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
4. **Animal Updates.** (Discussion)

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**Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes**  
February 23, 2012

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS  
**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**  
**ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – February 2012**

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DAVID BOCIAN, VP ANIMAL CARE & ENRICHMENT, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – JANUARY 2012

DATE | SEX | ANIMALS               | TRANSACTION | COMMENTS
---|---|----------------------|-------------|----------
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.