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. 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
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DONATION TO:
Lincoln Park Zoo
2001 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL  60614
312/742-8859

John Ball Zoo
1300 West Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI  49504
616/336-8476

DONATION FROM:
Lincoln Park Zoo
2001 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL  60614
312/742-8859

Monterey Bay Aquarium
886 Cannery Row
Monterey, CA  93940
831/648-4800

Brookfield Zoo/
Chicago Zoological Society
3300 Golf Road
Brookfield, IL  60513
708/688-8458

PURCHASE FROM:
Garen Wimer
1495 Black Butte Rd.
Corning, CA
530/520-4615

SALE TO:
Aquarium of the Bay
100 Aquarium Way
Long Beach, CA  90802
562/590-3100

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

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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

10. Adjournment.
    Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.