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

January 24, 2011

1. Call to order.

The 376th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Antonio Gonzalez at 7:30 p.m. on January 24, 2011 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: Joan Cardellino, Woody Smeck, Irma Muñoz, Elizabeth Cheadle, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Craig Sap, and Antonio Gonzalez, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: James Berkus and Bryan Cash.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker, Carolyn Brown, Michael Cacciotti, Elaine Freeman, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Paul Rabinov, David Ross, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson, Dave Brown, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Harry Schwarz, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Charles Stringer, Donald Voss, and Timothy Wendler.

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, Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Rebekah Rodriguez-Lynn and Louise Rishoff were present.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Antonio Gonzalez was elected Conservancy Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, duly seconded, Jerome C. Daniel was elected Conservancy Vice-Chairperson.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, Don Robinson was elected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, George Lange was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

7. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of November 8, 2010 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 8, 2010 were approved as submitted.

8. Reports:

The Conservancy received verbal reports from George Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Richard Gould representing the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority; Woody Smeck, representing the National Park Service; Ms. Collins, and the Executive Director.

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Brown.

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

The following members addressed the Conservancy:

Emily Rose Dieder, member of the public, on item 12(b).
Lauren Montgomery, member of the public, on item 12(b).

Alisa Carly, member of the public, on item 12(b).
Miguel Luna, member of the public, on item 15.

All items were removed from both consent calendars and items were voted upon individually.

11. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City and County of Los Angeles on NBC Universal Evolution Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2007071036), City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-01.

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Los Angeles on Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for the Bel Air Presbyterian Church Preschool (ENV-2009-3085-EIR), City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-02.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-02.

12. Coastal Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 10-53, authorizing a budget augmentation for SMM-0753 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-03.

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pepperdine Campus Life Project (SCH No. 2008041123), watersheds of Marie/Winter/Middle canyons, unincorporated Malibu area.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Freeman, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Seider.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-04.

Ms. Freeman, Ms. Acker, and Mr. Seider were noted as voting in opposition.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-04.

13. Presentation on the Piggyback Yard Conceptual Plan.

This item was presented orally.

Comments were made by Ms. Louise McAdams.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks, Ms. Freeman, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, and the Executive Director.

14. Presentation on the Elmer Avenue Paseo project.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by Barbara Romero.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council for the design and implementation of the Elmer Avenue Paseo project, Los Angeles.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-05.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the City of South Pasadena for Arroyo Seco trail project planning and design, South Pasadena.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-06.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-06.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing non-profit organization grant to Anahuak Youth Sports Association for at-risk youth overnight camping opportunities at Temescal Gateway Park.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-07.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-07.

18. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 and/or Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Project Planning and Design services for the Lechuza Beach Public Access Improvements Project, City of Malibu.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Caciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-08.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-08.

19. Consideration of resolution concerning public benefits program associated with Coastal Development Permit application numbers 4-07-067, 4-07-68, 4-07-146, 4-07-147, 4-07-148 and 4-08-043, Sweetwater Mesa, unincorporated Malibu area.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Executive Director and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen, Mr. Daniel, Ms. Freeman, Messrs. Smeck, Yegparian, and Seider.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, Executive Director, and Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-09.

Mr. Seider and Ms. Acker were noted as voting in opposition.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, a role-call vote was administered.

The motion failed.

20. Consideration of resolution adopting Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report for FY 2009/2010.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 11-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 11-10.

21. 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.*; *Lt-WR, LLC v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy SC105587*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No.BS121650*, *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and *Moradzadeh v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*, and related actions.

No closed session was held.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 28, 2011 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

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There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP Hon. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Chairperson