

**RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

September 22, 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, Paige Arata

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 July 28, 2011 Committee Meeting

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

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director & President, SFZS

Director Peterson reported on September attendance, which as of September 21st, was 44,366 visitors versus budget of 43,900. Also, admission revenue for the month to date was \$326,000 versus projection of \$300,000. Director Peterson then provided an update on social media and its relationship with the Zoo. The Zoo is now on *Facebook*, which extends the Zoo's mission beyond its physical borders, and the Zoo uses *Twitter* to improve visitor experience. Responding to comments received from SFZ members, the Zoo is also updating its website, [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org). New features include more photographs of the animals, user-friendly navigation, a rotating carousel of events, enhanced e-commerce and more.

In addition, Peterson reported that in response to feedback from its membership, the SFZS will host an event like its former "Night Tours," which will showcase some of the Zoo's exhibits during twilight hours. Annual events such as *Boo At The Zoo, Zoo II Fur Ball, and KidsFest at the Zoo* also will continue. Also, winter holiday programming continues with the arrival of the Reindeer and an energy-efficient ice rink made of synthetic materials.

Lastly, Peterson noted there have been some exhibit changes at the Zoo with the Yellow-backed duiker moving into the previous warthog exhibit. Also, the Squirrel monkeys are on temporary exhibit at the Primate Discovery Center, and an old grotto is being used for the male anteater to address his health issues.

Advisor Stephens asked for an update on the condition of the black rhino, Ellie. SFZS Chief Vet Dr. Crawford explained that Ellie had rushed the fence and developed a sore. She was switched to another barn, and the sore is healing. Member of public, Mark Ennis, asked if the attendance figures for August were available. Director Peterson provided year-to-date attendance numbers but could provide August figures specifically at the next meeting. Ennis also asked clarification if the rhino had been moved back to her old enclosure, to which VP of Animal Care, Dave Bocian, replied that this had not been done.

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

David Bocian, VP of Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

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

<b>DONATION TO:</b>	<b>ANIMAL SPECIES</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
Lincoln Park Zoo 2001 N. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60614 312/742-8859	1.0 Laughing kookaburra <u><i>Dicelo novaeguineae</i></u>	NIL	N/A
John Ball Zoo 1300 West Fulton Street Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616/336-8476	0.1 Black howler <u><i>Alouatta caraya</i></u>	NIL	N/A
<b>DONATION FROM:</b> Lincoln Park Zoo 2001 N. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60614 312/742-8859	0.1 Laughing kookaburra <u><i>Dicelo novaeguineae</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Monterey Bay Aquarium 886 Cannery Row Monterey, CA 93940 831/648-4800	4.2 Magellanic penguins <u><i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i></u> 0.2 white ibis <u><i>Eudocimus albus</i></u> 1.0 scarlet ibis <u><i>Eudocimus ruber</i></u> 1.1 Spoonbill <u><i>Platalea ajaja</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Brookfield Zoo/ Chicago Zoological Society 3300 Golf Road Brookfield, IL 60513 708/688-8458	0.0.1 Dumeril's Ground Boa <u><i>Acrantophis dumerili</i></u>	NIL	N/A
<b>PURCHASE FROM:</b> Garen Wimer 1495 Black Butte Rd. Corning, CA 530/520-4615	0.7 American bison <u><i>Bison bison</i></u>	\$1,200 ea. (1 gratis)	\$7,200
<b>SALE TO:</b> Aquarium of the Bay 100 Aquarium Way Long Beach, CA 90802 562/590-3100	2.2 Magellanic penguins <u><i>Spheniscus magellanicus</i></u>	\$1,500 ea.	\$6,000

Advisor Stephens questioned if the four penguins are new. Bocian explained Monterey Bay Aquarium is shutting down their exhibit. SFZ had sent four penguins to them about two years ago for the exhibit which had 10 birds. The four sent by SFZ are now being sent to Long Beach. SFZ will be receiving six penguins, which came from Argentina thus giving new blood to the SFZ colony. Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked for clarification on the bison purchase. Bocian explained that SFZ provides the care and husbandry of the bison, but they are purchased by the City's Recreation and Parks Department and are housed in Golden Gate Park, not at the Zoo.

**4. Animal Updates.**

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – JULY 2011					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
<b>ACQUISITIONS</b>					
11	1.0	American kestrel	Donation		Cal Foundation for Birds of Prey (ARC)
13	0.0.4	Yellow-legged frogs	Loan		Group of 4, SFSU
21	0.1	European ferret	Donation		Cal Domestic Ferret Association (ARC)
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<b>DISPOSITION</b>				<b>Age at Death</b>	
2	0.1	Gunther's dik-dik	Death	13Y4M12D	Pending
3	0.0.1	Golfodulcean arrow frog	Death	Unknown	Pending
5	0.1	American bison	Death	19Y9M10D	Pending
17	0.0.1	Mouse	Death	Unknown	Pending
19	0.1	American bison	Death	28Y3M17D	Pending
20	1.0	Hadad ibis	Donation		Henry Doorly Zoo
30	0.1	Cochin chicken	Death	7Y2M28D	Pending
ANIMAL UPDATES – AUGUST 2011					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
<b>ACQUISITIONS</b>					
NONE					
<b>DISPOSITION</b>					
				<b>Age at Death</b>	
1	0.1	Long-tailed glossy starling	Death	10Y6M28D	Pending
3	1.0	Black Stork	Loan Transfer		Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
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14	0.0.1	Yellow-crowned amazon	Death	33Y11M18D	Pneumonia

Explanation was requested of the term, "thin body condition". Bocian stated this is a standard medical term that means the animal is not as robust, and it is an indication they are not in prime health. Member of Public, Mark Ennis stated he could not hear the cause of death of the amazon. Bocian stated it was pneumonia.

**5. Announcements**

(Information only)

None

**6. Chair's Announcements.**

(Information only)

None

**7. Old Business.**

(Discussion)

Hoofstock Tour – Clerk stated that the tour had been requested at the last meeting and plans are to have this tour for the Committee before the next meeting if possible. The Committee will be informed when scheduled.

**8. New Business/Future Agenda Items.**

(Information only)

**9. Public Comments:**

None

**.12. Adjournment.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33p.m.