

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

January 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

San Francisco Zoo, Lurie Education Center

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Recreation and Park Commissioner Eric McDonnell

Recreation and Park Commissioner Allan Low

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Elena Asturias

San Francisco Zoological Society, (SFZS) Board Member, Wayne Reading

Committee Advisor, Jane Tobin

2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MSA

Adoption of Minutes of the October 22 & December 10 2015 Committee Meetings.

3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report

(Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director and President, SFZS.

Peterson reported that El Nino is having its effects on attendance with December attendance under budget by 365 visitors. Year-to-date attendance is over budget by 35 visitors. Peterson extended her thanks to emeritus SFZ board members for a gift of \$550,000 to finish the wolf exhibit. This exhibit is in a space previously inhabited by polar bear. Two male Mexican gray wolves will be housed in this exhibit with hopes that they will be returned to the wild. The species had reduced to only 3 known in the wild and with the help of zoos worldwide this population has grown to 110 with the desire to bring that figure to the cap of 240 animals. The plan is to be able to track these animals once returned to the wild. The recently opened Tropical Aviary and South American exhibit was given an Excellence in Engineering award along with the contractor Nibbi Brothers. SFZ's winter event *Zoolights* attracted 12,000 visitors during its run. This year the footprint was expanded and included the running of Little Puffer Locomotive. Peterson wanted to acknowledge three special birthdays at SFZ: Elly the Black rhino turned 45 and is the eldest in captivity Ulu the Polar bear is now 35 and is the oldest female in captivity and Amanzee the lioness is now 15. Peterson thanked animal care staff for their dedication to the health & wellbeing of these and all animals at SFZ. Meatless Mondays have been initiated at SFZ. The concession company SSA is highlighting meatless meals in the Lemur Café. With attendance down due to the weather Peterson has requested ideas from staff to entice visitors to still visit SFZ. Two ideas were: free parking and free rain ponchos to the first 100 visitors. Peterson thanked staff for their input. Lastly, Peterson wanted to mention that this year's major fundraising event *Zoolights* being held on April 30, 2016 will be honoring Senator Dianne Feinstein.

4. Animal Transactions.

ACTION: MSA

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Recreation and Park Commission approve the following transactions:

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – November 2015

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Birmingham Zoo 2630 Cahaba Road	1.0 Blue-bellied roller <u><i>Coracias cyanogaster</i></u>	NIL	N/A

Birmingham, AL 35223

DONATION FROM:

CA Fish & Wildlife 350 Harbor Blvd. Belmont, CA 94002	1.0 African hedgehog <u>Atelerix albiventris</u>	NIL	N/A
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PURCHASE FROM:

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center 2155 CR 2008 Glen Rose, TX 76043	1.0 Greater kudu <u>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</u>	\$2,500	\$2,500
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DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Knoxville Zoological Gardens 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive Knoxville, TN 37914	0.1 Waldrapp ibis <u>Geronticus eremita</u>	NIL	N/A
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens 370 Zoo Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218	1.0 Waldrapp ibis <u>Geronticus eremita</u>	NIL	N/A
Safari West 3115 Porter Creek Road Santa Rosa, CA 95404	3.2 Waldrapp ibis <u>Geronticus eremita</u>	NIL	N/A
San Diego Zoo Safari Park 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road Escondido, CA 92027	0.1 Hadada ibis <u>Bostrychia hagedash</u>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM: Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Park 2000 Remington Place Oklahoma City, OK 73111	0.1 Waldrapp ibis <u>Geronticus eremita</u>	NIL	N/A

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DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium 9990 Riverside Drive Powell, OH 43065	0.0.1 Hadada ibis <u>Bostrychia hagedash</u>	NIL	N/A

DONATION FROM:

San Diego Zoo Safari Park
15500 San Pasqual Valley Road
Escondido, CA 92027

0.1 Hadada ibis
Bostrychia hagedash

NIL

N/A

5. Animal Updates.

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – December 2015					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
11	1.0	Greater kudu	Purchase	From Fossil Rim Wildlife Center	
17	0.1	Waldrapp ibis	Donation	From Oklahoma City Zoo	
22	0.0.1	Patas monkey	Birth		
DISPOSITIONS					
				Age at Death	
2	0.1	Sheep	Death	~14Y, 9M, 12D	Cancer
3	1.0	Common squirrel monkey	Donation		To Phoenix Zoo
22	1.0	Mandrill	Death	18Y, 3M, 3D	Heart Disease
27	0.1	Domestic ferret (polecat)	Death	5Y, 1M, 1D	Gastrointestinal disease, pathologist report pending

6. Capital Reimbursement

ACTION: MSA

Danny Latham, Director of Marketing , SFZS

Request approval of Capital Reimbursement for Veterinary Hospital Equipment and Exhibit Improvements.

7. Announcements

(Information only)

None

8. Chair's Announcements.

(Information only)

None

9. Old Business.

(Discussion)

None

10. New Business/Future Agenda Items.

(Information only)

None

11. Public Comments:

12. Adjournment

Meeting dismissed at 9:23 a.m.