the letter with our corrections.
- Item IX. Comments by Ms. Ing: Enrique Arroyo is back with state parks, Russ will work with Mohave and Enrique will work in Chino hills. Also, negotiations are still finalizing with mitigation project and 20 acres will be added, 1300 acres will be added to state park, view shed, 5 lots added to preexisting street. Looking at whether it is a view issue, from within the park a water tank is involved. All the way around that particular park in San Juan Hills, Yorba Linda was building a huge house and they are planning to build four more. Questions were asked whether proposed heights would be viewed from with the park.
- Campground in state parks above the barn will be finished in October.
- The DEIR for canyon road improvement will allow school buses into the park, improving educational programs.
- Ms. Schlotterbeck gave an update on the lawsuit between City of Industry and Brea and RMC. Brea won, a judgment is coming, Brea is suing the City of Industry and suit will be filed in Orange County.
- Two flyers on real estate development were shared, Vellano Estates and Mt/ Sac Woodbridge development to show how state parks raise property values. They advertise how Chino Hills State Park is shown in proximity to sell property. Suggestions were made to copyright the name and make money. Mr. Hanson noted that when Whittier Hills were preserved, the people that fought most, turned around and capitalized on the beauty of the hills.
- Some concerns were raised that there is little publicity for WCCA; in recent articles only two paragraphs were devoted to WCCA in two local newspapers.
- Item X. Consider of resolution authorizing a letter to Los Angeles County on Negative Declaration for Harbor Boulevard-Wildlife Underpass: letter was seconded to pass.
- Item XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to the City of Diamond Bar on Alamo Heights Vesting Tentative Tract Map 53670, Tonner Canyon Watershed: Changes in the letter were proposed. Examination of map elicited discussion on boundaries and labels. Mr. Smith recommended that a map is needed showing boundaries between City of Industry and Diamond Bar raised concerns. Ms. Schlotterbeck said that they can produce a map with all the jurisdictional labels on it. Ms. Schlotterbeck moved the letter; Mr. Hughes seconded it.
- Item XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter to Diamond Bar on Tentative Tract Map 53430, explaining grading, filling of lots to build lots and connect road, completely graded except for few lots. Discussion ensued on how Diamond Bar and The Country have never been in agreement. Residents of The Country could sue the city of Diamond Bar. It was suggested that getting residents of The Country to be involved could be helpful. Motion was approved.

- Item XIII. Vila Borba project (VB) Ms. Ing provided some background information: the project has been through some iteration. Wildlife movement proposal, easement zone with electric power lines, wanting the corridor to follow power lines. Comments were due on September 16. Ms. Ing pointed out that this doesn't really augment wildlife movement. Mr. Green asked if a vireo was sighted. Ms. Ing replied in the affirmative and also mentioned a gnatcatcher sighting. However by looking at the map, one cannot tell if a sighting was there. The letter was moved, second by Mr. Zinsley. There was more discussion of a letter and to thank staff for letters.
- Item XIV. Discussion on possible action regarding the City of Industry's recreation and facilities management plan for Tonner Canyon and any potential improvements. A letter regarding a management plan for Tonner Canyon property as discussed as well as whether an RFB was fulfilled. Ms. Schlotterbeck mentioned that the Boy Scouts are raising money for a pool on public land. After other discussion it was agreed that we need follow-up on where we stand with this and will follow up to get more information. Their response was not publicly available. It was agreed to ask again. Questioning whether they can buy land and develop it, examples, LA, SF (e. g. Hetch Hetchy). A question on proposed policies, part 4, group 3: what does it mean? Non-commercial activities? Parties? Company picnics? Mr. MacBride suggested watching this carefully and moving for recommendations. We should reexamine our role and be affirmative and positive.
- XV: Gypsum canyon: staff and Ms. Schlotterbeck gave background: approvals were given quickly to avoid building a prison; prices escalated beyond reach of residents. The concern is that development comes up to the boundary of Chino Hills State Park. Ms. Schlotterbeck recommended that staff comes up with a letter to cover the issues outlined. Trees will be replaced 20:1. It was suggested that Ms. Ing should design a buffer to avoid edge effects. Ms. Schlotterbeck is recommending preparation of a letter. While the deadline is past, it was moved that we recommend the staff to prepare a letter outlining the issues, adding the buffer to the list of items as well as considering the edge effects on habitat in Chino Hills State Park. Ms. Ing commented on the importance of being clear on the wording of the letter. Fuel modifications were explained. WCCA encourages buffers that are adequate that are designed on their side of the property. Mr. Hanson wanted to know what is adequate. Ms. Ing described in detail the type of plants, prevailing wind strength and direction, local fire requirements, flame length aspect of slope, degree, etc. She further explained that fuel modification is done within zonal design; depending on what fire agency you are dealing with. The next zone is managed vegetation to manage flame lengths of that zone. Mr. Kanne mentioned that the letter is due before the next meeting
- Item XVI. Discussion on the use of electronic mail for distribution of meeting materials. Discussion ensued on whether maps and documents should be emailed.
- Item XVII election of officers was put off until next meeting.
- Item XVIII. History and importance of the role and vision that Ross Johnson had for the creation of Chino Hills State Park. Ms. Schlotterbeck described how he was in legislation for 26 years and worked hard to preserve open space in this region.
- WCCA Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.
- Next meeting date: will discuss alternate monthly meetings.