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

January 23, 2017

1. Call to order.

The 435th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz at 7:32 p.m. on January 23, 2017 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Steve Veres; Linda Parks; Bryan Cash (via teleconference); Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Luis Li; Martha M. Escutia, and Craig Sap.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Michael Cacciotti; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Marc Stirdivant; Janet Wall; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Richard Gould; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens, and Tim Wendler.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel, Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

No Legislative Participants were present.

5. Election of Conservancy Officers.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Ms. Muñoz was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Conservancy by roll-call vote.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, Mr. Daniel was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy by roll-call vote.

6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, Mr. Robinson was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

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

7. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of December 12, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 12, 2016 were approved as submitted.

8. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; Ms. Christina Bull Ardnt, representing the Attorney General's Officer; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Services; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cash.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks; Mr. Yegparian; Ms. Maurer, and Mr. Lange.

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

The following member of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Ron Chevalier, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

11. Report by The City Project on findings regarding SMMC funded interpretive programs.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Mr. Robert Garcia, representing The City Project.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Christina Bull Ardnt; the Chairperson, and Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Garcia; Mr. Veres; Mr. Mishler; Mr. Lange; Associated Government Program Analyst; Mr. Szymanski, and the Executive Director.

12. Presentation on recently completed Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority land acquisitions.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Deputy Director.

The Conservancy received and oral report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Mikos and Mr. Veres.

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

13. Consideration of resolution adopting Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Habitat Linkage Planning Map, City of Los Angeles.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos and Ms. Buckley Weber.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-01.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-01.

14. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report for FY 2015/2016.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange; Mr. Daniel, and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-02.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-02.

15. 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 – *Kruells v. La Vina Homeowners Association, Case No. GC035668; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC44851; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al. v. Southern California Edison, and Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 27, 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

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Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson