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

August 28, 2006

1. Call to order.

The 314th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:30 p.m. on July 31, 2006 at Webster Elementary School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

This item was removed from the agenda.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Allgood, Ed Begley, Jr., Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Woody Smeck, Jerome C. Daniel, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Jim Berkus, Ron Schafer, and Antonio Gonzalez.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Harry Schwarz, Timothy Wendler, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Barry Groveman, Richard Gould, Michael Hurley, Roseann Mikos, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Rich Toyon, Liane Weintraub, and Garen Yegparian. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Jeff Jones, Chief

Financial Officer; Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Project; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants was present: Louise Rishoff.

6. Special recognition of former Conservancy member Jonathan Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, Mr. Zasloff, and Ms. Parks.

7. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 31, 2006 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by Mr. Allgood.

The minutes of July 31, 2006 were approved as amended.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining.

8. Reports.

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chair; Mr. Allgood, representing the California Coastal Commission; Mr. Smeck, representing the National Park Service; the Executive Director; Michael Berger, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and Walt Young, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Young.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Young.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Young.

9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by 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 persons addressed the Conservancy:

Steven A. Amerikaner, representing the Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on item 16.

Jan Miller, representing the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association.

Carl Olson, representing State Department Watch, on item 10.

Shane Goldsmith, representing Councilmember Garcetti's office, on item 13.

Tsilah Burman, representing Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, on item 13.

11. Presentation by Children's Nature Institute on partnership opportunities in Franklin Canyon.

The Conservancy received a verbal presentation by Lizette Castaño.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds for project planning and design of the Charles and Lottie Melhorn Overlook, Phase II, Mulholland Scenic Parkway, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-62.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-62.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Marsh Street Skate Park landscaping and improvements project, Los Angeles.

This item was heard subsequent to item 14.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Ms. Burman, the Executive Director, and Mr. Smeck.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-63.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-63.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0463 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration project, Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti.

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Romero, and Mr. Portantino.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-64.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-64.

15. Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 06-33, authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for public access and interpretation of air, land, and water resources in the Ballona Wetlands portion of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.

Comments were made by Messrs. Allgood and Horn.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-65.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Allgood, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-65.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of SMM-0618 for project planning and design to increase budget and amend scope, including legal services incurred to ensure compliance with the California Coastal Act, incorporated and unincorporated portions of the Malibu Coastal Zone.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

The Conservancy received a briefing on this item in closed session.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-66.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-66.

Mr. Begley was noted as abstaining.

17. Consideration of resolution supporting Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schwarz, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-67.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-67.

18. Consideration of resolution opposing Proposition 90.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Messrs. Allgood and Brown, and Ms. Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-68.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-68.

Mr. Cash was noted as abstaining.

19. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 2006-07 final budget.

Comments were made by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 06-69.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 06-69.

- 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: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.**

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would hold a closed session at 9:09 p.m. to discuss pending litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, and item 16.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:35 p.m. and reported that the Conservancy received an update regarding pending litigation: *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, and item 16.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

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

The Chair announced that the date of the next meeting would be determined at a later date.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson