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

September 24, 2012

1. Call to order.

The 392nd joint telephonic meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle, at 7:37 p.m. on September 24, 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 (via teleconference); Craig Sap, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. The following member was absent: Irma Muñoz, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Christina Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; 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 July 23, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 23, 2012 were approved as amended.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Sap; Mr. David Updike, Chief of Fire Management Division for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), and Jerome C. Daniel, representing MRCA.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian, Ms. Turnbull Sanders, and Mr. Voss.

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

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

8. 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:

Mr. Anthony Portantino, Assemblymember, on items 14 and 15.

Mr. Ernest M. Scheuer, member of the public, on item 10.

Mr. Jim Hasenauer, representing the International Mountain Biking Association and CORBA, on matters not on the agenda.

Mr. John Howell, member of the public, on item 14.

9. Presentation regarding Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority summer interpretive programs.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Amy Lethrbridge, Chief of Interpretation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

10. Discussion and possible action for forming a place naming policy committee.

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

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Messrs. Sap and Cash.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended that the Chairperson, Messrs. Sap, Yegparian and Ross comprise a sub-committee to further discuss the issue for consideration at a subsequent Conservancy meeting.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy voted to appoint the Chairperson, Messrs. Sap, Yegparian and Ross to a sub-committee to further discuss the issue for consideration at a subsequent Conservancy meeting.

Mr. Daniel was noted as abstaining from the vote.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Camarillo on Conejo Creek Wildlife Corridor.

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

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-50.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-50.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to the National Park Foundation for the American Latino Legacy Summit.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-51.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-51.

13. Consideration of resolution supporting statement of principles for national parks as adopted by National Parks Conservation Association, National Parks Foundation and National Park Hospitality Association.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-52.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-52.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 matching grant to the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy for acquisition of APNs 5863-006-001, 5863-005-008, 5863-007-003, 5863-007-002, Millard Canyon, Altadena.

Comments were made by Mr. Yegparian.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Turnbull Sanders.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Voss, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-53.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-53.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 matching grant to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for visitor-serving park improvements at the Ultimate Destination Park in Cherry Canyon, La Cañada Flintridge.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Voss.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Voss, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 12-54.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 12-54.

- 16. 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.

- 17. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

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The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held October 29, 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson