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

January 26, 2015

1. Call to order.

The 415th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Linda Parks, at 7:37 p.m. on January 26, 2015 at Temescal Gateway Park, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Advisory Committee Members Mark Johnson and Henry Stern.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

[Item 11 was heard next.]

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

The following member addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Tim Hagel, representing himself, on matters not on the agenda.

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

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

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

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

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

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.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that the following legislative participant was present: Kara Seward.

6. Election of Conservancy Officers.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Linda Parks was unanimously re-elected Chairperson of the Conservancy.

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of the Chairperson, duly seconded, Jerome C. Daniel was unanimously re-elected Vice Chairperson of the Conservancy.

7. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.

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

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

8. Approval of Minutes.

A roll-call vote was administered.

The minutes of October 27, 2014 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 27, 2014 were approved as submitted.

9. Reports.

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

10. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Mr. Cacciotti.

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino.

The Conservancy received an oral report by Mr. Mishler.

Comments were made by Mr. Anderson.

[Item 15 was considered next.]

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Friends of the Los Angeles River for interpretive programs along the Los Angeles River and tributaries.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Shelly Backlar, representing Friends of the Los Angeles River.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-03.

Comments were made by Mr. Cash.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-03.

Mr. Cash was noted as voting against adopting of the item.

[At the request of Messrs. Kishbaugh and Daniel, the items on the Consent Calendar were considered separately.]

12. (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Canyon Park Homes project (ENV-2014-3225-EIR), 12400 North Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Big Tujunga Canyon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

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

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-01.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-01.

12.(b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the proposed Tapia Ranch Project, Tapia Canyon, unincorporated Castaic area.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-02.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-02.

13. Presentation by Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on Bridges to Park Careers Training Program.

On motion of Ms. Rosen of the Advisory Committee and Ms. Muñoz of the Conservancy, duly seconded, this item was postponed to a later date.

14. Presentation on World Parks Congress 2014.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Ms. Muñoz.

Comments were made by Collin O'Mara-Green, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority.

[Item 15 was considered earlier in the meeting]

16. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund to partially fund one or more parcels of the donation of APNs 4448-029-026, 027, and 028 in Las Flores Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-04.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-04.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design of the Los Angeles River with particular focus on the LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study area, City of Los Angeles.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-05.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-05.

18. Consideration of resolution adopting fiscal year 2013-2014 Annual Report.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-06.

A roll-call vote was administered.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 15-06.

- 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; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Whittier*, et al., Case No. BS138796, and related cases; *Morris v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, Case No. BC448511; *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu*, and related actions, Case No. SC092212, and *Prop A Protective Association, LLC v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.*, Case No. BS145771.**

No closed session was held.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on February 23, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. in memory of Ms. Elois Zeanah.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

LINDA PARKS
Chairperson