



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

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, May 8, 2018

7:00 AM

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A. Call To Order

This was approved

Present 3 - Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, SARA ESKRICH, and JONATHAN BECKER

Absent 1 - CHRIS HENDERSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

This was approved

C. Action Items

None

None

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D. Presentations

none

E. Reports to Committee

Zoo Director Report

Ronda Schwetz, Executive Director of the Zoo reported Zoo updates: Animal updates include birth of five black and white ruffed lemurs to two sisters which is a huge success for the black and white lemur SSP, arrival of a male tiger which will be seen on the front exhibit (the lion and tiger exhibits were switched for geographical consistency), acquisitions of several other animals including meerkats, geckos, and several new birds. Other updated included preparation for the upcoming Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation inspection in July, facilities updates including construction progress on the lower restrooms, asphalt and rhino barns and education updates including the sold out zoo camps, popular sleepovers and other successful programs.

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Zoo Society Report

Alison Prange, President of the Zoo Society reported: the 2017 Zoo Society audit was completed. April was a poor weather month which affected attendance. Staffing for concessions and the gift shop is going well. Work on the Government Affairs committee includes a group of AZA members meeting in Washington DC to talk with and educate representatives about all of the great conservation contributions AZA members are making. Further reports include the start of the busy season for events, with member appreciation night kicking it off in May, Rendezoo in June and many other great events. The successful first Save Our Species (SOS) luncheon in February was very well received and plans for next year have started. The Visitor Center grand opening will be on May 22nd and ties in nicely with the completed strategic plan which is focusing on guest services, conservation and animal welfare.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 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

This was adjourned

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Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Ronda Schwetz and subject to approval by the Zoo Commission.