

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting
September 27, 2012
San Francisco Zoo
5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata, Chair
Recreation and Park Commissioner, Mark Buell
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFSZ) Board Member, Wayne Reading
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Bill Beech
Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

1. **Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item)** **ACTION: MSA**
Adoption of Minutes of the August 23, 2012 Committee Meeting

2. **San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)**
Tanya Peterson, Executive Director and President, SFZS
Director Peterson reported August attendance was 88,346 visitors versus projections of 90,000. The miss was attributed to lower-than-projected on August Free day. September attendance through the 26th is 61,563 versus the budget of 49,100, generating a favorable variance of 12,463 visitors. This is in a large part to a successful Labor Day Hoe-down celebration and a UCSF-sponsored day. In animal news, SF Zoo acquired a new male Chacoan peccary, a highly endangered species. Next month SFZ will be receiving a male Black rhino from the San Diego Zoo. This animal is the grandson of the female rhino, Ellie, and is owned by SF Zoo. In other news, Peterson reported SF Zoo Docents had presented the SFZS with \$15,000 for the *Americas Capital Campaign*. A SFZS board member then matched the gift. Peterson thanked all who had contributed. Peterson also thanked SF Zoo docent and expert birder, Allan Ridley, for leading an early morning bird walk. In total, 22 species were sited on Zoo grounds, including the Pacific Coast flycatcher and three species of Warblers. With respect to operations, Peterson reported that preparation for the Zoo's new freezer is moving into its final phase. This project, when completed, will be a great resource for the animals' dietary needs. Also, she noted dinosaurs are being installed in the South American Aviary to illustrate the evolutionary link between dinosaurs and birds. With respect to other exhibits, the Osher Family's *Kingdom Animalia* exhibit will be replaced by a temporary exhibit featuring the United Nations "Year of the Bat" campaign. The campaign reflects a global effort to celebrate bats' contribution to the environment. Peterson then announced a new member to the Zoo's senior management team, Jill Lynch, as the new VP of Marketing, PR and Membership. Lynch comes with many years of experience, most recently at the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums. In closing, Director Peterson showed an interview of animal expert, Dr. Terry Maple, and his work at SF Zoo, which aired on KPIX Channel 5. Committee Advisor Stephens thanked Director Peterson for arranging for Dr. Maple to speaking to the SF Animal Welfare Committee.
Member of Public, Mark Ennis, voiced his opposition to the male Black rhino being brought to the Zoo. He also asked if he could receive an update on Dr. Maple as he was not present at the previous meetings when Dr. Maple spoke.

3. **Animal Transactions. (Action Item)** **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 – September 2012

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Zoo Miami 1240 SW 152 nd Street Miami, FL 33177 305/251-0400 x84965	1.0 Marabou stork <i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM: St. Catherine's Island 182 Camellia Road Midway, GA 31320 912/884-5005	ANIMAL SPECIES 0.1 Wrinkled hornbill <i>Aceros corrugatos</i>	PRICE NIL	TOTAL DUE N/A
Wildcare 76 Albert Park Ln. San Rafael, CA 94901 415-456-7283	1.0 Virginia opossum <i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	NIL	N/A
Oakland Zoo PO Box 5238 Oakland, CA 94605 510/632-9525 x161	0.1.1 Common wallaroo <i>Marcopus robustus robustus</i>	NIL	N/A
PURCHASE FROM: Miller Park Zoo 1020 S. Morris Avenue Bloomington, IL 61701 309/434-2825	1.1 African hedgehog <i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	\$300	\$600

4. Animal Updates. (Discussion)
David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – AUGUST 2012					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
		ACQUISITIONS			
14	1.0	Chestnut-fronted macaw	Donation	Private Donor	
16	0.1	Magellanic penguin	Donation	Sea World	
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		DISPOSITION		Age at Death	
8	0.1	Sheep	Death	11Y, 5M, 17D	Cancer
9	0.1	Slender-tailed meerkat	Death	9Y, 9M, 29D	Heart
16	1.0	Magellanic penguin	Donation to		Sea World
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26	1.0	Baird's tapir	Death	18Y, 0M, 14D	Oral Cancer
28	0.1	Mouse	Death	-2-3 years	Enlarged Liver
31	0.1	Black-tailed prairie dog	Death	-2-3 years	Pneumonia

Committee Advisor Stephens asked for clarification on the Magellanic penguin actions if these were actually a change in ownership. Bocian stated yes this was a change in ownership. Member of Public asked what the life span of a mouse is. Bocian stated that 2 to 3 years is normal. She also asked if a necropsy was done for every death. Dr. Crawford stated yes.

5. **Madagascar Bushmeat Project** (Information only)
Dr. Graham Crawford, DVM, SFZS
Dr. Crawford gave a presentation on the Madagascar Bushmeat Project in the Makira Forest area. This project is working in communities in the area to help improve village chicken health in order to decrease the need of local people to hunt wildlife, including endangered species. The project has the unique ability to improve human health and domestic animal health, while decreasing wildlife depletion. This project was funded in large part by the SFZS and St. Louis Zoo. Discussion followed regarding crops that are grown in the area and the various education processes to be taught to the residents to offer alternatives to hunting wildlife.
6. **Announcements** (Information only)
7. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)
None
8. **Old Business.** (Discussion)
None
9. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)
10. **Public Comments:**
11. **Adjournment.**
Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.