

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

March 24, 2011

San Francisco Zoo

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Bill Beech

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata

Committee Advisor, Dr. Joseph Spinelli

Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

NOTE: Due to lack of a quorum action items could not be addressed and will be on the agenda for April 28, 2011 meeting.

1. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item) ACTION: NONE TAKEN

Adoption of Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Committee Meeting

2. San Francisco Zoo Director's Report (Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS

Director Peterson announced changes in security procedures for public meetings held at the Zoo may be initiated. These procedures could consist of security personnel present at meetings and/or the use of metal-detecting devices and inspection of parcels such as purses, backpacks, etc. These and other measures are present at public meetings at City Hall, and with the relocation of the meetings to the Zoo this year, similar measures may be necessary here. Director Peterson then reported on the art and science projects displayed in the Zoo's Education Center. These are the winning entries in the *Wild About Art & Science* program that is a collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District. Also, she is pleased to announce that the San Francisco Zoo received its Accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for another five years. She commended staff for their work in preparation for the accreditation. Lastly, she reported that through a grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation, the Zoo will host a summer exhibit, *Tarantulas Alive and Up Close*, that will highlight the beauty and necessity of these insects.

Advisor Stephens asked what prompted possible changes in security measures. Director Peterson answered that as far as she understood, persons had contacted various city entities, which resulted in broader discussions about security and other measures present for public meetings at the Zoo. Since many wished to hold the Joint Zoo Committee meetings at the Zoo, it was recommended to initiate practices similar to those provided at City Hall. Advisor Stephens then asked what precautions were taken with the animals when the Tsunami alert occurred in San Francisco. Director Peterson responded "code red" or dangerous animals were first secured, and procedures commenced to move transportable animals to higher ground. As in any disaster, the more time she and staff had to respond, the more animal lives could be saved. On that particular day, she was in communication with OES and other City departments.

Advisor Spinelli asked about the status of the two sea lions being relocated from The Marine Mammal Center to the San Francisco Zoo. Director Peterson stated that while VP of Animal Care Dave Bocian planned to elaborate further during his report, the sea lions should arrive at the Zoo in late Spring.

3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item)

ACTION: NONE TAKEN

David Bocian, VP of Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION - March 2011**

DONATION TO:		PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Chehaw Wild Animal Park 105 Chehaw Park Road Albany, GA 31701 229/420-1057	1.0 Red kangaroos <u>Macropus rufus</u>	NIL	N/A
Sacramento Zoo 3930 W. Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95822 916/808-5166	1.0 Yellow-backed duiker <u>Cephalophus silvicultor</u>	NIL	N/A
Charles Paddock Zoo 9305 Pismo Avenue Atascadero, CA 93422 805/461-5080	1.0 Red-capped cardinal <u>Paroaria gularis</u>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM:			
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo 3701 S. 10 th Street Omaha, NE 68107 402/733-8401	0.1 Amur tiger <u>Panthera altaica</u>	NIL	N/A
Marine Mammal Center 2000 Bunker Road Sausalito, CA 94965 415/289-7325	2.0 California sealions <u>Zalophus californianus</u>	NIL	N/A

4. Animal Updates. (Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES - FEBRUARY 2011						
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS	
		ACQUISITIONS				
2	1.0	California kingsnake	Donation	Chula Vista Nature Center		
		DISPOSITION			Age at Death	
4	0.1	Blackbuck	Death	13Y 9M 1D	Pending	
21	0.1	Prairie dog	Death	5Y11M 22D	Pending	
24	0.0.1	American alligator	Loan return		AudubonNatureInstitute	

26	1.0	Francois langurs	Donation		OmahaZoo (Change of ownership not location)
27	0.0.1	Budgerigar	Death	3Y 10M 22D	Pending

Mr. Bocian further responded to Advisor Spinelli's inquiry of the sea lions. Through discussions with TMMC it has been agreed that the Zoo would accept the two sea lions. The original date discussed was in mid-April, but that date has been moved tentatively to mid-May so that modifications to the current exhibit area can be completed. Member of Public, Tony Colonese, asked if there were any provisions for the sea lions to be off exhibit. Mr. Bocian responded that this is part of the modification.

5. Animal Transport Procedures (Information only)

Corinne MacDonald, Curator of Primates & Carnivores, SFZS

Ms. MacDonald stated that there are various ways used to transport animals between institutions, and the means used is determined by the needs of the animal for the safety and comfort of the animal. Many animals are transported by domestic cargo airlines. The transport procedures are very highly regulated by IATA (International Air Transport Association) and by the International Trade Commission. Another way of transporting animals that cannot be put on planes such as a giraffe is by ground transport shippers. These shippers also follow the regulations of IATA and USDI. The vehicles used are those specifically for animal transport. There is usually more than one driver which decreases transit time. Often animal personnel is in attendance sometimes from both institutions involved in the transfer of the animal. Regulations include specifications for temperature, air quality, containment, and handling procedures, which are specific to the species. Other considerations are weather conditions, time of year, the age of the animal, the number of animals being shipped. Always, the welfare of the animal is the main concern.

Advisor Stephens asked if there is always staff present. Ms. MacDonald stated this is determined by the regulations and animal welfare.

6. Announcements (Information only)

No announcements.

7. Chair's Announcements. (Information only)

No announcements.

8. Old Business. (Discussion)

Advisor Spinelli asked how the Zoo's tapir, Goober, was doing. Mr. Bocian responded that he is holding his own, is eating, but is definitely ill,. Spinelli asked the status of the Squirrel monkey exhibit. Director Peterson stated that fundraising is continuing on the exhibit at the South American Tropical Forest building, but they hope to break ground very soon. At the current time, the monkeys are doing well in their current location.

9. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information only)

No new business.

10. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the committee on matters that are within the committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

Member of Public, Tony Colonese, addressed the issue of funding streams that could be examined for improvements to the zoo as questioned at previous meetings due to the denial of the use of stimulus funds for such institutions. One area that could be possible is tapping into

unallocated funds from various City departments. His opinion is that funding can be found if city officials can be approached with these ideas.

11. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23p.m.

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