



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 28, 2022

7:30 AM

Remote meeting

A. Call To Order

Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Kristin Moala, Jess Thompson

A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission be called to order at 7:33am. The motion carried unanimously.

Present 5 - JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, ANNE ROSS,
and Supervisor CECELY CASTILLO

Excused 1 - TAG EVERS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-138](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-138](#)

A motion was made by GUNDERSON, seconded by JUSTUS, that the Minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

7. [2022 RES-085](#) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CLR DESIGN, INC. FOR DESIGN DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE II (AFRICAN SAVANNAH PHASE) FOR HEART OF THE ZOO IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: RIPP and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2022 RES-085](#)
[2022 RES-085 FISCAL NOTE](#)

Schwetz explained that this RES amends the design for our Africa exhibit. Reduces the original amount of the design by \$181,000. Public Works asked the architectural firm to do a design/development plan in increments focusing on giraffe enclosure only. Aiming for groundbreaking in spring 2024. Expect construction to go 12-18 months. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by JUSTUS, seconded by PETERSEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote.

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

Discussion of the Henry Vilas Zoo workplace plan in response to the internal OEI investigation continued. Discussion focused on DEAI plans. Zoo staff highlighted some of the work with Zoo started prior to the OEI investigation, actions we have taken based on OEI recommendations, and shared goals for the future. Commission discussed drafting a statement of support for the DEAI initiatives ongoing at the zoo to send to the County Board. Discussion ensued.

Schwetz gave animal updates.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be held virtually on 8.2.22 at 7:30am.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by GUNDERSON, seconded by PETERSEN, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:03am. The motion carried unanimously.

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