

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

December 10, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

San Francisco Zoo, Lurie Education Center

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Eric McDonnell, Chair  
Recreation and Park Commissioner Maggie Wei  
Recreation and Park Commissioner Mark Buell  
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Maria Alvarez  
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Gail Secchia  
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Elena Asturias  
Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens  
Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

**2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item) ACTION: MSA**

Adoption of Minutes of the October 25, 2014 Committee Meeting.

**3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)**

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President SFZS.

Ms. Peterson reported attendance for the month of November is 63,240 versus budget of 48,000 and over budget by 15,240 visitors. Actual year-to-date attendance is 402,975 versus budget of 354,000 and is over budget by 48,975 visitors.

In animal news, congratulations to the primate staff on the birth of a new Francois langur. The infant, a boy, was born to first-time mom Jing-Jang and first-time dad, Isaac. Francois langurs participate in “allmothering”, which means adult females share the responsibilities of handling and raising infants. SFZ has housed and bred this species of monkey with great success for many years. The Zoo’s newest residents of Lipman Family Lemur Forest are a pair of crowned lemurs which are found at the very northernmost tip of Madagascar, in dry and semi-dry deciduous forests. This brings the number of species in the collection to eight. Two other births are a female kudu calf and a female bongo calf.

Events: The reindeer have returned to SFZ for the holidays. Belle, Holly, Peppermint and Velvet arrived safely and are next to the Zoo’s new playground. Also, Zoo Lights is returning also. Zoo Lights will take place December 19<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>.

Director Peterson then presented a dashboard comparative of the last three years showing attendance trends and budget expense figures. Human Resource figures included number of employees, promotions, positions filled recognitions, Workers Compensation Claims and Union Grievances. Also, discussed were the logistics, layout and changes to Gorilla World prompted by the recent tragedy of the gorilla death and the investigative report presented by Dr. Terry Maple.

**4. Animal Transactions. (Action Item) 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 2014**

<b>DONATION TO:</b>	<b>ANIMAL SPECIES</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens 370 Zoo Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218	0.1 Magellanic penguin <i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i>	NIL	N/A
<b>DONATION FROM:</b> Sacramento Zoo 3930 West Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95822	0.1 Haitian Giant Galliwasp <i>Diploglossus warren</i>	NIL	N/A
Sacramento Zoo 3930 West Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95822	1.1 Green crested basilisk <i>Basiliscus plumifrons</i>	NIL	N/A
Oakland Zoo 9777 Gold Links Road Oakland, CA 94605	1.3 Blue spiny lizard <i>Sceloporus serrifer cyanogenys</i>	NIL	N/A
Oakland Zoo 9777 Gold Links Road Oakland, CA 94605	0.0.6 Milky frog <i>Trachycephalus resinifictrix</i>	NIL	N/A
Carly and David Ray 40 Lauren Court Hollister, CA 95023	1.0 Domestic cattle <i>Bos taurus</i>	NIL	N/A
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way Cleveland, OH 44109	1.0 Snow leopard <i>Uncia uncia</i>	NIL	N/A

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Dallas Zoo 650 South R.L. Thornton Fwy Dallas, TX 75203	0.1 Andean tinamou <i>Nothoprocta pentlandii</i>	NIL	N/A

**5. Animal Updates.** (Discussion)  
David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

<b>ANIMAL UPDATES – OCTOBER 2014</b>				
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION	COMMENTS
		<b>ACQUISITIONS</b>		
1	2.0.0	Crowned lemur	Donation	Chehaw Wild Animal Park
9	0.0.3	Chilean flamingo	Birth	
11	0,1	Greater kudu	Birth	
21	0.2	Garden tree boa	Donation	Brookfield Zoo
22	0.1	Eastern bongo	Birth	
28	0.0.3	Green crested basilisk	Donation	Abilene Zoo
30	0.1	Long-tailed glossy	Loan	Central Park Zoo

		starling			
		<b>DISPOSITION</b>		<b>Age at Death</b>	
3	0.1	Capibara	Death	~6Y, 4M, 2D	Weight loss/shock/enlarged adrenal gland (report pending)
4	1.0	North American ruddy duck	Death	12Y, 4M, 8D	Accidental drowning
7	1.0	Giant marine toad	Death	~10Y, 4M, 6D	Cancer (report pending)
15	0.1	Goat	Death	~4Y, 9M, 14D	Progressive spinal disease (report pending)
30	0.1	Scarlet ibis	Death	2Y,3M, 27D	Hemorrhage, trauma suspected (report pending)

ANIMAL UPDATES – NOVEMBER 2014					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
		<b>ACQUISITIONS</b>			
11	0.0.1	Boa constrictor	Donation	Zoo Atlanta	
12	1.0	Francois' langur	Birth		
22	0.4	Reindeer	Loan	Operation Santa	
		<b>DISPOSITION</b>		<b>Age at Death</b>	
3	0.1	American bison	Death	22Y, 5M, 25D	Found dead (report pending)
4	0.1	Domestic chicken	Death	~11Y, 0M, 5D	Neurological disease
4	1.0	Green jay	Death	undetermined	Trauma
7	0.1	Western lowland gorilla	Death	1Y, 3M, 21D	Trauma
14	0.1	Fire-bellied toad	Death	20Y,0M, 10D	Not eating, Abdominal fluid (report pending)
14	0.1	Francois' langur	Loan		Transfer to Los Angeles Zoo

**6. Docent Enrichment Program**

Marcy Gagne, SFZS Docent

(Information only)

Ms. Gagne reported on the enrichment programs that SFZ docents participate in which benefit animals at the San Francisco Zoo. The program is selling buttons with the profits going to animal enrichment. The buttons started selling in 2013 and in this first year the profit was \$5800 which went for hammock for the gorillas, large balls for hoofstock, ice for carnivores and enrichment for birds. This year magnets were added and 10,000 pins were sold with a profit of \$11,500 which is donated to three programs: Wellness, Yellow-legged frogs & supplies to the hospital. Photos for the pins were taken by Marianne Hale. Committee member Gail Secchia wanted to commend the Docent Council in their efforts and noted that \$17,000 so far has been raised. A round of applause was given by committee and audience.

**7. SFZ Conservation Issues**

Jessie Bushell, Director of Conservation, SFZS

Ms. Bushell reviewed the various conservation programs in place at SFZ as well as those throughout the world the Zoo supports. SFZ Conservation Philosophy is To Advance Zoo's Goal of Conserving wildlife and wild places while inspiring conservation action. Projects fall into three categories: Wildlife, Habitats & Resources. Conservation Goals are Local community conservation action and expand local partnerships; Support national and international conservation and research projects; Promote green practices and increase the Zoo's demonstration spaces; Encourage and explore sustainable practices and projects; Conservation messaging in exhibit design and graphics; Professional training and research opportunities for staff and volunteers; Participate in regional, national and international cooperative management and conservation programs (studbooks, TAGS). SFZ supports conservation through financial support to NGOs, SSPs, researchers and other conservation groups; public awareness through graphics, animal themed days; fundraising through creative means, SSA marketplace, commercial partnerships; Opportunities to link staff with researchers, Earthwatch, Ludwig Scholarship; WCN Expo and conferences. Commissioner Buell commended the level of effort going into this project.

**8. Announcements** (Information only)

None

**9. Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)

**10. Old Business.** (Discussion)

None

**11. New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)

**12. Public Comments:**

Member of Public Rothman gave an update on the grant situation of SFZ, City Arts Commission and Recreation & Park. \$100,000 has been requested to do the study of the building and report the needs.

**13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:59am