



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, April 14, 2026

8:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 702 S. Randall Ave; attend virtually via Zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting.

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

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The Tuesday, April 14th Zoo Commission meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person at Henry Vilas Zoo, located at 702 S. Randall Ave, in the Visitor Center. 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.) Follow the signs.

The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application or by telephone.

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In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

VIRTUAL: Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

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

A. Call To Order**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2025 MIN-683](#)

Attachments: [2025 MIN-683](#)

C. Action Items

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

3/3/26 Henry Vilas Zoo Commission postponed to the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission
A motion was made by ROSS, seconded by JUSTUS, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be postponed. to the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission, due back by 4/14/2026 The motion carried by a voice vote. 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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