



MINUTES

BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014 – 10:00 AM

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Karen B. Winnick
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Marc Mitchell

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Rex Link

MEMBERS ABSENT

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Richard Lichtenstein

COMMISSION STAFF

John R. Lewis
Lisa Gerencser

MEDIA

None signed in.

CITY ATTORNEY LIAISON

Kimberly Miera

AGENDA ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Winnick called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

AGENDA ITEM 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2014

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014. Commissioner Mitchell so moved, Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None



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**AGENDA ITEM 4
ZOOBIQUITY CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

Dr. Curtis Eng provided an overview and summary of the 3rd Annual Zoobiquity Conference which was held in October 2013 in New York; hosted by Rockefeller University and the Bronx Zoo. Zoobiquity brings together both MDs and DVMs to discuss the similarities between conditions in animals and humans. Comparative case studies are discussed. Zoobiquity 3 had 238 attendees and the hope is for this conference to continue to grow. Next conference will be in Seattle in November 2014.

**AGENDA ITEM 5
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

A. Capital Projects

Rebecca Abano with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) gave a brief update on the following Zoo projects accompanied with a slide show of the work progression:

- *Rainforest of the Americas* (ROA) project is complete; certificate of occupancy received
- \$164 million has been spent through March 2014

B. Animal Transactions

Susie Kasielke, Curator of Birds, discussed the latest animal transactions. Some highlights include:

- Will be receiving a giant anteater
- Had a colobus monkey born
- "World of Birds" show reopened on April 10

C. GLAZA Update

GLAZA President Connie Morgan gave a brief update on GLAZA activities.

- Received an anonymous \$8,000 donation for repairs to the chimp penthouse
- Received \$5,000 for the creation of an education poster for ROA
- Ken Ziffran, the City's Film Czar, will be this year's recipient of the Tom Mankiewicz leadership award
- 300 of the 400 tickets for the Beastly Ball Prius raffle have been sold

D. Zoo Director Reports

Zoo Director John Lewis commented on the following:

- Jaguars received and are in quarantine in the old snow leopard exhibit
- Non-breeding pair of lions received and are currently on exhibit
- Council Committee has extended the GLAZA MOU through June while they continue to have questions about the MOU and Zoo's Business and Marketing Plan

**AGENDA ITEM 9
OLD BUSINESS**

None

AGENDA ITEM 10
ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before, President Winnick motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Johnson so moved and Commissioner Downinga seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY