



# 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 20, 2021

7:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

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#### A. Call To Order

*Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo, Kristin Moala*

**A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 7:32am. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

**A motion was made by PETERSEN, seconded by ROSS, that the minutes from the March Zoo Commission be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

[2020](#)  
[MIN-519](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-519](#)

#### C. Action Items

*None*

#### D. Presentations

*None*

## E. Reports to Committee

*Ronda gave an update on the baby otters. Otters at other AZA zoos have tested positive for COVID, so we are being extremely cautious with how we introduce them to the public. We are working on getting animal vaccines for COVID susceptible animals.*

*Male lion Amboseli was successfully moved to the Little Rock Zoo on a breeding recommendation from AZA. He will have his own pride, so this is a good move. Ansel will eventually move too because we don't have the space for two adult male lions.*

*Ronda went over the Zoo master plan. Noted that it doesn't do anything with the parking lot - that is City land and being looked at with the Vilas Park master plan. Ronda focused on the first phase of the plan, which will include a new giraffe and rhino enclosure. Discussion ensued.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next Zoo Commission meeting will take place virtually on May 18, 2021 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 BECKER, seconded by JUSTUS, that the Zoo Commission be adjourned at 8:41am. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Respectfully submitted by Kristin Moala, pending approval.*