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

June 29, 2020

1. Call to order.

The 466th meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Irma R. Muñoz at 10:15 a.m. on June 29, 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; Fran Pavley; Amanda Martin; Craig Sap; Steve Veres, Vice Chairperson, and Irma R. Muñoz, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Rudy Ortega, Miguel Luna, and Linda Parks.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Allie-Claire Acker; Sean Anderson; Ed Corridorri; 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; George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson.

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 Arndt, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Maloney, Chief Staff Counsel and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Board Secretary announced that the following Legislative Participants were present: Vickery Murphy and Jeremy Wolf.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of June 1, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of June 1, 2020 were adopted as submitted.

6. Reports.

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

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh; Ms. Mikos; Mr. Wolf; Mr. Veres; Ms. Pavley, and Ms. Martin.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos; Ms. Pavley, Ms. Martin; Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Szymanski.

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.

Ms. Ileana Wachtel, on matters not on the agenda.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding retention of staff and funding in the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the Wildlife Pilot Study (related Council File Nos. 20-0600-S13 and 20-0600-S49), City of Los Angeles.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the proposed removal of protected trees related to the proposed project at 9650 Cedarbrook Drive (APN 4387-022-021), adjacent Franklin Canyon Park in Coldwater Canyon, City of Los Angeles.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Monica**

Mountains North Area Plan and Community Standards District Update, SCH No. 2018071065, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Item 9(b) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 20-21 and 20-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution Nos. 20-21 and 20-23.

9(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding the proposed removal of protected trees related to the proposed project at 9650 Cedarbrook Drive (APN 4387-022-021), adjacent Franklin Canyon Park in Coldwater Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh and Ms. Mikos.

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

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-22.

10. Consideration of resolution approving the FY 2020-2021 preliminary budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The staff report for this item was presented by Ms. Melissa Smith.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori, Mr. Manoukian.

Comments were made by Ms. Smith, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Luna, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-24.

11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Friends of the Los Angeles River to augment the Los Angeles River Recreation Zone Ecosystem Enhancement study, City of Los Angeles.

The Conservancy received a PowerPoint presentation from Ms. Liliana Griego, representing Friends of the Los Angeles River.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson; Mr. Corridori; the Executive Director; Ms. James; Mr. Anderson, and Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by Ms. Griego and Mr. Josiah Cain, representing Friends of the Los Angeles River.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-25.

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing an official request and acceptance to the City of Agoura Hills and California Department of Transportation for a Transfer of Jurisdiction to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of a portion of the pending vacation of Vendell Place for Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor permanent habitat protection purposes, City of Agoura Hills.**

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

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

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, and Mr. Szymanski.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 20-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

A roll-call vote was administered.

On motion of Ms. Martin, duly seconded, the Conservancy unanimously adopted Resolution No. 20-26.

- 13. 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.

14. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and announced that the next meeting would tentatively be held on June 20, 2020.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting in memory of Mr. Jerome C. Daniel.

Respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP HON. ASLA
Executive Director

Approved:

IRMA R. MUÑOZ
Chairperson