



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 2, 2021

7:30 AM

Virtual meeting

A. Call To Order

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, TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, MICHAEL PETERSEN, and ANNE ROSS

Excused 1 - SARAH JUSTUS

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by BECKER, seconded by ERICKSON, that the minutes of the February Zoo Commission meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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[MIN-468](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-468](#)

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

Ronda Schwetz talked about what the zoo did for polar bear day was last weekend. We raised just over \$3500 for PBI, our conservation partner. Ronda did an interview this morning about cold-stunned sea turtles. The cold weather in Texas last month resulted in the largest U.S. cold-stunning event in history. AZA zoos on the Gulf helped with rescue. Over 12,000 turtles affected. HVZ raised \$3000, and about 100 AZA zoos combined to raise over \$270k. Ronda gave an update on animals in the zoo.

Ronda talked about how Public Works will be sending out an RFP for schematics for rhino/giraffe/cats/front gate/penguins. The first phase will be rhino/giraffe. We have \$8 million in Madison Community Foundation which can only be used on capital developments. Discussion ensued.

Ronda gave an update on Zoo School. Now that MMSD is phasing back into the classroom, our Zoo School is winding down. Bayview students will be going back into their classrooms the third week of March. Their last day will be next Friday. Carousel is re-opening this weekend. Birthday party rentals will begin again in April.

Joseph Darcangelo gave a financial update, membership report, and attendance report for 2020. Discussion ensued.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Zoo Commission meeting will be pushed back a week because of the election and will happen on April 13 at 7:30am via Zoom.

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 Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:03am. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Moala, pending Zoo Commission approval.