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

April 22, 2019

1. Call to order.

The 456th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma Muñoz at 7:35 p.m. on April 22, 2019 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, Community Room, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, 91360.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Mary Luévano; Rudy Ortega; David Szymanski; Linda Parks; Craig Sap; Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson, and Irma Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Martha M. Escutia, Jerome C. Daniel, and Joshua Nelson.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Illece Buckley Weber; Karen Buehler; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike Mishler; Janet Wall; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Sean Anderson; Stephen Del Guercio; Perlette M. Jura; Miguel Luna; Frank Oviedo; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; Tim Wendler, and Garen Yegparian. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, Allison-Claire Acker, and Caroline Brown.

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 Bull Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Elena Eger, Special Counsel; Melissa Smith, Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chairperson announced that Tim Pershing and Colby Harriman were present.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of March 25, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 25, 2019 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from the Chairperson; Ms. Luévano, representing the Coastal Commission; Mr. Szymanski, representing National Park Service; Mr. Sap, representing State Parks; the Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation; Mr. Lange, representing the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, and Jamie Cabral, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

[Mr. Verez arrived at 7:47 p.m.]

Questions were propounded by Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by Messrs. Sap and Lange.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by Ms. Cabral and Mr. Veres.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Messrs. Lange and Kishbaugh, Ms. Parks, and the Executive Director.

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

No public comments were made.

9. Presentation on the Great Wall Bridge Project.

Comments were made by the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received an oral presentation by Dr. Judith F. Baca, representing the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC).

Comments were made by Mr. Carlos Rogel, interim Executive Director of SPARC.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Rogel.

[Mr. Cacciotti and Ms. Acker arrived at 8:38 p.m.]

Comments were made by Mr. Pershing; Dr. Baca; Mr. Mishler, and Ms. Parks.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Dr. Baca.

10. Report on County of Ventura Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Ordinance.

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

[Caroline Brown arrived at 8:48 p.m.]

Comments were made by Ms. Parks and Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks and Ms. Mikos.

11. Presentation on Coastal Public Access in the Santa Monica Mountains.

This item was postponed to a later date.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Ventura County for the proposed Phase 2C amendments to the Local Coastal Program, Coastal Area Plan, and Coastal Zoning Ordinance (PL17-0083).

This item was postponed to a later date.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Southwest Valley Community Plans Update.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-22.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a Transfer of Jurisdiction (APNs 500-0-360-365 and 410 at 48 and 1.0 acres, respectively) from the California Department of Transportation, Arroyo Simi, Moorpark area.

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

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-23.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 Urban Creek funds to the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for the Los Angeles River Environmental Flows Study, project planning and design, City of Los Angeles.

This item was postponed to a later date.

16. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1578 (Rivas).

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 19-25.

Mr. Sap was noted was abstaining.

17. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1788 (Bloom).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 19-26.

Mr. Sap was noted as abstaining.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Pershing.

18. Consideration of resolution supporting AB 1511 (Bloom).

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buckley Weber.

Comments were made by Mr. Pershing.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson, Ms. Mikos, and Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Pershing.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-27.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Veres, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 19-27.

Mr. Ortega and the Chairperson were noted as abstaining.

- 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 – *Sycamore Park Private Community Group, et al. v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, et al.***

No closed session was held.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Robinson, Ms. Parks, Mr. Lange.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Buehler.

Comments were made by Ms. Buckley Weber and Ms. Brown.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Veres, Ms. Maurer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson.

Comments were made by Mr. Veres, the Chairperson, and the Ms. Acker.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on May 20, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson