



Dane County

Meeting Agenda - Final

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, March 3, 2026

8:00 AM

702 S. Randall Ave.

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Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.

Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda para obtener más información.

Yuav tsuam tau thov txog cov neeg txhais lus hau ntej; thov saib hauv qab kawg ntawm qhov txheej txheem rau cov ntaub ntawv ntxiv.

يجب التقدم بطلب خدمات الترجمة مقدماً. يرجى الاطلاع على أسفل جدول الأعمال للمزيد من المعلومات

The March 3rd Zoo Commission meeting will be held in person.

The public can attend in person at Henry Vilas Zoo, located at 702 S. Randall Ave. Please note that only the main gate will be open for this meeting. (Main gate is on the north end of the zoo at the intersection of Drake St. and Randall Ave.)

PROCESS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for commissioners, please send them to: zoo@henryvilaszoo.gov.

A. Call To Order

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025 MIN-598](#)

Attachments: [2025 MIN-598](#)

C. Action Items

2. [2025 RES-353](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A MADISON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR THE GIRAFFE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER, WELSH and FRIES

Attachments: [2025 RES-353](#)
[2025-353 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-353 CONTRACT #16154](#)

Legislative History

2/20/26 County Board referred to the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

This resolution was referred to the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

2/20/26 County Board referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee

This resolution was referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee

2/20/26 County Board referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee

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2/24/26 Public Works & Transportation Committee postponed to the Public Works & Transportation Committee

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ, seconded by UDELL, that the Resolution be postponed to the Public Works & Transportation Committee, due back by 3/10/2026 The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0 (YGP:2-0). Passed

4. [2025 RES-355](#) EXTEND MARKETING CONTRACT TO S/B STRATEGIC MARKETING FOR SERVICES--HENRY VILAS ZOO

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER and WELSH

Attachments: [2025 RES-355](#)
[2025 RES-355 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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2/24/26 Public Works & Transportation Committee postponed to the Public Works & Transportation Committee

A motion was made by UDELL, seconded by BLAZEWICZ, that the Resolution be postponed to the Public Works & Transportation Committee, due back by 3/10/2026 The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0 (YGP:2-0).

Joseph Darcangelo and Supervisor Boetcher discussed this agenda item.
Passed

5. [2025 RES-358](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE ARCTIC FOX EXHIBIT CONSTRUCTION AT HENRY VILAS ZOO, 702 S. RANDALL AVE., MADISON, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER, FRIES and RYLANDER

Attachments: [2025 RES-358](#)
[2025 RES-358 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-358 CONTRACT #16176](#)

Legislative History

2/20/26 County Board referred to the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

This resolution was referred to the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

2/20/26 County Board referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee

This resolution was referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee

2/20/26 County Board referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee

This resolution was referred to the Personnel & Finance Committee

2/24/26 Public Works & Transportation Committee recommended for approval

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ, seconded by UDELL, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried 4-1 (YGP 2-0) by the following vote.

Todd Draper and Joseph Darcangelo spoke on this agenda item.

Erik Anderson registered in opposition and spoke on this agenda item. Passed

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

Zoo Report:

- Operational Updates
- Animal Updates
- Conservation/Education Updates
- Event/Marketing Updates

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

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Sau tseg: Yog koj xav tau ib tug neeg txhais lus, txhais ua ntaub ntawv, cov ntaub ntawv uas nyob rau lwm yam kev lawm los sis lwm yam kev pab nkag rau qhov kev pab no, kev ua si los sis kev pab cuam, thov hu tus xov tooj rau hauv qab no—xav kom hu li peb hnuv ua ntej tuaj tab sis tsis pub tsawg tshaj 24 xuab moos ua ntej rau lub rooj sib tham no.

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