



Dane County

Minutes - Final

Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

7:00 AM

Zoo Administration Bldg

A. Call To Order

Anne Ross called meeting to order at 7:00am

Present 5 - ANNE ROSS, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, VALERIE BAILEY-RIHN,
JEFFREY GUNDERSON, and JONATHAN BECKER

Absent 1 - ANDREA BRUNSELL PARKS

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

C. Consideration of Minutes

This was approved as amended

D. Action Items

This was no action

E. Presentations

F. Reports to Committee

1 Zoo Director Report

Ronda Schwetz reported Zoo updates: Zoo budget update, capital project progress and projections for fiscal year 2014, and animal updates. Brief discussion of zoo updates and procedures to reduce costs and usage of utilities ensued including new primate building HVAC, Marathon engine in Aviary, solar panels in Herpetarium and Red Barn as well as geo-thermal well in Red Barn. Review of Capital improvements included Arctic Passage construction updates, zoo wide painting and pathway upgrade planned improvement. Brief discussion of potential conservation collaboration partners ensued.

2 Zoo Society Report

Alison Prange, Executive Director of the Friends of the Henry Vilas Zoo, reported on Zoo Society updates: There are several events planned at the zoo including membership appreciation night May 15 which will have food trucks, tours and free carousel and train rides, Dream Night at the Zoo on June 6 for critically ill children and their families, yoga at the zoo, Strings and Wild Things, the Chamber Orchestra will perform the night of July 8, the Dinosaur Exhibit opening May 16 in collaboration with the UW Zoology Museum and Family Day on July 16. Concessions and Gift Shop revenue is up from this time last year and the 2013 final budget will be reported at the next meeting. Additionally both Zoo and Society staff are working together on many grants to benefit Arctic Passage as well as other areas in the zoo.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

July 1, 2014 at 7:00am at Zoo Administration

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

This was adjourned

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Ronda Schwetz Director Henry Vilas Zoo 608.266.4732