



# 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?*

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Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:30 AM

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See top of Agenda for virtual meeting details

#### A. Call To Order

*Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo, Supervisor Melissa Radcliffe.*

This April 12, 2022 Zoo Commission meeting was called to order by Anne Ross at 7:32am.

**Present** 7 - JONATHAN BECKER, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, and ANNE ROSS

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)  
[MIN-680](#)

**Attachments:** [2021 MIN-680](#)

A motion was made by EVERS, seconded by BECKER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### C. Action Items

*None*

#### D. Presentations

*None*

## E. Reports to Committee

*Zoo Director Ronda Schwetz thanked Supervisor Chuck Erickson for all of his work on the Commission and his commitment to the zoo. The new County Supervisor, Cecely Castillo, will be the district representative on the Commission moving forward.*

*Schwetz gave an avian flu update, information about some of our geriatric animals and the medical care that is helping them live so long past their median age.*

*Deputy Director Joseph Darcangelo gave an operations update. The SSA Group is now up and running. Service is their first focus, they are looking at adding new capital into the zoo for increased food and gift options and sales. The zoo took over operation of the train and carousel on April 1 and things have been running smoothly.*

*We hired 3 zookeepers, 1 vet tech, a horticulturist, and an LTE operations assistant since the last meeting. The horticulturist is starting next week. We are in the process of interviewing for a Guest Services Coordinator and looking to fill one janitor position.*

*Darcangelo had his first meeting with a group of neighbors to establish better communications. The meeting went well.*

*Darcangelo will be doing an AZA inspection in May.*

*The County Library's Dream Bus will be at the zoo on Friday mornings throughout the summer.*

*Evers mentioned the Madison Metro route changes and the work being done to get a stop closer to the zoo and Vilas Park.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next meeting will take place on May 3, 2022 at 7:30am and will be held virtually.*

## 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 BECKER, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.**

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