



Dane County

Minutes - Final-revised

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 19](#)

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

Sponsors: ERICKSON, BUCKINGHAM, CLAUSIUS, CORRIGAN, MILES, NELSON, RATCLIFF, RIPP and STUBBS

Attachments: [2019 OA-001](#)
[2019 OA-001 Clean Copy](#)

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 Erickson 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 Evers 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 Tuesday, 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 meeting will be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ronda Schwetz.