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

July 23, 2012

1. Call to order.

The 391st joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle, at 7:30 p.m. on July 23, 2012 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome C. Daniel; Linda Parks; Bryan Cash; Craig Sap, and Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Irma Muñoz.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Sean Anderson; Sean Arian; Caroline Brown; Dave Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Elaine Freeman; Richard Gould; Jeffrey Jennings; Alan Kishbaugh; Mary Sue Maurer; David Ross; Paul Rockenstein; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Effie Turnbull Sanders; Marc Stirdivant; Timothy Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Allison-Claire Acker; Illece Buckley Weber; Anita Fromholz; Paul Rabinov; Roseann Mikos; Nancy Stephens, and Donald Voss.

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, Associated Government Program Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

No legislative participants were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 25, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 25, 2012 were approved as submitted.

6. Special recognition to Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel.

Comments were made by the Chair; the Executive Director; Ms. Collins, and Ms. Parks.

7. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; the Executive Director; the Chief Staff Counsel, and Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Robinson.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Wendler and Lange.

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

The following members of the public addressed the Conservancy:

Caroline Carradine, representing Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC), on item 12.

Michael Chasteen, representing BABCNC on item 12.

Henry Carradine, representing BABCNC on item 12.

Carol Sidlow, representing Lookout Mountain Alliance, on item 12.

Mark Stratton, representing Hillside Federation, on item 12.

Tom Freeman, representing Brentwood Residents Coalition, on item 12.

Steve Twining, represent BABCNC on item 12.

Christopher Carradine, representing BABCNC on item 12.

Robin Greenberg, representing BABCNC on item 12.

Lois Becker, representing Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Association, on item 12.

Donald Loze, representing BABCNC on item 12.

Anita Sokolosky, member of the public, on item 12.

Item 12 was heard next.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council representation.

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown, Yegparian, and Daniel, the Executive Director, and the Chairperson.

10. Video presentation by Conejo Recreation and Park District regarding application submittal to National Recreation and Park Association for gold medal award.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange, representing the Conejo Recreation and Park District.

11. Presentation on new 'Outdoors in Los Angeles' Parklands and Open Space map.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning and Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Notice of Consultation for two contiguous residences at 25066 and 25080 Mulholland Highway, Cold Creek watershed, Calabasas area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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. 12-47.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-47.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the operation and management of Franklin/Ivar Park.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Freeman, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-48.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 12-48.

14. **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; Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier, Matrix Oil Co. and related entities, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and California Coastal Commission, Case No. BS129222 Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al. Case No. BS 121820; 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 related actions.*

Initiation of litigation. Number of cases: 1. Parties: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. Mulholland Estates Homeowner's Association, Bartlein & Company, Inc., et al. The Conservancy may refer the following matter to the Department of Justice for potential initiation of litigation: Action to enforce public access rights to Fossil Ridge Park as recorded in the "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for

Mulholland Estates” recorded on August 29, 1988 as Instrument No. 88-1372488 in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder.

Discussion with legal counsel regarding consideration of initiation of litigation: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu* regarding enforcement of parking and use deed restriction at Bluffs Park (this item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(I).

No closed session was held.

15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held September 24, 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson