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

November 10, 2008

**1. Call to order.**

The 336<sup>th</sup> 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 7:40 p.m. on November 10, 2008 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

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

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

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

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, Louise Rishoff, and Sharon Mayor.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of October 20, 2008 was submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 20, 2008 were approved as amended.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair, the Executive Director, George Lange and Luke McJimpson, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the Chief Deputy Director, and the Chief Staff Council.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Yegparian and Gonzalez.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Chief Staff Council, Ms. Wan, Ms. Plotkin, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Fromholz.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Brown, Cacciotti, and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Parks, Ms. Brown, and Lisa Soghor, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**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:

John Yeh, representing Friends of the Temescal Pool, on matters not on the agenda.  
Jennifer Grant, representing Friends of the Temescal Pool, on matters not on the agenda.

Jean Rosenfeld, representing Friends of the Temescal Pool, on matters not on the agenda.

David H. Olson, representing Friends of the Temescal Pool, on matters not on the agenda.

Mary Whitecloud, member of the public, on item 10.  
Paul Ibusuki, member of the public, on item 10.  
Joanne Paratire, member of the public, on item 10.  
Sam Lagana, representing Palisades-Malibu YMCA, on matters not on the agenda.  
Alviar Josephine Olga, member of the public, on item 10.  
Raquel Mora, members of the public, on item 10.

The Chair announced that item 10 would be heard next.

**10. Presentation of concept plan for Marsh Park, Phase II.**

This item was presented by Leslie Chan, Project Manager, and Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Projects.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown, Ms. Rosen, Ms. Mayer, and Ms. LaRue.

Comments were made by Ms. Chan and Ms. Romero.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Ms. Chan and Ms. Romero.

**9. Special recognition to Stephanie Landregan.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, and Ms. Landregan.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 grant to the City of Glendale to fund a planning study for youth-oriented, overnight campground in the City of Glendale.**

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, and Messrs. Yegparian and Stirdivant.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Sitrdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-87.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-87.

**12. Consideration of resolution adopting a project plan for Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-88.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-88.

**13. Consideration of resolution adopting a project plan for the Sunnynook Los Angeles River Project, Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-89.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-89.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Los Angeles County Draft General Plan: Planning Tomorrow's Great Places 2008.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on Parksouth Subdivision, near Parksouth Street and Mulholland Highway, Stokes Canyon watershed.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

**16. Consideration of resolution adopting Coastal Slope Trail - Kanan Dume Road to Latigo Canyon Road Segment - Project Plan.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Seider.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-92.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-92.

**17. 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.

**18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on December 2, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFER  
Chairperson