

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

October 27 2011

San Francisco Zoo

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Maria Alvarez, Chair

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

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

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin

Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

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

Adoption of Minutes of the September 22, 2011 Committee Meeting

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

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS

Director Peterson reported on October attendance to date is 40,919 visitors versus budget of 34,000. Also, admission revenue for the month to date was \$261,574 versus projection of \$295,000. Year to date attendance is at 293,857 versus projection of 295,000 with revenue at \$2,092,529 versus projection of \$2,091,000. In response to request from member of public at last meeting August attendance was 86,861 versus budget of 100,000 visitors with revenue at \$196,645 versus \$203,000. Director Peterson gave a power point update on Capital Projects including the Squirrel Monkey exhibit with copies of design features, the Tropical Aviary Strangler Fig concept and the Playground concept.

Committee Advisor Spinelli questioned if the Squirrel monkeys being located in the new exhibit are those received earlier that are currently on exhibit at the PDC. Director Peterson responded that they are the same animals. Committee Advisor Stephens commented that she encouraged the San Francisco Zoo not to use statues in the new playground by the artist Tom Otterness, who killed a dog and filmed it creating a work of "art" he called "Shot Dog Film." A zoo in San Jose has statues from him and she hopes SFZ will not use his statues. Director Peterson stated that close attention was being given to the choices and that the current company being used is Scientific Arts for design of the playground.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, questioned why the tour held prior to the meeting was not posted. The response was given that being as there were only two voting members and two advisors there did not exist a quorum and therefore the tour was not part of the meeting thus did not require posting.

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

David Bocian, VP of Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION - October 2011**

| <b>DONATION TO:</b>                    | <b>ANIMAL SPECIES</b>                           | <b>PRICE</b> | <b>TOTAL DUE</b> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| CuriOdyssey<br>1651 Coyote Point Drive | 0.0.2 California newts<br><u>Taricha torosa</u> | NIL          | N/A              |

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**PURCHASE FROM:**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Zoo Miami<br>12400 SW 152 <sup>nd</sup> /1 Zoo Blvd<br>Miami, FL 33177<br>305/251-0400 | 0.0.4 Greater rhea<br><u>Rhea americana</u>         | \$100 each | \$400   |
| Safari West<br>3115 Porter Creek Road<br>Santa Rosa, CA 95404<br>707/579-2551          | 1.0 Greater kudu<br><u>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</u> | \$5,000    | \$5,000 |

**SALE TO:**

|                                                                                           |                                                   |           |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens<br>370 Zoo Parkway<br>Jacksonville, FL 32218<br>904/757-4463 | 1.1 South African shelduck<br><u>Tadorna cana</u> | \$50 each | \$100 |
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**TRADE:**

|                                                         |                                                           |     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Bronx Zoo/WCS<br>2300 Southern Blvd.<br>Bronx, NY 10460 | 2.2 Magellanic penguins<br><u>Spheniscus magellanicus</u> | TBD | N/A |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, questioned why the Greater kudu was purchased. Mr. Bocian responded that it was purchased in accordance with the breeding plan as the current male kudu had been castrated; The plan is to move the castrated animal to another zoo and purchase the new animal for breeding.

**4. Animal Updates.**

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

| ANIMAL UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 2011 |       |                     |             |  |                                |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| DATE                            | SEX   | ANIMALS             | TRANSACTION |  | COMMENTS                       |
| <b>ACQUISITIONS</b>             |       |                     |             |  |                                |
| 26                              | 0.0.0 | Yellow-legged frogs | Loan in     |  | from SFSU addition group of 18 |
| 27                              | 0.1   | Magellanic penguin  | Donation    |  | Monterey Bay Aquarium          |
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| 27                              | 1.0   | White ibis          | Donation    |  | Monterey Bay Aquarium          |
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| 27                              | 1.0   | Roseate spoonbill   | Donation    |  | Monterey Bay Aquarium          |
| 27                              | 0.1   | Roseate spoonbill   | Donation    |  | Monterey Bay Aquarium          |
| 27                              | 1.0   | Scarlet ibis        | Donation    |  | Monterey Bay Aquarium          |
| 29                              | 0.1   | Laughing kookaburra | Donation    |  | Lincoln Park Zoo               |

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|----|-------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 29 | 0.0.0 | Pacific tree frogs          | Donation | SFSU; group of 25   |                     |
| 29 | 0.0.0 | California newts            | Donation | SFSU; group of 9    |                     |
|    |       |                             |          |                     |                     |
|    |       | <b>DISPOSITION</b>          |          | <b>Age at Death</b> |                     |
| 12 |       | Black Parrot                | Death    | 11Y 0M 4D           | pending             |
| 13 |       | Black howler monkey         | Donation |                     | to John Ball Zoo    |
| 14 |       | Mountain yellow-legged frog | Death    | 4Y 6M 14D           | pending             |
| 15 |       | Iberian ribbed newt         | Death    | ~20Y                | pancreatic cancer   |
| 16 |       | Mountain yellow-legged frog | Death    | 4Y 6M 16D           | Heart/liver failure |
| 16 |       | Western screech owl         | Death    | 13Y 4M 19D          | Liver disease       |
| 19 |       | Mouse                       | Death    | ~2Y                 | cancer              |
| 20 |       | Peregrine falcon            | Death    | 21Y 6M 20D          | Heart disease       |
|    |       |                             |          |                     |                     |
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Committee Advisor Stephens questioned the ages of the animals. Bocian responded that the falcon was an old animal; the owl was not ancient but was a healthy age; the parrot was an adult but not geriatric and the newt was a geriatric animal.

5.     **Announcements** (Information only)  
Clerk announced that due to Thanksgiving Holiday a new meeting date will be scheduled after discussion with the Liaison from Recreation & Parks Commission.
  
6.     **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)  
None
7.     **Old Business.** (Discussion)
  
8.     **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)
  
9.     **Public Comments:**  
Member of the Public, Tony Colonese, gave a brief review of the Fourth Bear Care Group Meeting that he attended in Canada. The group dealt with issues of bear care within preserves and parks as well as efforts to return cubs to the wild. It also addressed the issue of bear conservation and efforts to stop bear farming in some countries. A presentation was given by the Wildlife SOS group from India that has freed the Dancing Bears in that country. Committee Member Beech questioned progress of bear conservation in Asia.
  
- .12.   **Adjournment.**  
Meeting was adjourned at 5:32p.m.