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

December 2, 2008

1. Call to order.

The 337th 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 7:42 p.m. on December 2, 2008 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

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, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

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

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of November 10, 2008 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 10, 2008 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chair, the Executive Director, George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Richard Gould.

7. Special recognition to Laura Plotkin.

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

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

9. Presentation on Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority at-risk youth programs at Temescal Gateway Park.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Amy Lethbrigde, Chief of Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Chair announced that item 11 would be heard next.

11. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Notice of Preparation, Los Angeles State Historic Park, design plan, Los Angeles.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on Parksouth Subdivision, near Parksouth Street and Mulholland Highway, Stokes Canyon watershed.**

Item 11(a) was removed from the agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommend adoption of Resolution No. 08-94.

Ms. Maurer was noted as abstaining.
Mr. Brown recused himself from the item.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-94.

The Chair announced that item 12 would be heard next.

12. Presentation by Mia Lehrer and Associates on connectivity option between the Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Mountains in the vicinity of Universal City.

Comments were made by Mia Lehrer, and the Executive Director.

10. 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:

Carol Pfannkuche, representing Palisades-Malibu YMCA, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Clara Saab, representing Palisades Swim Team, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Jenna Rosen, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Helen Ryan, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Edith Gonzalez, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Heinz Meier Aia, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Madeline Luna, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Sonia Sanabric, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Yesenia Sanabria, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Barbara Kohn, representing Pacific Palisades Residents Association, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Nancy Markel, representing Pacific Palisades Residents Association, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Elena Saab, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Randy Young, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Michelle Hill, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Ilene Cassidy, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

John Yeh, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Howard Rosenfeld, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Deborah Parducci, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Jennifer Grant, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Jean Rosenfeld, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on items 13, 14, and 15.

David Olsen, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Mark Kelton, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.

Dwaun Wilson, representing Wildwoods Foundation, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Miguel Luna, representing Anahuak Youth Sports, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Frank P. Angel, representing Friends of Temescal Canyon Inc., on items 13, 14, and 15.
Norman Kulla, representing Bill Roscudahl, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Bill Hackett, representing Assemblymember Anthony Portantino, on item 21.
Julie Guitierrez, representing the City of Pasadena, on item 21.
Nina Chomsky, representing Linda Vista Annandale Association, on item 21.
Sharon Yonashiro, member of the public, on item 21.
Christle Balvino, representing Open Space Now, on item 21.
Joan Aebi, representing Open Space Now, on item 21.
Bob Kneivel, representing Open Space Now, on item 21.
Marsha Rood, representing Open Space Now – Pasadena, on item 21.
Rober Wolf, representing Safety & Open Space First, Pasadena, on item 21.
Kelly Comras, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Cassidy, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Christa Wilk, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Michelle Oneil, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Lillian Weitzner, member of the public, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Jan Albrecht, representing Friends of Temescal Pool, on items 13, 14, and 15.
Dale Kiefer, representing Pacific Palisades Neighborhood, on items 13, 14, and 15.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing competitive bid solicitation for five year, limited term, lease of Temescal Canyon pool.

The Chair announced that items 13, 14, 15 would be discussed jointly.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; April Verbanic, representing Dudek and Associates, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson, Ms. Wasn, Mr. Rockenstein, the Chair, Messrs. Berkus, Gonzalez, Brown, Read, and Gould, Ms. Mikos, Ms. Yañez, Ms. Maurer, Mr. Smeck, and Ms. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director; Brett Foster, representing Pinfield and Smith; Mr. Berkus; Ms. Lethbridge; Mr. Seider; the Chair; and Mr. Daniel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee opened discussions regarding recommendation of adoption of Resolution No. 08-95.

A roll-call vote was administered and the motion to recommend adoption passed.

Ms. Maurer, Ms. Palmer, Ms. Brown, and Messrs. Rockenstein, Brown, Gould, and Lange are noted as voting against the adoption of Resolution No. 08-95.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Ms. Parks, duly seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 08-95.

A roll-call vote was administered.

Ms. Yañez, Ms. Wan, and Messrs. Daniel, Cash, Smeck, and Gonzalez were noted as voting against the adoption of Resolution No. 08-95.

The motion failed 6 to 4.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing long term master planning process for Temescal Gateway Park and the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-96.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-96.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Coastal Commission waiver to comply with civil engineer's recommendation regarding Temescal Pool.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-97.

Mr. Gould was noted as voting no on this item.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wan, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-97.

16. Consideration of resolution approving SMMC Annual Report 07-08 and previous years.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommendation of adoption of Resolution No. 08-98.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 08-98.

- 17. 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 removed from the agenda.

- 18. Consideration of resolution re-authorizing Cooperative Management Agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for operation and management of the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (former Ahmanson Ranch), for a five year term; unincorporated Ventura County.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 19. Consideration of resolution adopting an amended project plan for Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park, San Fernando.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 20. Consideration of resolution adopting a project plan for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration Project, Los Angeles.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 21. Consideration of resolution in augmentation of the amount in Resolution No. 07-11 awarding a total of \$4,200,000 to the City of Pasadena for acquisition of approximately 21 acres, Annandale project, City of Pasadena.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 22. 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, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu, and related actions.

No closed session was held.

23. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFFER
Chairperson