

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JOINT ZOO COMMITTEE
March 21, 2024 9:00am.
Hamilton Recreation Center
1900 Geary Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94115**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Recreation & Park Commissioners Larry Mazzola, Jr., Kat Anderson, Breanna Zwart and SF Zoological Society Board Members Elena Asturias, EB Beatty and Mary Sutton (Alternates: Commissioner Joseph Hallisy and Tanya Peterson). Committee Advisors: Dr. Joseph Spinelli (DVM) and Ms. Jane Tobin.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Recreation & Park Commissioners Kat Anderson, Joe Hallisy, Breanna Zwart; SF Zoological Society (“SFZS”) Board Members EB Beatty, Mary Sutton; Designee of Committee Advisor Ms. Jane Tobin.

2. Adoption of Minutes.

ACTION: MSA

3. San Francisco Zoological Society (“SFZS”), Administrative Report. (Discussion)

Chris Connors, VP of Strategic Planning, SFZS

SFZS VP of Strategic Planning Chris Connors reported on March events, including Senior Mornings. Mr. Connors discussed the recent wolverine introductions between older wolverine “Harrison” and the newly arrived youngster “Edward”. He reported on the recent meeting of the California Association of Zoos & Aquariums (CAZA) as a chance for California zoos to gather in person for conservation discussion and collaboration. He noted the addition of new animal care talks to engage visitors and educate the public about the Baird’s tapir and Przewalski’s horses. Mr. Connors reported that SF Zoo’s Chief Veterinarian provided a presentation on marsupials to UC Davis veterinary students for the eighth year in a row. Lastly, he discussed the recent Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting at SF Zoo.

4. Animal Transactions.

ACTION: MSA

Ingrid Russell, Director of Collections, SFZS

Ms. Russell discussed and recommended that the Recreation and Park Commission approve the following transactions:

**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – March 2024**

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Houston Zoo 1513 Cambridge Street Houston, TX 77030 713/533-6682	1.0 Pygmy hippopotamus <u>Choeropsis liberiensis</u>	NIL	N/A
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden 3400 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45220 513/487-3351	0.1 Eastern black rhinoceros <u>Diceros bicornis michaeli</u>	NIL	N/A

Aquarium of the Pacific
100 Aquarium Way
Long Beach, CA 90802
562/951-3100

1.0 Magellanic penguin
Spheniscus magellanicus

NIL

N/A

DONATION FROM:

Crees Brothers Farm
24700 County Rd. 95
Davis, CA 95616
530/746-1984

6.0 Nigerian dwarf goat
Capra hircus nigerian dwarf

NIL

N/A

Blue Oak Canyon Ranch
73420 Vineyard Canyon Road
San Miguel, CA 93451
307/760-8031

1.3 Santa Cruz Island sheep
Ovis aries santa cruz

NIL

N/A

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, OH 44109
216/635-3350

1.0 Bontebok
Damaliscus pygargus

NIL

N/A

5. Animal Updates – February 2024. (Discussion)

Ingrid Russell, Director of Collections, SFZS

Ms. Russell provided an update on the following animal transactions and dispositions:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>ANIMALS</u>	<u>TRANSACTION</u>		<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>MLE</u>
<u>ACQUISITIONS</u>						
8	4.0	Black-and-white ruffed lemurs	Loan transfer		from the Jacksonville Zoo	
21	1.1	Golden conure	Donation		from St. Augustine Alligator Farm	
<u>DISPOSITIONS</u>						
				Age at Death		
10	0.1	Blue-bellied roller	Death	~8Y, 8M, 27D	Death due to chronic cardiovascular disease	8.9Y
22	0.1	San Clemente Island goat	Death	10Y, 9M, 17D	Chronic arthritis	N/A
28	0.1	Eastern box turtle	Death	~43Y, 10M, 13D	Chronic kidney and reproductive disease; Histology pending	N/A

6. Announcements. (Information only)

7. Chair’s Announcements. (Information only)

8. Old Business. (Discussion)

9. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information only)

10. Public Comments: Member of the public Richard Rothman announced that the economic study on the Mother’s Building at SF Zoo soon would be completed.

11. Adjournment 9:23 a.m.