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

October 20, 2008

1. Call to order.

The 335th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ronald Schafer at 7:51 p.m. on October 20, 2008 at the Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Sara Wan, Antonio Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson, and Ron Schafer, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Woody Smeck, Elva Yañez, and Bryan Cash.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Blanton, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Holly LaRue, Lawren Markle, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Marc Stirdivant, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Anita Fromholz, Paul Rockenstein, Harry Schwarz, Nancy Stephens, Donald Voss, and Timothy Wendler. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs, Vera Cohen, Executive Assistant and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Laura Plotkin, and Sharon Mayer.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of September 22, 2008 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of September 22, 2008 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair; Sara Wan representing the California Coastal Commission, Marc Luesebrink, representing the Attorney General's office, the Executive Director, George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Ken Nelson and David Updike, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Rockenstein, Ms. Parks, and the Executive Director.

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

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. John Yeh, representing Friends of the Temescal Pool, on items 17 and 18.

9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on Notice of Preparation for Environmental Impact Report No. 08-003 for Crummer Site Subdivision, 24120 Pacific Coast Highway.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-73.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-73.

- 10. Consideration of resolution authorizing both fee simple and easement transfer of Transfer of Jurisdiction Nos. 1505-02-01, 1509-01-09, 48060-01-01 and 48067-01-01 to the City of Calabasas and retention of a conservation easement on all parcels if transferred in fee simple, Valley Circle Boulevard and 101 Freeway Interchange, Los Angeles.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer and Ms. Palmer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-74.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0753 from Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretation of the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, including visitor serving amenities and naturalist led interpretive programs for the public as well as programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-75.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-75.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design, Malibu Bluffs, Malibu.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-76.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for water conservation and interpretive elements associated with the planned soccer field installation at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Project for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Yegparian and Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Romero.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-77.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-77.

- 14. Consideration of resolution adopting an amended project plan for the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-78.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-78.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the design, development and implementation of Phase II of the Marsh Park project, Los Angeles.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Project for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-79.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-79.

16. Consideration of resolution adopting an amended project plan for Marsh Park, Los Angeles.

This item was removed from the agenda.

The Chair announced that items 18 would be heard prior to item 17.

18. Consideration of resolution adopting a project plan for Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Lisa Soghor, Chief of Developed Resources for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yeh representing Friends of the Temescal Pool.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos, and Messrs. Gould, Seider, Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-82.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-82.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to satisfy the terms of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) grant for acquisition and improvements in Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-81.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No 08-81.

- 19. Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of grant SMM-0757 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority with Proposition 84 funds for the protection and restoration of natural and developed resources by the removal of invasive plant species, reduction of hazardous fire-fuel loads, and erosion protection in the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.**

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-83.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No 08-83.

20. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to SMM-0754 for Project Planning and Design Services.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-84.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No 08-84.

21. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to NP-0797 for Los Angeles River Feasibility Study, Studio City.

Comments were made by Esther Feldman, representing Community Conservancy International.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Feldman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-85.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No 08-85.

22. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant SMMC-05-054 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in augmentation of West Mulholland Watershed Improvement Project, Woodland Hills.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Lisa Soghor, Chief of Developed Resources for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Palmer, Ms. Wan, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-86.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No 08-86.

- 23. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, and *City of Malibu v. Peter Douglas et al, Case No. BS115776*.**

No closed session was held.

24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on November 10, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP

Approved:

RONALD P. SCHAFER

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Executive Director

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