

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

June 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

City Hall, Room 421, San Francisco

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, Maria Alvarez

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

2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MSA

Adoption of Minutes of the May 19, 2016 Committee Meetings

3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report

(Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS.

Peterson reported May's attendance was 91,811 versus budget of 90,000 which was over projection by 1,811 visitors. Animal news: New exhibit, *Wolf Canyon*, has opened with three Mexican gray wolf brothers (*Prince, David Bowie and Jerry Garcia*). Not only is this an exquisite wolf habitat, it is an opportunity for SFZ to participate in the conservation of the species. In 1976 there were only five remaining individuals in the wild, but due to a concerted conservation effort, the population has grown to about two hundred in captivity and one hundred in the wild. SFZ's conservation partner, US Fish & Wildlife, encourages limited human interaction so the wolves don't become accustomed to people. In the coming weeks, the exhibit will be outfitted with state-of-the-art technology like automatic feeding devices, sensors to detect environmental conditions and 14 CrowdOptic Eye cameras. "Ingrid" the giraffe calf was introduced to the Leanne B. Roberts African Savanna. Over the last week she has been introduced to the other giraffes and now she has met the rest of the herd. Over the coming weeks her introduction will continue and increasing her amount of time on exhibit. In partnership with the Yosemite National Park Conservation and Recovery Facility, the Zoo's first release of Western pond turtles took place in Yosemite Valley. Six turtles swam into a Yosemite Valley river, signaling the return of pond turtles to the park after a decades-long absence. In other Zoo news, SFZ is paving the way for collaborative science education for San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) students. The Zoo is part of the San Francisco Science, Sustainability, and Stewardship collaborative which has been working with other organizations to ensure synergy among offerings, eliminate competition to increase opportunities for each student in the district. ZooMobile, the traveling Zoo on wheels visited 442 classrooms and educated more than 12,000 students during the 2015-2016 school year. The ZooMobile Program launched in 1975 and in the 40 years since, ambassador animals and Zoo educators have reached thousands of students throughout the Bay Area each school year. On June 18-19, Father's Day weekend falls on the longest weekend of the year. Dads are given free admission to the Zoo. This weekend will highlight the animal with the longest neck. This full weekend of giraffe education coincides with World giraffe Day, which raises awareness about the challenges giraffe face and their dwindling population numbers in the wild.

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 – June 2016**

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
San Diego Zoo Safari Park 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road Escondido, CA 92027	0.1 Marbled teal <i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM:			
Recycled Reptiles 2140 Valleywood Drive San Bruno, CA 94066	0.1 African hedgehog <i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	NIL	N/A
Philadelphia Zoo 3400 West Girard Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19104	1.1 Eclectus parrots <i>Eclectus roratus</i>	NIL	N/A
Pat LaDouceur 836 Contra Costa Drive El Cerrito, CA 94530-3041	1.0 African hedgehog <i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	NIL	N/A

5. Animal Updates.

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – May 2016					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
		ACQUISITIONS			
3	2.0	Guira cuckoo	Donation	From Sea World Orlando	
5	3.0	Mexican Wolf	Loan	From Wildlife West Nature Park	
14	0.0.1	Magellanic Penguin	Hatch		
16	0.0.1	Magellanic Penguin	Hatch		
18/19	0.0.3	Blue-bellied roller	Hatch		
19	2.2	Emerald tree boa	Purchase	From Como Zoo	
19	1.0	Elegant crested tinamou	Donation	From Minnesota Zoo	
21	0.0.1	Magellanic penguin	Hatch		
22	1.1	Coquerel's sifaka	Loan	Transfer from Los Angeles Zoo	
25	0.0.2	Temminck's tragopan	Hatch		
26	2.0	Red-footed tortoise	Donation	From Detroit Zoo	
27	0.0.1	Temminck's tragopan	Hatch		
		DISPOSITIONS		Age at Death	
3	1.0	Red kangaroo	Death	~6Y, 11M, 25D	Urinary tract abnormality
3	0.1	Yellow-backed duiker	Loan		To San Antonio Zoo
6	0.0.1	Arizona tiger	Death	9Y, 4M, 5D	Internal bleeding

		salamander			
9	1.0	Domestic donkey	Death	26Y, 3M, 8D	Colic, bowel infarct
12	0.1	Four-toed hedgehog	Death	~3Y, 10M, 29D	Liver cancer
13	1.0	Bald eagle	Death	~6Y, 11M, 11D	Acute wing fracture
13	0.1	Four-toed hedgehog	Death	4Y, 3M, 17D	Abdominal cancer
17	0.1	Domestic guinea pig	Death	~3Y, 3M, 17D	Cancer suspected, pathologist's report pending
18	0.0.1	Magellanic penguin	Death	0Y, 0M, 2D	Parental displacement, open umbilicus
25	0.1	African lion	Death	19Y, 4M, 21D	Mobility problems, arthritis, liver cancer
30	0.1	Curl-crested aracari	Death	8Y, 4M, 29D	Trauma

6. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget for the San Francisco Zoo.**
Wayne Reading, CFO, SFZS
Mr. Reading presented the FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget for approval. **ACTION:MSA**
7. **Announcements** (Information only)
None
8. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)
9. **Old Business.** (Discussion)
None
10. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)
11. **Public Comments:**
Member of Public, Rothman, stated there have been two articles in The Chronicle and The Examiner newspapers regarding the Mothers Building. He thanked SFZ and the Art Commission for photographing. The next step now is to come up with a plan and fundraising for the renovation. Spinelli said that in a recent visit to London, he visited the London Zoo with also has some old buildings which have kept the façade but the building have been gutted and renovated.
12. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am