



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?

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

8:00 AM

702 S. Randall Ave

The February Zoo Commission meeting will be held in person. See agenda for more information

A. Call To Order

Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo, Lauren Salzmann, Kristin Moala, and Amanda Pedersen.

A motion was made that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 8:05am..

Present 4 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, and ANNE ROSS

Excused 3 - MICHAEL PETERSEN, JASMINE BANKS, and ERIN WELSH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-403](#)

Attachments: [2024 MIN-403](#)

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

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

[2024](#)
[PRES-175](#)

HVZ VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Attachments: [2024 PRES-175](#)

Lauren Salzmann gave a presentation on the volunteer program.

E. Reports to Committee

Ronda gave a zoo report:

Animal update: new set of meerkats were born, Kaiser Mountain Newts hatched, Cape Porcupine quarantine finished and moving to Green Barn, male Orangutan playing with baby. Bio-security reassurance given in regard to bird flu.

Giraffe project 95% and cost estimate received around \$16,000,000. Penguin exhibit progressing. Marketing proposals requested from three vendors, all local. Zoo light vendor up for bid. Bid is good for five years.

Education department got grant. New lead keeper started last week. The next CLR meeting is March 11.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will take place March 11, 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 meeting be adjourned at 9:08am. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Pedersen, pending approval from the Zoo Commission