

San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC)
MINUTES of FEBRUARY 10, 2006 PUBLIC MEETING
(Draft Minutes for Approval March 24, 2006)

Chairperson Frye called the February 10th, 2006 Meeting of San Diego River Conservancy to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present:

Toni Atkins (*Public at Large, Appointed by Assembly*)
Jim Bartell (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)
Donna Frye, Chair (*City Council of San Diego*)
Dr. Susan Hector (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)
Jim Peugh (*Public at Large, Appointed by Senate*)
Norman Roberts (*Public at Large, appointed by Governor*)
Mayor Jerry Sanders (*Mayor City of San Diego*)
Karen Scarborough (*Secretary of Resources Agency Designee*)

Non-Voting Members present:

Jack Minan, Vice Chair (*San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Designee*)

Others Present:

Deborah Jayne, Executive Officer
Hayley Peterson, Deputy Attorney General
Lissa Adams, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Anne Sheehan (*Director of Finance Designee*)
Al Wright (*Executive Director, Wildlife Conservation Board*)

Chairperson Frye officially welcomed Mayor Sanders

Executive Officer, Deborah Jayne welcomed Mayor Sanders, and introduced new Executive Assistant, Lissa Adams.

Member Scarborough wanted it noted for the record, only one representative from the Resources Agency is appointed so Sam Schuchat's name should not appear on the Roll Call.

2. Approval of Minutes

Member Scarborough stated her comments regarding last month's election of the Governing Board officers (as shown below) were not noted and she wanted them noted in the record.

Board Member Scarborough commented that she thought the Mayor served as the Chair of the Governing Board. Acting Chairperson Frye clarified that the Chair position is elected by a vote of the Governing Board.

Board Member Atkins moved approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2005 public meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Minan and adopted by a voice vote of 8-0.

3. Public Comment

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority which is not on the agenda. Submission of information in writing is encouraged. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Presentation times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

Rob Hutsel Executive, Director of the San Diego River Park Foundation, announced Saturday May 20, 2006 is San Diego River Day, and wanted the Conservancy to be a partner in the event. He also stated that the San Diego River Coalition adopted their two year work program in their January 2006 meeting.

No other public comments

4. Chairman's and Governing Board Member's comments

These items are for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

Vice-Chair Minan mentioned the possibility of forming a Technical Advisory Committee, and asked the Executive Officer to give serious consideration to a recommendation to the Board on the formation of the Technical Advisory Committee, and who would serve on that Committee.

5. Executive Officer's Report (Deborah Jayne)

The following topics *may* be included on the Executive Officer's Report. The Board may take an action:

- a) Introduction of new Executive Assistant
- b) White Family Property Donation
- c) Grant Update
- d) Form 700 for 2005- Fair Political Practices Commission

B. Update on White Family Property Donation

Consistent with the Board's direction and preference, the Conservancy is moving forward with assuming title to the property. Based on all the information to date this is

the legal and most expedient course of action for the Conservancy. Ms Jayne provided a detailed update on the project's current status.

C. Grant Update

The Conservancy is in the process of applying for several grants. Ms. Jayne provided an update report on new and future proposals. Regarding the three projects that had been previously approved for Prop 40 funding by the Board, all the applications are finally in and under the review process.

Vice-Chair Minan addressed Board Member Scarborough regarding the Governor's current infrastructure bond proposal. He hoped the San Diego River Conservancy could work with the Governor's Office to make sure that the design of the infrastructure bond reflects the San Diego River Conservancy's interest.

Board Member Scarborough replied that the Governor's office is always happy to cooperate. It is the Resource Agency's mission to make sure that resources are protected and funding is currently being discussed in Sacramento. Ms. Scarborough indicated that we will remain a part of those discussions and maintain our high priority for this Conservancy.

D. Form 700 for 2005 Fair Political Practices Commission

Executive Officer Deborah Jayne requested that each member's annual Form 700 and Certification of Ethics Training be returned to this office no later than March 15, 2006.

6. Deputy Attorney General's Report (Hayley Peterson)

This item is for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

The Deputy Attorney General did not have a report.

Consent Item 7

7. FY 06/07 Proposed Budget

Consider possible adoption of tentative resolution 06-01 approving the Conservancy's proposed fiscal year 06-07 budget and expenditure report.

Executive Officer gave budget report.

Member Bartell inquired about the status of the Conservancy's parcel inventory and Ms Jayne responded that it is part of the GIS-based mapping system that we are currently developing. Mr. Bartell expressed concern that because the Conservancy has not had a strategic plan in place, our capital outlay budget has been neglected by the State as compared to other Conservancies. He requested that the Executive Officer prepare a comparison summary of all state Conservancy funding.

Member Atkins made a motion to adopt tentative resolution 06-01. Member Peugh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote of 8-0.

Discussion Items

8. Draft Five Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan, 2006-2011

Consider adoption of tentative resolution 06-02. The purpose is so that the Conservancy can be considered and be included for capital outlay appropriations for future bond funding and any other appropriations. It opens officially the public review and comment period. Executive Officer recommended the public review and comment period start February 10, 2006, and last 60 days. The final adoption of plan would be considered on April 14, 2006. The final step is to submit the final plan to the department of finance.

Executive Officer gave a presentation on the draft interim Five year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan (Plan).

All public and board member comments have been documented and responded to in a summary table which is included as Supporting Document 3 to Item 7 of your March 24 agenda. The summary table is also included as Appendix 7 of the final Plan. Board members discussed the urgency of getting a final adopted version in the hands of Department of Finance ASAP. It was agreed that a special Board meeting would be held in March for the sole purpose of considering adoption of the final Plan.

Specific discussion around the mission statement ensued. Vice-Chair Minan moved to amend the language as follows:

“The mission of the San Diego River Conservancy is to further the goals of its enabling legislation (including land conservation, recreation and education, habitat preservation and restoration, water quality, natural flood conveyance and protection of cultural and historic resources), by conserving and restoring its land and water for the enjoyment of present and future generations.”

Board Member Scarborough seconded the motion. The motion to amend the mission statement was adopted by a voice vote of 6-0. (Members Atkins and Sanders had to leave the meeting early)

Member Scarborough moved to approve tentative resolution 06-02 and move it on to Department of Finance. Member Peugh seconded the motion and it was adopted by a voice vote of 6-0.

9. Administrative Matters

This item is for minor administrative matters only and the Board will take no formal action.

Member Scarborough wanted it noted for the record that she would prefer not to receive so many news clippings, and would like them to be sent via email rather than hard copies (if there is a large amount). She also expressed that she did not appreciate the political persuasion of the clippings and would like future clippings to reflect a broader band of political persuasions.

Ms. Scarborough also wanted it noted for the record that the Board should initiate an annual performance review of the Executive Officer and suggested that could be added to the March agenda. It was agreed that the performance review will take place in closed session at a future regularly scheduled meeting (rather than at the March special meeting).

Member Bartell stated he would also like to institute an annual review of the five year Plan.

10. Executive Session

Following or any time during the meeting, the Governing Board may recess or adjourn to closed session to consider pending or potential litigation; property negotiations; or personnel-related matters. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a), (c) (7), or (e).

11. Arrangements for next meeting and adjournment

Friday March 24, 2006

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Location: 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, California
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Chairperson Frye adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:35am