

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

December 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

City Hall, Room 421

San Francisco, CA 94102

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Recreation and Park Commissioner Mark Buell
Recreation and Park Commissioner Gloria Bonilla
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Elena Asturias
San Francisco Zoological Society, (SFZS) Board Member, Dexter Lowry
San Francisco Zoological Society, (SFZS) Board Member, Maria Alvarez
Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MSA

Adoption of Minutes of the October 20, 2016 Committee Meeting

3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report

(Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director and President, SFZS.
Peterson discussed the addition to SFZ's Mission statement of the 3 C's (Connect, Care, Conserve) with the component of the Strategic Plan and its 3 C's (Core, Community, Coastal). Example presented under Core is the remodel of the Lion House with new enclosures for the animals and upgrading the exterior of the building. An example of the Community is the Zoolights evening event which allows visitors a different evening experience at the Zoo and Coastal is the Zoo's participation with the Coastal Conservation Zone. Zoo employees assisted in a coastal cleanup of ocean beach. The volunteers found garbage items, discarded household items, cigarette butts, etc. along the beach and assisted with the clean-up. Peterson discussed her trip to Churchill, Manitoba in Canada to visit the polar bear holding facility. The trip included twelve members of the Board and staff interested in the preservation and care of polar bears. Churchill is on the migration path of these animals. They saw the holding facility, a polar bear trap as well as actual bears in the wild. The bears are a nuisance to the town of Churchill and the need to preserve these animals is paramount. She closed with an overhead view of the proposed changes to the Great Highway and the effects this will have upon the Zoo. Commissioner Buell asked for an update on the plans for the restoration of the Mothers Building. Peterson stated that ideas for the restoration are being discussed. Buell said he would like to have quarterly reports on the progress. Commissioner Bonilla asked for the purpose of the trip to Churchill. Peterson said it was a trip to inform members what conditions are like and hopefully start dialogue for solutions.

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 2016

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Newport Aquarium One Aquarium Way Newport, KY 41071	0.2 Green basilisk <i>Basiliscus plumifrons</i>	NIL	N/A

DONATION FROM:

Honolulu Zoo 151 Kapahulu Ave. Honolulu, HI 96815	1.0 Crested oropendola <u><i>Psarocolius decumanus</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Brec's Baton Rouge Zoo 3601 Thomas Road Baton Rouge, LA 70807	2.2 Eclectus parrots <u><i>Eclectus roratus</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Zoo Miami 12400 SW 152 nd Street Miami, FL 33177	1.0 Red ruffed lemur <u><i>Varecia rubra</i></u>	NIL	N/A

ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – December 2016

DONATION TO: Brevard Zoo 8225 North Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32940	ANIMAL SPECIES 1.0 West African black crowned crane <u><i>Balearica pavonina pavonina</i></u>	PRICE NIL	TOTAL DUE N/A
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5. Animal Updates.

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – October 2016					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
2	0.0.1	Chilean flamingo	Hatch		
4	1.0	Andean condor	Donation	National Aviary in Pittsburgh	
8	0.0.1	Chilean flamingo	Hatch		
13	1.0	Mandrill	Loan	From Bronx Zoo	
25	1.0	Magellanic penguin	Donation	From John Ball Zoo	
27	1.0	Blue-eyed black lemur	Donation	From Duke Primate Center	
DISPOSITIONS					
				Age at Death	
1	0.1	Slender-tailed meerkat	Death	14Y,7M,14D	Lung cancer, kidney failure, heart failure
3	0.1	Red-bellied lemur	Death	22Y, 4M, 0D	Systemic infection, diarrhea, kidney disease

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DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
17	1.1	Palm cockatoo	Donation	1.0 from Sea World Orlando 1.0 from Sedgwick County Zoo	
18	2.1	Reindeer	Loan	From All About Animals	

30	0.1	Greater kudu	Birth		
		DISPOSITIONS		Age at Death	
10	0.1	Sheep	Death	—13Y, 8M, 26D	Chronic respiratory disease
15	0/1	Southern ground hornbill	Death	—20Y, 3M, 30D	Conspecific trauma at White Oak
15	0.1	Sheep	Death	13Y, 9M, 13S	Chronic arthritis & mobility problems
25	1.0	North American porcupine	Death	2Y, 7M, 21D	Intestinal surgery complications
27	1.0	Red kangaroo	Death	—9Y, 5M, 15D	Lung mass
30	0.1	Brown pelican	Death	5Y, 10M, 29D	Internal hemorrhage

6. Aging Animals

Jason Watters, VP Wellness & Animal Behavior, SFZS

Watters reported on the growing demographic of aging zoo animals and the practices which are currently being applied throughout zoos. The philosophy is care for the animals from the “Cradle to Grave”. A meeting of zoo professionals was held on this subject. Over 60 delegates attended the meeting which had eight speakers and nine presentations. Key areas were identified: Assessing welfare, Medical concerns, Exhibit design/modification, Social concerns and Staff support. Indicators were given citing practices being used in the care of SFZ 35 year old polar bear, Ulu. During the report period of one month the balance sheets showed positive indications in activity and motivation with Ulu. The concensus from the conference was that with the use of continuous practices and care for animals promoted longevity and increased quality of life.

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 9:45 a.m.