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

May 19, 2003

1. Call to Order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:40 p.m. on May 19, 2003 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty Six, Los Angeles, California.

2. Administration of oath of office to Ronald P. Schafer.

The oath office was administered to Ronald P. Schafer.

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

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Heather Barnett, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Hayden Sohm, Jonathan Zasloff, Steve Horn, Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chair, and Jerome C. Daniel, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., David Allgood, and Jody Cook.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Corridori, Alyse Lazar, Lesley Devine, Heinz Ellersieck, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Lorraine Slattery, Kenneth Warner, Don Robinson, Vice Chair, and George Lange, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Terre Hirsch, Jeff Jennings, Linda Palmer, Nancy Stephens, and Marc Stirdivant. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Anthony Portantino and Timothy Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources

and Planning; MRCA staff: Reva Feldman, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of Operations; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs; Gary Lysik, Finance Director; Rhett Robb, Accounting Analyst; Juliet Chung, Government Program Analyst; Kristian Lewis, PC Support Technician; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel; Deborah Lambe, Staff Counsel; Lisa Soghor, Chief of Premier Parks; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst; Lisa Venable, Administrative Assistant, and Melissa Chigaridas, Receptionist.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

[Messrs. Portantino and Wendler arrived at 7:50 p.m.]

5. Introduction of Legislative Members or their representatives.

The following Legislative Representatives were present: Laura Plotkin and Mary Sue Maurer. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Carolyn Kraft, Henry Lo, George Magallanes, and Susan McEntire.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of April 28, 2003 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 28, 2003 were adopted as approved.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Cook.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Romero.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Young.

The Conservancy received a verbal report by Ms. Lethbridge.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins and the Executive Director.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange, Ms. Devine, and Mr. Zasloff.

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

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Michelle Stone, representing the Sierra Club, on item 16.

Mary Benson, representing the Tujunga Watershed Stakeholders, on item 16.

Mark Fogwell, homeowner, on item 16.

Anders Trowetson, resident of Tujunga, on item 16.

Don Mullally, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Consortium.

Steve Crouch, representing Canyon Area Preservation.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 84-89 to authorize the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to change project locations in order to augment the Corral Canyon Trailhead project, Malibu.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 84-89, as amended, to authorize the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to change project location in order to augment the Mission Canyon Trailhead project, Los Angeles.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept grants of a trail easement and an approximately 10-acre conservation easement, pursuant to California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit No. 4-02-110, 22345 Swenson Drive, Las Flores and Tuna Canyon watersheds, Topanga Canyon.**

- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on church expansion project, 23857 The Old Road, Newhall.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution designating authorized officers of the Conservancy.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 03-69, 03-70, 03-71, 03-72, and 03-73.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Barnett, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-69, 03-70, 03-71, 03-72, and 03-73.

- 11. Presentation by Marsha McNally regarding strategic planning for Los Angeles River/Arroyo Seco Confluence and adjacent areas.**

Comments were made by Ms. McNally.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

- 12. Presentation regarding development of a natural park and education facility at the Belmont Learning Complex site, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a cooperative planning study of Barley Flats, Angeles National Forest, for enhanced recreation and educational interpretation programs and facilities.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-74.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-74.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a local agency matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to the City of Pasadena for the restoration of the Flint Wash bridge crossing, Pasadena.

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-75.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-75.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a local agency matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to Los Angeles County for the Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail acquisition project, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-76.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a non-profit matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to Elysian Valley United for the Marsh Street Skate Park landscaping project, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-77.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-77.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a non-profit matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to the City of Calabasas for the Wild Walnut Park development improvements project, Calabasas.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-78.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-78.

18. Consideration of resolution adopting the Los Angeles River Greenway-Fletcher to Glendale Project Plan.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-79.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-79.

19. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 00-49 authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Los Angeles River Greenway-Fletcher to Glendale project.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-80.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-80.

20. 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: *Parker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of American, and related cross-complaint: Soka University of America v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 23, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Chair