

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

May 27, 2010

San Francisco Zoo, Great Hall

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation and Park Commissioner, David Lee, Chair

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Gloria Bonilla

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Michael Sullivan

Zoological Society Board, Bill Beech

Zoological Society Board, Elena Asturias

Zoological Society Board, Deborah Robbins

Dr. Joseph Spinelli, Veterinarian Advisor

Ms. Sally Stephens, Advisor

1. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

Adoption of Minutes of the April 22, 2010 Committee Meeting

ACTION: MSA

Zoological Society Board Member Robbins noted two grammatical edits to be corrected.

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

Tanya M. Peterson, Executive Director, SFZS

May attendance through May 24 is 55,035 versus budget of 54,500, generating a favorable variance of 535 visitors. Admission revenue for this period is \$312,619 versus budget of \$306,100 generating a favorable variance of \$6519. Over the Memorial Day weekend the Zoo will offer a \$5.00 flat admission rate to active, reserve and veterans of the military in appreciation of their service. Director Peterson extended a thank you to the San Francisco Zoo Docents who are publishing a cookbook to raise funds for animal enrichment. On May 22 the Zoo, in partnership with Pedigree, hosted its first pet adoption event. It was a very well attended event which brought together some of the most trusted groups from across the Bay Area. San Francisco Animal Care & Control sponsored the event which brought over 11,000 visitors to the San Francisco Zoo. In addition to the rescue and adoption groups present both the San Francisco Fire Department and San Francisco Police Mounted Patrol were in attendance. The event produced twelve onsite adoptions and eight additional requests. In conclusion, Director Peterson read a letter written to Joint Zoo Chairman David Lee with copies to the members on the acquisition of the Spider monkeys. (Attachment 1). After reading the document she stated that in attendance are Mr. Jenkins, Curator of Primates, Corinne MacDonald, and Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Jacqueline Jencek who will answer questions regarding this acquisition. Commissioner Lee commented that the action taken was in accordance with parameters set forth in the Lease & Management Agreement with the City & County of San Francisco and this had been confirmed in conversation with the City Attorney. Advisor Stephens asked what was the nature of the research program in which the monkeys were involved. Director Peterson stated that it was a behavioral study and our Chief Veterinarian has received copies of all medical records on the animals. Dr. Spinelli stated that in his opinion with the zoo having complete medical reports on the animals which have been reviewed this is a very responsible rescue.

Member of Public, Deniz Bolbol, asked what the first date was when these animals were available came to the attention of the zoo, how many total animals were involved and were the

funds donated specifically for housing these animals. Director Peterson responded that she did not know when AZA contacted Zoo staff, as AZA did not contact her directly. She would have to check the records for the exact original date of notification from AZA. Twenty animals have come to the Zoo. The funds raised (\$250,000) was an additional amount to the original donation for the South American Aviary renovation to accommodate these monkeys. Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked for the names of any other institutions that were approached regarding this rescue. Director Peterson stated the names were not disclosed to SF Zoo. .

3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item)

ACTION: MSA

Bob Jenkins, VP – Institutional Advancement, SFZS

**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION - May 2010**

DONATION TO:			PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo 3701 S. 10 th St. Omaha, NE 68107-2200 USDA # 47-C-0003 Tele – 402-733-8401 Fax - 402-733-4415	3.0	Francois monkey <u>Trachypithecus f. francoisi</u>	NIL	N/A
Columbus Zoo PO Box 400 9990 Riverside Dr Powell, OH 43065 USDA # 31-C0-042 Tele - 614-645-4000 Fax – 614-645-3465	0.1	Mandrill <u>Mandrillus sphinx</u>	NIL	N/A
Los Angeles Zoo 5333 Zoo Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90027 USDA # 93-C-0043 Tele – 323-644-4200 Fax – 323-662-9786	0.4	Squirrel monkey <u>Saimiri sciureus</u>	NIL	N/A
SALE TO: John G. Shedd Aquarium 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr Chicago, IL 60605-2490 USDA # 33-C-0056 Tele – 312-939-2438 Fax – 312-939-8069	10 eggs	Magellanic penguin <u>Spheniscus magellanicus</u>	\$500 ea	\$5000.00
DONATION FROM: Stanford University 287 Campus Dr. – Bldg #330 Stanford, CA 94305-5410 Tele – 650-498-5187 USDA # 93-R-0004	20.0	Squirrel monkey <u>Saimiri sciureus sciureus</u>	NIL	N/A
Duke Lemur Center 3705 Erwin Road	1.0	(Blue-eyed) Black lemur <u>Eulemur macaco flavifrons</u>	NIL	N/A

