

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

November 29, 2012

San Francisco Zoo

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata, Chair

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Mark Buell

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

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 September 27, 2012 Committee Meeting

**2. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)**

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director and President, SFZS

Director Peterson reported on September and October attendance. September was 70,800 visitors versus projections of 58,000. October attendance was 50,400 visitors versus projections of 48,000 with over 3,000 San Francisco Residents visiting on the October Free day. In animal news, the Zoo's new wallaroos have cleared quarantine and are exhibit at Australia Walkabout. Peterson also reported on visits by the ZooMobile, including recent visits to the Bayview Opera House and San Francisco Juvenile Center wherein students learned about threats facing wildlife. Peterson also noted the SF Recreation and Parks Commission recently approved the plan to remodel the Elinor Friend Playground. Director Peterson then re-introduced Dr. Terry Maple, an animal welfare expert hired by the SFZS. Dr. Maple commented on current animal wellness programs at zoos, and SFZS VP Dave Bocian showed examples at SFZ.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, stated that Dr. Maple should have been on the agenda.

Clerk of Committee sited it was not known that Dr. Maple would attend the meeting until right before the meeting was convened.

**3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item) 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 – October 2012**

<b>DONATION FROM:</b>	<b>ANIMAL SPECIES</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
Paul M. McAdams 2121 Avenue of the Stars Suite 2800 Los Angeles, CA 90067	0.02 Moroccan uromastyx <u>Uromastyx acanthinurus</u>	NIL	N/A
<b>PURCHASE FROM:</b> James S. Stewart 18475 Bollinger Canyon Road	0.3 Common ostrich <u>Struthio camelus</u>	\$200 each	\$600

San Ramon, CA 94583

**4. Animal Updates.**

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 2012					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
		<b>ACQUISITIONS</b>			
12	1.0	Chacoan peccary	Loan In	Hogle Zoo	
19	1.0	Marabou stork	Donation	Ownership change/animal already on-site	
20	0.1	Virginia opossum	Donation	Private source	
20	1.0	Laughing kookaburra	Purchase	Denver Zoo	
27	0.1	Wrinkled hornbill	Donation	St. Catherine's Island	
30	0.1	Hill wallaroo	Donation	Oakland Zoo	
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		<b>DISPOSITION</b>		<b>Age at Death</b>	
5	1.0	Roseate spoonbill	Death	9Y, 3M, 22D	Hyperthermia
7	1.0	White ibis	Death	Unknown	Bird from wild/age unknown/Pending
8	0.0.1	Pacific tree frog	Death	Unknown	Animal from wild/age unknown/Pending
10	1.0	West African black-crowned crane	Donation		Dallas Zoo
12	0.1	Barrow's goldeneye	Death	14Y, 3M, 22D	Predation
26	0.1	European rabbit	Death	5Y, 5M, 27D	Chest Mass
26	1.0	Domestic polecat	Death	5Y, 4M, 27D	Heart Failure
26	1.0	Four-toed hedgehog	Death	4Y, 2M, 21D	Cancer

ANIMAL UPDATES – OCTOBER 2012					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
		<b>ACQUISITIONS</b>			
7	0.1	Francois langur	Birth		
12	1.0	Black rhinoceros	Loan Return	San Diego Safari Park	
20	1.0	Spiny-tailed lizard	Donation	Private source	
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24	1.0	Virginia opossum	Donation	Private source	
		<b>DISPOSITION</b>		<b>Age at Death</b>	
10	1.0	Chicken	Death	8Y, 11M, 11D	Kidney Failure
17	1.0	Marabou stork	Donation		Miami Metro Zoo
22	0.1	Bald eagle	Loan Transfer		PaloAltoJuniorMuseum
24	0.1	Marabou stork	Loan To		DisneyAnimalKingdom
24	0.1	Bald eagle	Loan Transfer		MississippiRiverMuseum
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26	0.1	Mouse	Death	~1Y	Unresponsive
27	0.0.1	Lilac-crowned amazon	Death	35Y, 5M, 19D	Kidney Failure

Committee Advisor Stephens asked if the Black rhino was a return to SFZ. Bocian explained the rhino is the grandson of the female rhino owned by SFZ.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, expressed his objection to the rhino being brought to SFZ.

5. **SFZ Marketing Update** (Information only)  
Jill Lynch, VP Marketing & PR, SFZS  
Ms. Lynch presented an overview of the SFZS marketing programs. These include attendance- and membership-oriented programs, promotions, advertising campaigns, special events, media outreach and use of social media. She then showed a video celebrating the life of SFZ polar bear, Pika, who was hand-reared by SFZS staff and just reached a milestone birthday.  
  
Member of Public, Mark Ennis, requested a copy of the video. Procedures for copying the video will be reviewed and a copy will be made in the future when available.
6. **Announcements** (Information only)
7. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)  
None
8. **Old Business.** (Discussion)  
None
9. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)
10. **Public Comments:**  
Member of Public, Tony Colonese, spoke on Stable Isotopes being used in animal research. Member of Public, Richard Rothman, spoke on the hopes for renovation of the Mother's Building and presented some historic information.
11. **Adjournment.**  
Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.