



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, September 19, 2023

7:30 AM

A. Call To Order

A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 7:53am. The motion carried unanimously.

Present 4 - SARAH JUSTUS, ANNE ROSS, Supervisor CECELY CASTILLO, and JASMINE BANKS

Excused 3 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, and MICHAEL PETERSEN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023
MIN-285](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-285](#)

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

C. Action Items

4. [2023
RES-148](#) AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF LTE HOURS DANE COUNTY HENRY VILAS ZOO

Sponsors: RITT and ROSE

Attachments: [2023 RES-148](#)
[2023 RES-148 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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

D. Presentations

[2023](#) 2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL
[PRES-139](#)

Attachments: [2023 PRES-139](#)

A motion was made by CASTILLO, seconded by JUSTUS, that the Zoo Commission recommend to the County Board that the budget be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

E. Reports to Committee

Zoo Report: SCHWETZ talked about the Zoo's DEAI committee. They have been working on a staff and guest code of conduct. Talked about upcoming events including the annual zoo run and a new partnership with the Madison Fire Department to host a fire prevention event on grounds. The Zoo partnered with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and will be hosting this year's Light the Night event in October. The Zoo has begun to work on a strategic master plan and is inviting stakeholders to participate in that. The Zoo's fundraising RFP recently closed and we are working on the contract and that will support our capital campaign. Gave an update on new animals - goats, turkeys, guinea fowl. Update on recent animal procedures including a tiger dental and ongoing assessments of seal eyes. Discussion ensued.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 10th 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 CASTILLO, seconded by JUSTUS, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:48am. The motion carried unanimously.

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