



# 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?*

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021

7:30 AM

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#### Remote Meeting

#### A. Call To Order

*Others present: Ronda Schwetz, Joseph Darcangelo, Kristin Moala*

**A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order at 7:33am. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Present** 6 - JONATHAN BECKER, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, and ANNE ROSS

**Excused** 1 - TAG EVERS

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

**Present** 6 - JONATHAN BECKER, Supervisor CHUCK ERICKSON, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, and ANNE ROSS

**Excused** 1 - TAG EVERS

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[MIN-382](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-382](#)

*Edited the Other Business section of the notes to clarify.*

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

#### C. Action Items

*None*

#### D. Presentations

*None*

## E. Reports to Committee

*Director Schwetz gave an update on rescheduled big cat dental procedures. One of the young males will be going to a new facility and will have his pre shipment health check coming up in the next few weeks. Schwetz also mentioned that newer staff has been getting trained on emergency procedures including gun training. All staff on the safety team train year round for safety issues. We are working with law enforcement on drills and how to enhance our partnership with them.*

*COVID update, trying to get animal care staff included in 1b of the rollout. The animal care and vet staff both have exposure to animals that can get COVID both in the collection and wild animals on ground. Working on plans for generating some additional revenue during COVID. Working on ways to open the carousel and start offering birthday parties for small groups.*

*Schwetz mentioned that Zoo Camp registration opened to members yesterday, and it is already over 75% full. The zoo would like to offer more options but are at capacity with what they are able to offer.*

*Working with Public Works on getting an RFP for schematics for the next zoo project which would include work on giraffe/rhino area and the front entrance.*

*Deputy Director, Darcangelo gave an update on zoo donations and visitor numbers. Working on yearend report with marketing partner Affirm, which will include information about website traffic and number of people reached virtually in 2020.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next Zoo Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:30am virtually.*

## 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 ERICKSON, seconded by BECKER, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34am. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Respectfully submitted by Kristin Moala, pending approval by the Commission.*