Durham, NC 27705
 Tel - 919-489-3364
 USDA – 55-C-110

Committee Member Robbins asked if the Squirrel monkeys will be part of the SSP program and the answer is yes. Member of Public, Deniz Bolbol questioned how the monkeys were adjusting. Mr. Jenkins responded that the primate staff is working to acclimate them to more natural surroundings as they had been in a captive environment they did not know what to do with twigs and leaves but are responding to the exposure staff is providing. Question was posed as to the actual study conducted at the facility and Mr. Jenkins responded that it was a behavioral study.

4. Animal Updates. (Discussion)

Bob Jenkins, VP – Institutional Advancement, SFZS

DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
		ACQUISITIONS			
29	20.0	Squirrel monkey	Donation		Stanford University
		DISPOSITIONS		Age at Death	
8	0.0.2	Sun concur	Donation		Caldwell Zoo
10	0.0.1	Hadada ibis	Death	0y0m21d	Stomach impaction
11	0.0.1	Iberian newt	Death	12y	Septicemia & kidney disease
13	0.0.1	Iberian newt	Death	19y	Septicemia
14	0.0.1	Iberian newt	Death	12y	Pending
15	0.1	(Domestic) Turkey	Death	12y	Pending
18	0.1	Guinea pig	Death	1y	Pending
20	0.1	Goat	Death	11y1m15d	Pending
28	0.1	Waldrapp ibis	Death	0y11m11d	Pending

Committee Advisor Stephens asked if there was concern because both deaths to the Iberian newt were Septicemia there could be a connection. Dr. Jencek answered that there is no sign of the disease in the remaining population so it seems they were separate incidences with no connection. Committee member Robbins asked about the deaths of the Hadada ibis. Doctor Jencek explained that the stomach impaction was caused by small pebbles that had been ingested. She further explained that the area where the ibis are located is sandy and pebbles are part of the soil content and the parents are passing these onto the chicks. Alternatives are being considered to teach the parents appropriate procedures including modifications of nesting and the addition of oyster shells to the soil and other areas while not altering what is natural behavior of the animals. Through discussions with other facilities it has been found this is a common problem particularly with new parents.

5. FY11 Operating Budget for the San Francisco Zoo. (Action Item) ACTION:MSA

Wayne Reading, Chief Financial Officer, SFZS

Mr. Reading reviewed the FY11 Operating Budget for approval to present to the Recreation and Parks Commission. (Attachment 2)

6. San Francisco Zoo Chief of Veterinary Services Report. (Discussion)

Jacqueline Jencek, DVM, SFZS

Dr. Jencek presented her report on SFZ Geriatric Care Program. (Attachment 3)

Member of Public Mr. Ennis questioned if Dr. Jencek is going to report on past pending cases of animal deaths. Mr. Jenkins gave copy of written report documenting animal data reports which have occurred from October 2009 through April 2010. (Attachment 4) Mr. Ennis voiced his dissatisfaction with the fact that Dr. Jencek did not address these instances in her report and it is his opinion that these should be reported on in more detail by the veterinarian. He stated that he found the form difficult to understand.

7. **Announcements** (Information only)
8. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)
Committee Chair Lee commended staff on the success of the ZooFest fundraising event held on April 30, 2010.
9. **Old Business.** (Discussion)
Committee Advisor Dr. Spinelli distributed a document of comments on the SFZ Master Plan that had been presented at the April 22, 2010 meeting. (Attachment 5). Commissioner Bonilla suggested that continuous updates be presented to the Committee at future meetings.
10. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)
Future agenda items: (1) Blackbuck muntjac pathway closure; (2) Plans for Asian rhino; (3) Black rhino/Hippo enclosure; (4) Giant eland.
11. **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, Deniz Bolbol requested that updates on the Black rhino/Hippo enclosure and the Giant eland be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.
12. **Adjournment.**
Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.