CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
JOINT ZOO COMMITTEE  
November 16, 2017 9:00 am  
City Hall, Room 421  
San Francisco, CA 94102  

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Recreation & Park Commissioners Mark Buell, Kat Anderson, Larry Mazzola, Jr. (alternates: Tom Harrison and Gloria Bonilla) and SF Zoological Society Board Members Maria Alvarez, Elena Asturias and Dexter Lowry (alternates: Vince Grubbs 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 Mark Buell, Kat Anderson, and SF Zoological Society Board Members Maria Alvarez, Elena Asturias, Dexter Lowry and Vince Grubbs.

2. Adoption of Minutes.  
 ACTION: MSA

 (Discussion)
Joe Fitting, Deputy Director, SFZS  
Mr. Fitting provided an update on administrative affairs, first reporting on October attendance, which was 66,968 versus a budget of 61,000 for a positive variance of 5,968. Year-to-date attendance through October was 351,694 versus a budget of 345,000 for a positive variance of 6,694. Mr. Fitting reported on Animal Wellness staff member, Debra Marrin, who presented at a conference in Germany on Caring for Elderly Animals. Mr. Fitting discussed a recent visitor to the Insect Zoo: a “black witch” moth, which normally is found in Mexico, Central and South America. This distinctive moth had been blown off course and a neighbor brought it in to the Insect Zoo for an ID. After a brief photo shoot, the moth was released. Mr. Fitting noted that the Education Department recently had participated in a local Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) Conservation & Education meeting, as well as hosted a group from KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) for a Career Day on Zoo grounds. Mr. Fitting announced that the reindeer would be arriving for “Reindeer Romp” on November 18th and would be here through January 1st. Lastly, Mr. Fitting reminded all of “Giving Tuesday” taking place the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

 ACTION: MSA
David Bocian, VP of 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 2017

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DONATION FROM:
Johnny Gridley and Heather Williamson
165 Beacon Street
San Francisco, CA  94131

1.0 Domestic guinea pig
*Cavia porcellus domestic*

NIL
N/A

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5. **Animal Updates – October, 2017**

*David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS*

Update on animal transactions and dispositions.

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6. **Education & Outreach Updates**

*Robin Wu, VP of Education & Community Engagement, SFZS*

Ms. Wu provided a presentation on the SFZS’s recent education and community engagement projects. She noted that this year’s Summer Zoo Camp had record enrollment and that the Early Childhood Programs had celebrated their tenth year in a building dedicated to ECP. Ms. Wu noted partnerships with local preschools, as well as the “SF Tots” program for toddler soccer taking place on Zoo grounds. Ms. Wu reported that the ZooMobile, with the addition of a new van, was scheduled to reach a record number of schools this year. In addition, the ZooMobile program has added several new lessons, including one aimed at preschoolers and another on climate change. Ms. Wu reported that this year the SFZS partnered with the Randall Museum to host the SFUSD Middle School Science Fair, in addition to hosting the Bay Area Teen Science and Career Conference for the second year in a row. Ms. Wu also noted that this year marks the fourth year of the “Zooforce” partnership between Salesforce.com and SFZS. Ms. Wu discussed the highlights of the Youth Volunteer Program,
including the recent expansion of the “Zoo Crew” habitat restoration project at Mountain Lake and the addition of “Storytime Station” to Zoo grounds this summer. She reported that SFZS staff were participating in the National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI) program to learn how to more effectively communicate with visitors about climate change. She provided an update on the overnight program, announcing that it had been awarded “Best Overnight” by SF magazine and reported that the Education Department has been running a number of sold out programs to Girl Scouts. Lastly, Ms. Wu highlighted a number of groups who have received free admission to the Zoo, including SFUSD schools, victims of the NorCal fires, disabled veterans and the Homeless Prenatal Program participants.

7. **Announcements.** (Information only)
   Deputy Director Joe Fitting announced a $50K renovation of the Komodo dragon exhibit.

8. **Chair’s Announcements.** (Information only)

9. **Old Business.** (Discussion)

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

11. **Public Comments:** None

12. **Adjournment 9:26 am**

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