



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

7:30 AM

Zoom

A. Call To Order

*Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Kristin Moala, Joseph Darcangelo, Beth Petersen,
Supervisor Chuck Erickson*

**A motion was made by ROSS that the June 7th Zoo Commission meeting be
called to order at 7:01am.**

Present 7 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN,
ANNE ROSS, CECELY CASTILLO, and JONATHAN BECKER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-088](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-088](#)

**A motion was made by GUNDERSON, seconded by PETERSEN, that the Minutes
be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

Supervisors Erickson and Castillo talked about how the County's resolution on an external investigation into the zoo was passed by the full County Board. \$50k has been appropriated and a report will be completed no later than Oct 1, 2022. Supervisor Castillo will keep the Board apprised of the action being taken.

Schwetz went over the OEI internal investigation findings and the zoo's work plan to address the suggested improvements. Discussion ensued.

Schwetz and Petersen went over the animal welfare concerns listed in WSJ article. The zoo's animal care team makes a risk assessment before any course of action is taken on any animal. After any animal incident, animal care staff and management go over what happened and review protocols to make sure that everything was done correctly and adjustments can be made.

Commission decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

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[RPT-105](#)

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F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Zoo Commission meeting will take place on June 28, 2022 at 7:30am on Zoom.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Alder Evers updated the commission on the Metro transit plan. Kristin Moala updated the group about the status of the zoo's equity and access survey and the zoo's Black Birders Week event that was organized with the BIPOC Birding Club of Wisconsin.

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by BECKER, seconded by EVERS, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:02am. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Moala, pending approval from the Zoo Commission.