

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

June 23, 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, Tanya Peterson

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Tom Harrison

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin

Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

1. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item) ACTION: MSA

Adoption of Minutes of the May 26, 2011 Committee Meeting

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

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS

Director Peterson gave an update on the San Francisco Language Access Ordinance stating that as new exhibits are built additional languages are being incorporated in signage. Currently such accommodations exist at the Grizzly Gulch and Conservation Corner. Also, in the future translations of notices for this committee meeting will be posted in accordance with ordinance compliance on the zoo's website at www.sfzoo.org. The Siberian tiger, Martha, acquired from the Henry Doorly Zoo, cleared quarantine today and will be on exhibit beginning this Sunday. Director Peterson sadly reported that SFZ lost its female Snow leopard, Ming Wah, last week. She was euthanized after much consideration and consultation with carnivore staff. She had been treated for kidney failure for quite some time. Ming Wah was born at the San Francisco Zoo on May 19, 1992 and was an offspring of a wild born female. Also lost last week was the 16 year old male Warthog who passed away in his sleep. At sixteen he was one of the oldest animals in the managed population of warthogs. With summer starting activity levels increase with Keeper Talks, Wildlife Theatre and Nature Trail presentations which are often given by teens, volunteers and interns. Information regarding these activities can be found on the zoo's website at www.sfzoo.org and at the front entrance. Over the July 4th weekend Captain America will be onsite for a Meet and Greet as well as pointing out information on North American animals in the Zoo's collection. Recently, Google's street mapping team came out to film various areas of the zoo that will offer a virtual tour of the facility. It will take up to six month's for the tour to be completed and loaded online.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis requested that the information on Martha be repeated which Director Peterson did reiterate.

3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item) ACTION: MSA

David Bocian, VP of Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION - June 2011

DONATION TO:

PRICE TOTAL

DUE

Sacramento Zoo
3930 West Land Park Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95822
916/808-5166

2.0 Pacific pond turtle
Emys marmorata

NIL N/A

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo
3701 S 10th St.
Omaha, NE 68107
402/557-6932

1.0 Hadada ibis
Bostrychia hagedash

NIL N/A

DONATION FROM:

SF Animal Care & Control
1200 15th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
415/554-9415

0.1 European ferret
Mustela putorius furo

NIL N/A

Committee Advisor Stephens asked if the Zoo often gets animals from Animal Care & Control and what is the protocol for placing them on exhibit. Mr. Bocian replied that animals received are usually such that should not be pets and/ released back into the wild. They have trackers to monitor them. At the zoo they often go to the Animal Resource Center and are used in the educational programs.

4. Animal Updates.

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – MAY 2011					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
3	1.0	California sea lion	Donation	The Marine Mammal Center	
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15	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Birth	San Francisco Zoo	
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17	0.0.0	Nine-banded armadillo	Donation	San Antonio Zoo	
19	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Birth	San Francisco Zoo	
20	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Birth	San Francisco Zoo	
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23	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Birth	San Francisco Zoo	
24	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Birth	San Francisco Zoo	
26	0.1	Amur tiger	Donation	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo	
26	1.0	Lady Ross' turaco	Purchase	\$800 from Los Angeles Zoo	
DISPOSITION					
				Age at Death	
5	1.0	Red kangaroo	Donation		ChehawWildAnimalPark
7	1.0	Squirrel monkey	Death	16Y 6M 7D	Necropsy pending
9	0.1	Canvasback	Death	10Y10M 18D	Necropsy pending
22	1.0	Chilean flamingo	Death	25Y 6M 22D	Necropsy pending
23	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Death	0Y 0M 8D	Necropsy pending

23	1.0	Hedgehog	Death	3Y 4M 20D	Necropsy pending
25	0.0.0	mouse	Death	6Y 4M 21D	Necropsy pending
25	1.0	Yellow-backed duiker	Donation		Sacramento Zoo
28	1.0	Plumed whistling duck	Death	14Y 0M 24D	Necropsy pending
29	0.0.0	Magellanic penguin	Death	0Y 0M 15D	Necropsy pending

Committee member Harrison questioned in regards to the policy of allowing the penguin parents to rear the chicks if it is being reviewed. Mr. Bocian stated that it is reviewed yearly and at this time the policy is to let the parents parent and not pull the chicks early. Chicks are pulled at 30 days and moved to the ACC area where they attend what is known as “Fish School” where they are taught to accept the transition from the parents. Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked if the Squirrel monkey was one of those received from Stanford. Mr. Bocian answered that it was. Mr. Ennis also asked for further clarification on the term “flat” used in describing the death of one of the penguin chicks. Mr. Bocian responded that the chick was found in the borough and for lack of a better word was compressed. Often due to the lack of parenting experience of the adult and the small area in the borough instances such as this may occur.

- 5. Approval of FY2012 Operating Budget for the San Francisco Zoo. ACTION-MSA**
Wayne Reading, Chief Financial Officer, SFZS
Mr. Reading presented the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget for approval.

Committee Advisor Stephens asked if COLA is included in Animal Division budget. Mr. Reading responded that there is an increase which represents costs for hay, meat and fish for the animals. An additional staff position for an Animal Assistant is included and deducted were two positions equaling .75 FTE. Committee Advisor Spinelli questioned the status of salaries. Mr. Reading stated that in reviewing revenue stream the Zoo is in a hold position on salary increases. Committee Member Alvarez asked if the budget for Buildings and Grounds included animal division expenses. Mr. Reading explained that this section covers animal exhibits, custodial, maintenance, horticulture.

- 6. San Francisco Zoo Chief of Veterinary Services Report. (Discussion)**
Graham Crawford, DVM, SFZS
Dr. Crawford presented his biannual report.

Member of Public Mark Ennis asked if the power point presentation and video would be posted on the City website. Clerk of Committee responded that the power point would be posted but not the video and will check to see about getting a copy of the video.

- 7. Announcements (Information only)**
- 8. Chair’s Announcements. (Information only)**
No announcements.
- 9. Old Business. (Discussion)**
- 10. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information only)**
- 11. Public Comments:**
Member of Public Mark Ennis asked in regards to the metal detector in use at the meetings when this started and who is paying for the rental. Director Peterson responded that the

presence of the detector was discussed at a previous meeting and is recorded in the minutes and that the City Attorney's office is discussing the cost coverage.

Committee Advisor Spinelli asked about the status of the new Squirrel monkey exhibit.

Director Peterson responded that the target for opening the new exhibit is Spring 2012.

Advisor Spinelli noted he had seen the banners advertising the Tarantulas exhibit and was curious about it. Director Peterson stated that this is a temporary exhibit and has been underwritten by the Bernard Osher Foundation.

12. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00p.m.

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