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

September 23, 2019

1. Call to order.

The 459th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma R. Muñoz at 7:33 p.m. on August 26, 2019 at the following locations:

Location 1: Conejo Recreation and Park District
Community Room
403 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, California, 91360

Location 2: Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, 13th Floor
Room No. 1306-7
Sacramento, California

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.

The Oath was not administered.

3. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Linda Escalante; David Szymanski; Rudy Ortega; Jerome C. Daniel; Linda Parks; Amanda Martin (via teleconference); Craig Sap, and Irma R. Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Martha M. Escutia and Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson.

4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allison-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Illece Buckley-Weber; Karen Buehler; Ed Corridori; Mark Johnson; Patt Healy; Alan Kishbaugh; Edlin Lopez; Mary Sue Maurer; Roseann Mikos; Mike

Mishler; Janet Wall; Timothy Wendler; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Donald Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown; Michael Cacciotti; Stephen Del Guercio; Perlette Jura; Miguel Luna; Wendy-Sue Rosen; Nancy Stephens; 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; Elena Eger, Special Counsel; Melissa Smith, Chief, Division of Policy and Legislation, and Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

No Legislative Participants were present.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of August 26, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 26, 2019 were adopted as submitted.

7. Reports.

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

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Acker, Mr. Anderson, and the Executive Director.

9. 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. John Suwara, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

Ms. Joan Cashel, representing Upper Nichols Canyon Association, on item 10(b).

Ms. Chelena Odbert, representing Koukouney Design, on item 13.

Ms. Veronica Padilla, representing Pacoima Beautiful, on item 13.

Items on the Consent Calendar were considered separately.

10. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan and Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District.**

Comments were made by Ms. Buckley-Weber and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-54

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-54.

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed 3003 Runyon Canyon Project (ENV-2016-4180-EIR), Runyon Canyon Park, City of Los Angeles.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-55.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-55.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant from the Conservancy Fund to Nature For All for support of Public Lands Day.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Martin.

Comments were made by Ms. Amy Lethbridge, representing Community Nature Connection.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Buckley Weber, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-56.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-56.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing the augmentation of grant 3810-P01-1811 for Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Los Angeles River Community Access planning, County of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chairperson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-57.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-57.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to Koukouney Design Initiative and Pacoima Beautiful for project planning and design for a segment of Pacoima Wash, City of Los Angeles.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-58.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-58.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Fire Resilience Improvements to Park Infrastructure on properties located in the Coastal Zone, County of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by the Chairperson and Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-59.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 19-59.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 68 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Fire Resilience Improvements to Park Infrastructure, Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 19-60.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 19-60.

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 grant for River Green project planning and design, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 19-61.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Szymanski, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 19-61.

17. 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.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chairperson announced that the next meeting would be held on October 28, 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA MUÑOZ
Chairperson