



# Dane County

## Minutes - Draft

### Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

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Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:00 AM

Zoo Admin Bldg - 702 S Randall Ave., Madison WI

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 6 - ANNE ROSS, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, JONATHAN BECKER, SARAH JUSTUS, and CHRIS HENDERSON  
**Absent** 2 - ANDREA BRUNSELL PARKS, and SARA ESKRICH

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

- 1 [2016 MIN-442](#) ZOO COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 11/1/2016

**Attachments:** [Minutes Nov 01 16 pdf](#)

approved

#### C. Action Items

None

#### D. Presentations

None

#### E. Reports to Committee

##### E. Zoo Director Report

*Ronda Schwetz reported Zoo updates: Animal updates included preparations to the exhibit for a new rhino in early summer, new acquisitions of birds for the Aviary, preparations for a new otter and for attempting AI on female polar bear in conjunction with the reproductive team at Cincinnati zoo. Talked about AZA's commitment to Saving Animals from Extinction (SAFE) program and our zoo being part of the Founder's Circle. Also talked about AZA's involvement in helping to try and save the vaquita which is down to 30 animals. Our zoo and society also have committed towards being a part of that effort. Talked about public perceptions of zoos and aquariums and what people think is important for animals. Henry Vilas Zoo will be hosting a post conference trip for the Bear Taxon Advisory Group (TAG) on May 11th. Encouraged everyone to watch, "The Zoo" on Animal Planet which was filmed at the Bronx Zoo and shows what AZA zoos do to help animals.*

*Zoo Society Report*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00am in the Zoo Administration Building*

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None*

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None*

**I. Adjourn**

**adjourned**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Ronda Schwetz subject to committee approval.*