



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, October 1, 2024

8:00 AM

This meeting will be held in-person at Henry Vilas Zoo

A. Call To Order

Other members present: Ronda Schwetz

A motion was made that the Zoo Commission be called to order at 8:05m. The motion carried unanimously.

Present 7 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, ANNE ROSS, JASMINE BANKS, and ERIN WELSH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-256](#)

Attachments: [2024 MIN-256](#)

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

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

[2024](#)
[PRES-116](#)

Attachments: [2024 PRES-116](#)

E. Reports to Committee

Zoo Director Ronda Schwetz reported to the Commission on vacant staff positions and next steps including the veterinary technician position and clerk I-II position being reclassified to a clerk II. Animal updates included acquisitions of some reptiles and an update on the meerkat mob which is doing well. Events that had passed included Run Wild in September which had around 1000 registrants and ran smoothly. Upcoming events include Light the Night for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Zoo Lights for the holiday season starting the day after Thanksgiving and Brew Lights on November 22. Kristin Moala is currently on the Polar Bears International trip in Churchill, Canada as part of the AZA Marketing partnership with PBI. The Education department acquired a new hybrid van for their programs.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting will take place in person at Henry Vilas Zoo on Wednesday, November 20th.

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