

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

January 26, 2012

San Francisco Zoo

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata, Chair

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin

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

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

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Bill Beech

Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

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

Adoption of Minutes of the December 1, 2011 Committee Meeting

2. San Francisco Zoo Director's Report (Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS

Director Peterson congratulated Commissioner Arata for her appointment as Chair of the Committee for the year 2012. Peterson reported December attendance was record-setting for the Zoo with actual attendance at 54,626 versus projection of 34,000 or plus 20,626 visitors. January attendance through January 24 is 44,276 versus projections of 28,500. She also reported the returned Squirrel monkey, Banana Sam, is currently in quarantine, and if all goes well, he should be returned to exhibit in early February. Peterson reported the theft is an ongoing investigation as directed by SFPD. Security personnel have been increased on the graveyard shift as well as other security measures being adopted. On a different note, February events include the annual Lunar New Year celebration and "Woo at the Zoo". Lastly, Peterson introduced Dr. Terry Maple, leading authority on animal welfare and former director of Zoo Atlanta. To continue the efforts of providing best practices and optimal health and wellness for animals at SFZ, Dr. Maple has been requested to have dialogues with personnel and board members at SFZ. Dr. Maple introduced himself and stated he is impressed with the efforts of the SFZ staff in making SFZ one of the best zoos in the nation. Committee Advisor Stephens then asked if the theft of the Squirrel monkey was the same scenario as that of the ferret. Peterson responded that the thefts occurred at different entry points. With the Squirrel monkey, there was a dismantling of the heating system, and it appeared to be a more sophisticated action. Stephens also asked if SFZ is responsible for the fence around the Bison paddock in Golden Gate Park. Director Peterson answered that SFZ is responsible for the animal and veterinary care of the animals not the perimeter fence. Stephens questioned the decision of returning the injured bison back into the paddock with the herd. Peterson understood the animal recovered well from surgery prior to returning to paddock but more details concerning the Bison would be addressed during discussion of Animal Updates.

3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item) ACTION: MSA

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION - January 2012

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Abilene Zoo 2070 Zoo Lane Abilene, TX 79602 325/676-6476	1.0 Superb starling <i>Spreo superbus</i>	NIL	N/A

DONATION FROM:

Akron Zoo 500 Edgewood Avenue Akron, OH 44307 330/375-2550	1.0 Red ruffed lemur <u>Varecia rubra</u>	NIL	N/A
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Sacramento Zoo 3930 West Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95822 916/808-5888	0.0.3 Fulvous whistling ducks <u>Dendrocygna bicolor</u>	NIL	N/A
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UC San Francisco Laboratory Animal Resource Ctr 513 Parnassus Avenue. Box 0564 San Francisco, CA 94143-0564 415/476-5521	0.4.0 European Ferret <u>Mustela putorius furo</u>	NIL	N/A
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Member of Public, Mark Ennis asked if the ferrets received from UC were used for experimentation. Bocian stated that they were for behavioral research.

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

ANIMAL UPDATES – NOVEMBER 2011					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
26	1.0	Domestic donkey	Donation	Private Party	
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29	1.0	Hooded merganser	Purchase	St Louis Zoo	
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29	0.1	NA ruddy duck	Purchase	St Louis Zoo	
29	0.12	Mice	Purchase	group purchased from local store for CZ Mouse House	
DISPOSITION					
				Age at Death	
6	0.1	Mouse	Death	2+ years?	previously unaccessioned group in CZ
12	1.0	NewSouthWales wallaroo	Death	16Y, 10M, 4D	Pending
13	0.1	White ibis	Death	Unknown	Pending; bird from the wild-age unknown
14	0.1	Mouse	Death	2+ years?	previously unaccessioned group in CZ
16	1.0	Domestic polecat	Death	4Y, 6M, 16D	Pending
21	1.0	Inland bearded dragon	Death	2Y, 11M, 19D	Pending

ANIMAL UPDATES – DECEMBER 2011					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
5	1.0	Aye-aye	Birth		

5	0.7	American bison	Purchase	6 purchased/1 donated	
6	1.0	Greater rhea	Purchase	Miami Metrozoo	
6	0.2	Greater rhea	Purchase	Miami Metrozoo	
6	0.0.1	Greater rhea	Purchase	Miami Metrozoo	
7	0.1	Snow leopard	Donation	John Ball Zoo	
15	1.0	Red ruffed lemur	Donation	Akron Zoo	
15	2.0	Black parrot	Donation	Sacramento Zoo	
		DISPOSITION		Age at Death	
2	1.0	Helmeted guineafowl	Disappeared	14Y, 10M, 30D	Missing from Patas Monkey Exhibit
9	1.0	Black parrot	Death	27Y, 11M, 7D	Pending
15	1.0	Francois langur	Loan Transfer		Kansas City Zoo
16	0.0.1	California newt	Death	Unknown	Pending, Animal donated by UCSF
19	0.0.2	Gofodulcean poison arrow frog	Death	Unknown	Pending, found dead
20	1.0	Peach-faced lovebird	Death	10Y, 7M, 23D	Pending
22	1.0	Domestic swan goose	Death	20Y, 8M, 16D	Pending
24	0.1	Tiger salamander	Death	11Y, 7M, 6D	Pending
30	1.0	Squirrel monkey	Theft	17Y, 2M, 13D	Retrieved 12/31/11

Advisor Stephens asked for explanation of the death of the California newt. Bocian responded that it was keeper error with furniture from the exhibit on the animal. Bocian described the happenings with the Bison. On January 4th, SFZ was notified from park police that a dog had entered the exhibit and frightened the animal, which injured itself. Veterinary staff reached the scene and treated the animal. When the animal was revived, it was pushing at the fence to get back to the herd, and the concern was that it would reinjure itself trying to rejoin with the herd. Notes from necropsy state three broken ribs, large skin and muscle lacerations, bruising on chest wall and sternum, blunt force trauma. Member of public, Mark Ennis, requested that the dollar amount paid for or received for animals reported upon be listed on the agenda. Mr. Ennis also asked the cost of the kudu purchased in October.

5. **Announcements** (Information only)
None

6. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)
None

7. **Old Business.** (Discussion)
No Old Business

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

9. **Public Comments:**

- .12. **Adjournment.**
Meeting was adjourned at 5:20p.m.