

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

September 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

San Francisco Zoo, Lurie Education Center

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Recreation and Park Commissioner Eric McDonnell

Recreation and Park Commissioner Megan Leviton

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

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Elena Asturias

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

Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

Committee Advisor, Jane Tobin

2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

ACTION: MSA

Adoption of Minutes of the August 27, 2015 Committee Meeting.

3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS.

Peterson reported on SFZ current events, including the Zoo's recent hosting of families affected by the Valley Fire in Lake County. SSA, the Zoo's concessioner, provided free lunch for the children, and Grocery Outlet, a corporate partner of the Zoo, offered to underwrite transportation costs. Peterson also acknowledged SFZ staff members who volunteered to go up to the fire area to assist with taking care of animals. Peterson then provided an overview of an annual "animal wellness" class given by SFZS employee, Dr. Jason Watters. She also updated on SFZ conservation efforts, especially with the treatment of yellow-legged frogs. Lastly, Peterson gave an update on SFZ's new lion cub.

4. Animal Transactions.

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 – July 2015

DONATION FROM:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium 3701 S 10 th Street Omaha, NE 68107	1.0 Common squirrel monkey <i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	NIL	N/A
Woodland Park Zoo 5500 Phinney Avenue North Gilroy, CA 95020	0.1 Temminck's tragopan <i>Tragopan temminckii</i>	NIL	N/A

5. Animal Updates.

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – JUNE 2015					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
4	0.0.1	Hadada ibis	Hatch		Hatched at San Francisco Zoo
5	0.0.1	Hadada ibis	Hatch		Hatched at San Francisco Zoo
23	0.0.1	Curl-crested aracari	Hatch		Hatched at San Francisco Zoo
27	0.0. ~200	Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs	Loan In		National Park Services collected from the wild
28	0.0.3	Pacific pond turtles	Loan In		National Park Services collected from the wild
30	0.0.1	African lion	Birth		Born at San Francisco Zoo
DISPOSITIONS					
				Age at Death	
1	0.0.1	Desert horned lizard	Death	Undetermined	Confiscation, failure to thrive, pathology pending
9	0.0.1	Hadada ibis	Death	0Y, 0M, 5D	Stomach impaction, pathology pending
20	0.1	Domestic polecat	Death	5Y, 0M, 30D	Chronic intestinal disease, weight loss, pathology pending
21	0.0.1	Hadada ibis	Death	0Y, 0M, 16D	Stomach impaction, pathology pending

6. **Update on Primate Care at SFZ** (Discussion)
 Kathy Edwards, AC Primates, SFZS
 Ms. Edwards presented an overview of the care and handling of primates at the San Francisco Zoo. She discussed the older group of three chimpanzees have lived at the Zoo for many years. Plans to build a new facility is progressing but will take time to complete. Meanwhile, improvements in the care of the chimpanzees continue. Chimp Care Components include: (1) Enrichment consisting of large item rotation as well as a wide variety of other items listed in the daily calendar; (2) Feeding of healthy items, variety in food preparation, presentation and timing with 5 – 8 feeding per day; (3) Habitat use includes access to indoor quarters and off exhibit yard and overnight access (weather permitting); (4) Training/Relationships with participation in their own medical care which is made possible by relationships with primate staff, and behavior observations and frequent keeper interactions; (5) Chimpanzee Husbandry Workshop in June attended by two keepers which consisted of five days of chimpanzee discussions with chimp experts. Also, she noted improvements have been made to the habitat included installation of a transfer crate for training; an ultrasound panel for geriatric male echocardiograms; and, in progress is the expansion of two indoor rooms into one large play room.
7. **Announcements** (Information only)
 None
8. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)
 None
9. **Old Business.** (Discussion)

None

- 10. New Business/Future Agenda Items.**
None

(Information only)

- 11. Public Comments:**
None

- 12. Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.