



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, March 14, 2023

7:30 AM Henry Vilas Zoo, 702 S. Randall Ave., Madison, WI 53715

A. Call To Order

A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 7:30am.

Present 5 - JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, ANNE ROSS,
and Supervisor CECELY CASTILLO

Excused 1 - TAG EVERS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-613](#)

Attachments: [2022 MIN-613](#)

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

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

[2022
RPT-764](#)

2022 END OF YEAR BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Attachments: [2022 RPT-764](#)

Reports to Committee:

- *Joseph presented financial highlights/updates from 2022 including comparisons to 2021*
- *Ops: Gender neutral bathroom signs ordered and will put up in lower RR, prairie exhibit upgrade, RFP for strategic master plan*
- *Events: talked about LLS, corporate events, family fun days, Pride event and giraffe event, and member hours changing in summer, also carousel & train opening April 1st, Guest services opened Fri-Sun in May*
- *Education: talked about class lottery system feedback and classroom challenges*
- *Funding – talked about clearview software add-on for donor tracking*
- *Staff: updated on open positions in zoo, keeper going to IMATA, Jess at AZA Midyear, all staff media training*
- *Animals: snails, hedgehog, frogs, bison and camel for acquisitions and potential acquisitions*

This resolution was approved

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The Commission will not meet in April and will decide on a date for May.

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 JUSTUS, seconded by CASTILLO, that the Zoo Commission meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Ronda Schwetz, pending approval from the Commission.