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

September 27, 2010

1. Call to order.

The 374th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Antonio Gonzalez at 7:30 p.m. on September 27, 2010 at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Los Angeles, California.

2. Appointment of a Chairperson pro Tempore.

This item was removed from the agenda.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Woody Smeck, Irma Muñoz, Jerome C. Daniel, and Antonio Gonzalez, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: James Berkus, Linda Parks, and Bryan Cash.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown, David Brown, Elaine Freeman, Alan Kishbaugh, Mary Sue Maurer, Paul Rabinov, Roseann Mikos, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Charles Stringer, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Marc Stirdivant, and Donald Voss. The following members were absent: Alli-Claire Ackers, Sean Anderson, Paul Rockenstein, Harry Schwarz, and Nancy Stephens.

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, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Manuel Gouveia was present.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of July 27, 2010 and August 23, 2010 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of July 27, 2010 and August 23, 2010 were approved as submitted.

7. Reports:

The Conservancy received verbal reports from Woody Smeck, representing the National Park Service; the Executive Director; George Lange and Walt Young, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen and Ms. Mikos.

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

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

The Chairperson called for one minute of silence in memoriam to Ronald P. Schafer.

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

No public testimony was given.

10. Progress report on planning and development of Marsh Park, Los Angeles River.

The report for this item was given by Barbara Romero, Chief of Urban Parks for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian, Ms. Rosen, and Ms. Freeman.

Comments were made by Ms. Romero.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of SMM-0809 for a scope change to include the acquisition of non-tax defaulted parcels in the Northeast Los Angeles Hilltop Areas including the perimeter of Elyria Canyon Park, Los Angeles.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Ms. Rosen, and Mr. Brown.

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 Nos. 10-42.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-42.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of approximately 2.8 acres, Rubio Canyon, Altadena.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle, Mr. Wendler, and the Chair.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 10-43.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-43.

13. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to use Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Funds to acquire properties in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal zone at the Los Angeles County Tax Collector 2010A Public Auction.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 10-44.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-44.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 84 matching grant to the City of Santa Clarita to purchase approximately 842 acres, Elsmere and Grapevine Canyons, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

The Staff Report for this item was presented by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Gould and the Chief Staff Counsel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 10-45.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10-45.

Comments were made by Advisory Committee Chairperson Donald Robinson, and Advisory Committee Member Dennis Seider.

The Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. in memory of Ronald P. Schafer.

- 15. 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.*; *Lt-WR, LLC v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy SC105587*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, *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 *Moradzadeh v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*, and related actions.**

The Chairperson of the Conservancy convened the closed session at 8:57 p.m.

The Chairperson reconvened the open session at 9:13 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, Ms. Cheadle, and Mr. Smeck.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on November 8, 2010 at Franklin Canyon Park, Beverly Hills, California.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m. in memory of Ronald P. Schafer.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP Hon. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Chairperson