RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT  
Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting  
April 25, 2013  
San Francisco Zoological Society  
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
   Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata, Acting Chair  
   Recreation and Park Commissioner, Mark Buell  
   Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin  
   San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Elena Asturias  
   San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Gail Secchia  
   Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens  
   Acting Chair, Arata announced that Item #7 has been removed from the agenda and will be continued to a future meeting.

2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item)  
   ACTION: MSA  
   Adoption of Minutes of the March 28, 2013 Committee Meeting

3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)  
   Tanya Peterson, Executive Director and President, SFZS  
   Director Peterson reported March attendance as 82,944 visitors versus monthly budget of 54,000. With respect to animal news, Peterson announced the birth of two San Clemente Island goats. They will be on display in the Red Barn at the Fisher Family Children’s Zoo. Also, she congratulated Zoo’s animal staff on performing an “awake” echocardiogram (cardiac ultrasound) on the Zoo’s 32-year-old silverback gorilla patriarch. With respect to events, Peterson noted over 6000 visitors attended the Zoo’s Earth Day festivities, Slow Down for the Planet. With respect to exhibits, Peterson noted the Zoo’s Dinosaur Revolution: Live Large, is closing on May 12, and for the summer, the Zoo will host Travesia: Journey of the Gray Whale in partnership with the Mexican consulate. Peterson then discussed the upcoming Mother’s Day promotion.

   Joint Zoo Committee member Secchia asked for the attendance figures for the dinosaur exhibit. Peterson answered that while those figures were not yet compiled, general attendance for the Zoo was over budget, indicating success with the exhibit.

   Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked who is in charge of the City website postings as he could not locate the Meeting Notice/Agenda on it. Clerk stated that the agenda was forwarded and posted to the City website on Friday with the amended agenda posted on Monday. Ennis stated he could not find it. Clerk will check with the City.

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:

   SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS  
   ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – April 2013

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### DONATION FROM:

- **Julia Brown**  
  591 Connecticut Street  
  San Francisco, CA  94107

- **Central Park Zoo**  
  830 5th Avenue  
  New York, NY  10021

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- **Birmingham Zoo**  
  2630 Cahaba Road  
  Birmingham, AL  35223-3544

- **Busch Gardens Tampa**  
  PO Box 9158  
  Tampa, FL  33674-9158

### 5. Animal Updates.

**David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS**

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*Member of Public, Mark Ennis, questioned donation of the flamingoes at this time. Bocian responded that there was no need for SFZ to retain ownership as the animals had lived at the facilities for years and would not be coming back to SFZ.*
6. Admission Fee Increase, as amended  
**ACTION: MSAA**  
Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Recreation and Park Commission approve the following transactions:

“San Francisco Zoological Society seeks $2 price increase (amended) in all admission categories to the San Francisco Zoo on or after September 1, 2013.”

SFZS CFO Wayne Reading presented a proposal for approval of an admission fee increase in all categories for the San Francisco Zoo. The increase would go into effect on or after September 1, 2013. (PPT)

Commissioner Buell questioned the procedure for approval of this motion. Zoo Director Peterson replied that under the Lease-Management agreement, the motion first is presented to the Joint Zoo Committee for recommendation and possible action. It then proceeds to the Recreation & Park Commission for final approval. Commissioner Buell then commended CFO Reading on his compilation and presentation. Buell made the suggestion that the increase be $2.00, instead of $1.95 as originally proposed, as it could be problematic for cash handling efficiencies. Committee Member Secchia also commended the report and asked if all categories of admission were taken into consideration. Reading stated yes. Member of Public, Richard Rothman, asked if the Muni discount accepted Clipper Card for proof as well as individual cash receipt. Reading responded yes. Rothman also questioned the figures for union retirement and health contributions. Reading stated the figures were received from SF Rec and Park and SFZS HR departments. Member of Public, Mark Ennis, stated he felt the vote should not take place today as the agenda was not posted on City website. Also, he questioned the amounts shown as the Zoo received a “bailout” on utility bill a couple of years ago. Reading responded that was inaccurate. The Zoo was allotted a long-term note payable and pays the note timely. Commissioner Buell made a motion to amend proposal to request a $2.00 admission fee increase in all categories for the San Francisco Zoo. The motion was seconded and approved as amended. (MSAA)

7. Status Report on Mother’s Building  
**ITEM REMOVED**  
SF Arts Commission/Recreation & Parks Department  
Status update on Mother’s Building and murals.

8. Announcements  
None  
(Information only)

9. Chair’s Announcements.  
None  
(Information only)

10. Old Business.  
None  
(Discussion)

None  
(Information only)

12. Public Comments:
Member of Public, Tony Colonnese, stated that he would recommend the Zoo consider night care for the animals by trained keepers. Member of Public, Richard Rothman, stated that the agenda was posted and is on the City website; however, the website is confusing to access. He also stated that he was disappointed that the presentation on the Mother’s Building was removed from agenda and hopes it will be rescheduled soon.

13. **Adjournment.**
Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.