



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?

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00 AM

In-person meeting at Henry Vilas Zoo

This meeting will be held in person at Henry Vilas Zoo located at 702 S. Randall Ave.

A. Call To Order

Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo, Kristin Moala, Amanda Pedersen and from CLR, Jeff Sawyer, Nicolette Wojtak, and Mark Beauchamp.

A motion was made by ROSS that the zoo commission meeting be called to order at 8:04AM. The motion carried unanimously.

Present 7 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, ANNE ROSS, JASMINE BANKS, and ERIN WELSH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-322](#)

Attachments: [2024 MIN-322](#)

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

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

[2024](#)
[PRES-136](#)

Attachments: [2024 PRES-136](#)

Jeff from CLR presented on Phase 1 of the HEART OF THE ZOO construction project. The zoo is currently working on construction documents and expects to have 95% construction documents in January 2025. Once we have those documents, the next step will be going out to bid. Anticipated construction will go from late 2025 until 2027.

E. Reports to Committee

Ronda gave a zoo report. The zoo's guinea fowl were moved into the same exhibit as the Somali wild ass. The capybara and Aldabra tortoises were moved into their winter homes. We moved some toads into the aviary. We hired the open vet tech position. We are at the end of interviews for the lead keeper position. The clerk III reclassification goes to the full county board this week. The zoo is heading into event season with Brew Lights and a blood drive next week. Zoo Lights starts the week of Thanksgiving.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will take place January 7th, 2025 at 8:00AM.

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 EVERS, seconded by JUSTUS, that the zoo commission be adjourned at 9:35AM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Pedersen, pending approval from the zoo commission.