

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

February 23, 2012

San Francisco Zoo

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata, Chair

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Mark Buell

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

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 January 26, 2012 Committee Meeting

Advisor Spinelli asked if Dr. Maple would have an opportunity to meet with the committee and advisors in the future. Chairman Arata said that this question will be passed on.

2. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)

Wayne Reading, CFO, SFZS

Mr. Reading reported that January attendance was very good with 57,765 visitors and over budget by 65.0% or 22,765 visitors. February attendance through February 20 is ahead of projection by 12,211 visitors or 42%. Factors contributing to this rise in attendance seem to be the economy picking up and the beautiful weather being experienced over the past three months. Attendance this week has been good due to Ski Week with students out of school. Lunar New Year event was on January 29th with attendance of 5800plus visitors. This annual event is very popular with families with various performances throughout the day. Jack Hanna, television personality, former zoo director and conservationist was featured February 12 at a fundraising event sponsored by the Zoo Auxiliary. The event consisted of an afternoon public event at the Zoo open to all visitors; a Meet and Greet late afternoon event at a private home and an evening fundraising dinner at a local restaurant. Final figures are not available as yet but all parts of the event were well attended. SFZ Annual Major Fundraising Event, *Zoofest*, is scheduled on April 28 at the Zoo, called *An Evening of Elegance on the Serengeti*. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the zoo's development department. In animal related items SFZ now has a pride of lions with the introduction of two female lions to the one male; three peccaries are in quarantine and will be moved into the old warthog exhibit and a female otter is also currently in quarantine and will be joining the male otter soon. Finally, the zoo has employed an outside contractor for installation of additional fencing on the perimeter of the Zoo mostly on the west side. Gates have been eliminated which were unnecessary and replaced with the fencing. Also, a new back service entry is being installed which will give better control of anyone entering zoo grounds at that point. Advisor Stephens asked has there been response to the theft of the Squirrel monkey. Mr. Reading responded that staff examined the methods of entry into the zoo and has been making improvements to provide better security for the animals, visitors and staff.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked the name of the male lion in the pride. His name is Jahari.

3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item)

ACTION: MSA

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – February 2012

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Sequoia Park Zoo 531 K Street Eureka, CA 95501 707/441-4227	2.0 Indian muntjac <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	NIL	N/A
Lincoln Park Zoo 2001 N. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60614 312/742-2020	1.0 Short-beaked echidna <i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	NIL	N/A
Audubon Nature Institute 6500 Magazine Street New Orleans, LA 70118 504/861-2537	1.0 Maguari stork <i>Ciconia maguari</i>	NIL	N/A
Turtle Bay Exploration Park 1335 Arboretum Dr- Suite A Redding, Ca 96003 530/242-3164	0.0.2 California newts <i>Taricha torosa</i>	NIL	N/A
California Academy of Sciences 55 Music Concourse Drive San Francisco, CA 94118 415/379-5303	0.0.3 Vietnamese mossy frogs <i>Theioderma corticale</i>	NIL	N/A
Elmwood Park Zoo 1661 Hadring Boulevard Norristown, PA 19401 610/277-3825 x239	0.1 Nine-banded armadillo <i>Dasyopus novemcinctus</i>	NIL	N/A

DONATION FROM:

Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 850/244-9046	0.1 North American river otter <i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NIL	N/A
Santa Barbara Zoo 500 Ninos Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93103 805/962-5339 x135	1.1 Patas monkey <i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	NIL	N/A
Janet Tagawa-Dickson 1149 Richland Rd. Yuba City, CA 95991 415/730-7509	0.1 Old World rabbit <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	NIL	N/A

4. Animal Updates. (Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – JANUARY 2012					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
31	0.0.1	Dumeril's ground boa	Donation	Brookfield Zoo in Chicago	
DISPOSITION					
				Age at Death	
2	0.4	Reindeer	Loan Return		Operation Santa
4	0.1	American Bison	Death	0Y 8M 4D	
9	0.1	Mouse	Death	3+ years	Pending
17	0.0.1	California Newt	Donation		CuriOdyssey
19	1.0	Greater rhea	Death	0Y 8M 3D	Pending
23	1.0	African Lion	Death	14Y 11M 26D	Pending
24	0.1	Four-toed hedgehog	Death	3Y 6M 8D	Pending
26	1.0	Laughing kookaburra	Death	20Y 6M 3D	Pending

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, questioned if the male lion that died was going to be replaced with another. Mr. Bocian stated that with the introduction of the two females comprising the pride there is no plan to bring in another male. The current male has breeding recommendation with both females and the introduction is going very well at this time.

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)
Advisor Stephens requested a future presentation or update on the bears as they have lost mates, what enrichment and or changes have been made.
9. **Public Comments:**
Member of Public, Tony Colonnese, wanted to give tribute to Mrs. Eugene Friend who passed away last month. She and her husband were benefactors and contributors to the Zoo and Recreation & Parks Department. Various contributions were hosting a party with the Chinese Consulate in 1984 when Giant Pandas were brought to the zoo; sponsorship of the renovation of the Children's Playground and instrumental in acquiring salary increase stabilization of zoo keepers in line with horticulture staff with the City.
SFZ VP of Education and Conservation, Joe Fitting, announced events occurring in the Education Department. On February 28 a meeting for the return of the Sea Food Watch Program that was begun at Monterey Bay Aquarium and of which the San Francisco Zoo and California Academy of Sciences are partners. Two conservation lectures are being presented in March. On March 3rd in the evening there will be a lecture on Pumas in the Great Bay Area and on March 22nd at noon The Growing Population of Corvidae in California. Both of these events are free and will be held in the Education Center.
- .12. **Adjournment.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22p.m.in memory of Mrs. Eugene Friend.