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

February 27, 2017

1. Call to order.

The 436th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz at 7:30 p.m. on February 27, 2017 at the Arroyo Vista Recreation Center, Sycamore Room, in Moorpark, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

No new members were present.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Carolyn Brown; Illece Buckley Weber; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Alan Kishbaugh; Shelley Luce; Miguel Luna; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson.

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, and Melissa Cartelli, Associate Government Program Analyst.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Tim Pershing was present.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of January 23, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of January 23, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Anderson was noted as abstaining.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports by the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Services; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Executive Director, and Mr. Lange and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Luna

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Mishler, Mr. Lange, Mr. Daniel, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Anderson.

9. 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:

Jeff Richards, member of the public, on items 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Jennifer Niles, member of the public, on items 10, 11, 13, and 14.

Andrew Williams, representing Five Points Youth Foundation, on matters not on the agenda.

Ron Chevalier, representing Kharisma Group, on matters not on the agenda.

Tom Pagano, member of the public, on item 12.

Anna Huber, representing Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, on item 12.

Maryjane Macleod, representing COSF, on item 12.

Yvonne Brockwell, member of the public, on item 12.
Sharon Noel, member of the public, on items 11 and 12.
Mark DiCecco, member of the public, on items 10, 11, 12, and 13.
Carey Leviss, member of the public, on item 12.
Monika Savic, member of the public, on items 10, 11, 13, and 14.
Kenneth Wyrick, representing WECAN Foundation, on item 10.
Ron Dow, member of the public, on items 11 and 12.
Merrill Barger, member of the public, on item 11.

10. Public hearing on inclusion of Moorpark area land into the Conservancy's Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing and announced that members of the public already addressed the Conservancy during public comment period of the meeting.

The Chairperson closed the public and took comments from members.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

[Ms. Muñoz left the meeting and Mr. Daniel conducted the remainder of the meeting as Acting Chairperson.]

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

11. Consideration of resolution adopting Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor map to include areas around City of Moorpark and authorize filing with Secretary of State.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Robinson, and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-03.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-03.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing addition of Conejo Mountain area into the Conservancy Workprogram. unincorporated Ventura County.

Comments were made by Mr. Mishler, Mr. Anderson, and Ms. Anderson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Wall, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-04.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-04.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing appointment of two representatives to Moorpark Joint Powers Authority.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-05.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by the Acting Chairperson.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-05.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange and Mr. Robinson.

14. Presentation on status of proposed Liberty Canyon – 101 freeway wildlife overpass, Agoura Hills.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange and Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Pershing, Ms. Parks, and the Executive Director.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on the Malibu Memorial Park Project, Initial Study No. 16-002, Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 16-001, Coastal Development Permit No. 15-028, and associated requests, 4000 Malibu Canyon Road.

The staff report on this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Rosen.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-06.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Ms. Parks made a motion to amend the comment letter to remove discussion of the hotel being a more appropriate use than the cemetery, but retaining the necessity of amending the LCP.

Comments were made by Mr. Szymanski, Mr. Sap, and the Executive Director.

Ms. Parks amended her motion to strike the word 'hotel' from the comment letter and replace with 'visitor serving amenities or uses'.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-06.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed The Abode at Glassell Park Project (Case no. ENV-2015-2354-EIR, SCH no. 2015101077) in Walnut Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**

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

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-08.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-08.

- 17. Consideration of resolution to augment December 2016 comment letter to Los Angeles County on Mission Village Project - Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, Draft Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2005051143), unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 17-09.

18. Consideration of resolution supporting Los Angeles County Measure H, the Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Luna, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Robinson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Szymanski, the Acting Chairperson, and Mr. Sap.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 17-10.

Mr. Sap and Mr. Cash were noted as abstaining from the vote.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee rescinded their original vote.

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 17-10.

Ms. Maurer was noted as abstaining.

- 19. 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.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson