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

September 21, 2020

1. Call to order.

The 468th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma R. Muñoz at 6:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020 at various locations via internet and telephone pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: David Szymanski; Miguel Luna; Fran Pavley; Linda Parks; Amanda Martin; Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson, and Irma R. Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: Rudy Ortega.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allie-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Illece Buckley Weber; Karen Beuhler; Ed Corridori; Brian Dennert; Patt Healy; Kirsten James; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Mary Sue Maurer; Rafi Manoukian; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Janine Prado; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Janet Wall; Tim Wendler; Garen Yegparian; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Keith Eich; Perlette Jura, and Nancy Stephens.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Christina Ardnt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel and Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The following Legislative Participants were present: Vickere Murphy, Jeremy Wolf, and Tim Pershing.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of August 31, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 31, 2020 were adopted as revised.

The following members of the Advisory Committee were noted as abstaining: Ms. Buehler, Mr. Dennert, and Ms. Lopez.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received oral reports from the Chairperson; Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Sap, and the Executive Director.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made the Executive Director, Mr. Pavley, Ms. Acker, and Mr. Corridori.

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. Nick Scoville, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Presentation on the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program project by Nature For All.

Ms. Belinda Faustinos, representing Nature For All, presented a report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Bryan Matsumoto, representing Nature for All.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director and Mr. Manoukian.

Comments were made by Mr. Matsumoto; Mr. Luna; Ms. Lopez; Mr. Veres; Mr. Yegparian; Mr. Szymanski; the Executive Director, the Chief Deputy Director, and Ms. Rosen.

The Conservancy conducted a straw vote on this item and agreed unanimously to support the project.

10. Presentation on Taylor Yard project updates by the 100-Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard.

The staff report for this item was presented by Brian Baldauf, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Stephanie Campbell, representing State Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Brian Powel, representing the City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen Mr. Lange; Mr. Yegparian; the Chairperson, and the Vice Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Bauldauf.

11. Report on Department of Water and Power encroachment on Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy-owned Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park, City of Los Angeles.

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange and Ms. Rosen.

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

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant augmentation for SMM-84-1625, Non-Personal Interpretation.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Jamie Cabral, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-32.

13. Consideration of resolution supporting SB 1380 (Allen).

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

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori and Ms. Rosen.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-33.

Ms. Healy was noted as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

The following members were noted as abstaining: Mr. Szymanski; Mr. Luna; Ms. Martin, and Mr. Sap.

The motion made by Ms. Pavley and duly seconded, failed passage.

- 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 – *Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.*

No closed session was held.

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

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. and announced that the next meeting would tentatively be held on October 19, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ
Chairperson