1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
   Recreation and Park Commissioner, Eric McDonnell, Chair
   Recreation and Park Commissioner Maggie Wei
   Recreation and Park Commissioner Mark Buell
   San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Maria Alvarez
   San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Gail Secchia
   San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Elena Asturias
   Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens
   Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

2. **Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item) ACTION: MSA**
   Adoption of Minutes of the October 25, 2014 Committee Meeting.

3. **San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)**
   Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President SFZS.
   Ms. Peterson reported attendance for the month of November is 63,240 versus budget of 48,000 and over budget by 15,240 visitors. Actual year-to-date attendance is 402,975 versus budget of 354,000 and is over budget by 48,975 visitors.

   In animal news, congratulations to the primate staff on the birth of a new Francois langur. The infant, a boy, was born to first-time mom Jing-Jang and first-time dad, Isaac. Francois langurs participate in “allmothering”, which means adult females share the responsibilities of handling and raising infants. SFZ has housed and bred this species of monkey with great success for many years. The Zoo’s newest residents of Lipman Family Lemur Forest are a pair of crowned lemurs which are found at the very northernmost tip of Madagascar, in dry and semi-dry deciduous forests. This brings the number of species in the collection to eight. Two other births are a female kudu calf and a female bongo calf.

   Events: The reindeer have returned to SFZ for the holidays. Belle, Holly, Peppermint and Velvet arrived safely and are next to the Zoo’s new playground. Also, Zoo Lights is returning also. Zoo Lights will take place December 19th through 30th.

   Director Peterson then presented a dashboard comparative of the last three years showing attendance trends and budget expense figures. Human Resource figures included number of employees, promotions, positions filled recognitions, Workers Compensation Claims and Union Grievances. Also, discussed were the logistics, layout and changes to Gorilla World prompted by the recent tragedy of the gorilla death and the investigative report presented by Dr. Terry Maple.

4. **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:
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – November 2014

DONATION TO:
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
370 Zoo Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32218

ANIMAL SPECIES | PRICE | TOTAL DUE
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0.1 Magellanic penguin | NIL | N/A
*Spheniscus magellanicus*

DONATION FROM:
Sacramento Zoo
3930 West Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822

0.1 Haitian Giant Galliwasp | NIL | N/A
*Diploglossus warren*

Sacramento Zoo
3930 West Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95822

1.1 Green crested basilisk | NIL | N/A
*Basiliscus plumifrons*

Oakland Zoo
9777 Gold Links Road
Oakland, CA 94605

1.3 Blue spiny lizard | NIL | N/A
*Sceloporus serrifer cyanogenys*

Oakland Zoo
9777 Gold Links Road
Oakland, CA 94605

0.0.6 Milky frog | NIL | N/A
*Trachycephalus resinifictrix*

Carly and David Ray
40 Lauren Court
Hollister, CA 95023

1.0 Domestic cattle | NIL | N/A
*Bos taurus*

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, OH 44109

1.0 Snow leopard | NIL | N/A
*Uncia uncia*

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DONATION FROM:
Dallas Zoo
650 South R.L. Thornton Fwy
Dallas, TX 75203

0.1 Andean tinamou | NIL | N/A
*Nothoprocta pentlandii*

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6. **Docent Enrichment Program**

Marcy Gagne, SFZS Docent (Information only)

Ms. Gagne reported on the enrichment programs that SFZ docents participate in which benefit animals at the San Francisco Zoo. The program is selling buttons with the profits going to animal enrichment. The buttons started selling in 2013 and in this first year the profit was $5800 which went for hammock for the gorillas, large balls for hoofstock, ice for carnivores and enrichment for birds. This year magnets were added and 10,000 pins were sold with a profit of $11,500 which is donated to three programs: Wellness, Yellow-legged frogs & supplies to the hospital. Photos for the pins were taken by Marianne Hale. Committee member Gail Secchia wanted to commend the Docent Council in their efforts and noted that $17,000 so far has been raised. A round of applause was given by committee and audience.
7. **SFZ Conservation Issues**  
Jessie Bushell, Director of Conservation, SFZS  
Ms. Bushell reviewed the various conservation programs in place at SFZ as well as those throughout the world the Zoo supports. SFZ Conservation Philosophy is To Advance Zoo’s Goal of Conserving wildlife and wild places while inspiring conservation action. Projects fall into three categories: Wildlife, Habitats & Resources. Conservation Goals are Local community conservation action and expand local partnerships; Support national and international conservation and research projects; Promote green practices and increase the Zoo’s demonstration spaces: Encourage and explore sustainable practices and projects; Conservation messaging in exhibit design and graphics; Professional training and research opportunities for staff and volunteers; Participate in regional, national and international cooperative management and conservation programs (studbooks, TAGS). SFZ supports conservation through financial support to NGOs, SSPs, researchers and other conservation groups; public awareness through graphics, animal themed days; fundraising through creative means, SSA marketplace, commercial partnerships; Opportunities to link staff with researchers, Earthwatch, Ludwig Scholarship; WCN Expo and conferences. Commissioner Buell commended the level of effort going into this project.

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

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

10. **Old Business.**  (Discussion)  
None

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

12. **Public Comments:**  Member of Public Rothman gave an update on the grant situation of SFZ, City Arts Commission and Recreation & Park. $100,000 has been requested to do the study of the building and report the needs.

13. **Adjournment**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:59am