



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?

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

7:00 AM

606 S Randall Ave. Madison, WI 53715

Visitor Center Conference Room

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A. Call To Order

Staff Present: Ronda Schwetz, Jess Thompson, Joseph Darcangelo

Meeting was called to order at 7:05am

Present 7 - ANNE ROSS, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, TAG EVERS, and TOM HANSON

Absent 1 - JONATHAN BECKER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-513](#)

Minutes of the 01/16/19 Zoo Commission.

Attachments: [2018 Zoo Commission Minutes 01 16 18](#)

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

C. Action Items

1. [2019 OA-001](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 15 THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE HENRY VILAS ZOO COMMISSION

Attachments: [2019 OA-001](#)
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Zoological Society is no longer a fundraising partner, the amendment changes language to "selected partner"

A motion was made by EVERS, seconded by GUNDERSON, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: (6-1) Hanson.

Ayes: 6 - ROSS, ERICKSON, GUNDERSON, JUSTUS, PETERSEN and EVERS

Noes: 1 - HANSON

Absent: 1 - BECKER

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

Zoo Report

- *Budget – the Zoo is currently at 30% of staffing costs due to being in the process of hiring 9 positions, expenses are at 51%*
 - o *Eriskson would like monthly report on donations/expenses (Centerplate with increased wages, donor tubes)*
 - o *Ross – would like year to year comparison – possibly outside consultant to compile info/graphs*
 - o *Tag has worked with Scott Thorton, consider treasurer for group, work with Hicklin*
 - o *Ross – bring in Hicklin for presentation at net meeting*
 - o *Erickson suggested alternate time, more frequency, Doodle calendar poll, potentially 7am-9am*
 - o *Discussed creation of a finance committee*
 - o *Hansen – comparison of budget with previous years should be doable with Society's audit report*
 - *Hiring Updates*
 - *Website update*
 - *AZA updates:*
 - o *inspectors wrapping up today, next steps are a verbal then written report, then hearing in September*
 - o *Money for trust needs to be resolved for accreditation, discussed drafting a statement to that effect*
 - o *Future discussion on role of commission – more discussion with County Exec office*
 - *Aviary roof getting redone*
 - *Collection planning process for Herpetarium and Aviary*
- Evers would like to see organizational flow chart with Boards, County, City and potential partners*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be Tuesdya, September 24, 2019 at 702 S Randall Ave., Madison, WI 53715.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

**A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by EVERS, that the be adjourned.
The motion carried by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15am.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ronda Schwetz.