



# MINUTES

## BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Los Angeles Zoo  
Grand Room  
5333 Zoo Drive  
Los Angeles, California 90027

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### MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen B. Winnick  
Elaine Baylor  
Bernardo Silva  
Sue Downing, DVM

### VISITORS

Rex Link  
Renee Weitzer

Eric Garcetti  
Mayor

### EX OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT

Richard Lichtenstein

Tom LaBonge  
Council Member  
4<sup>th</sup> District

### COMMISSION STAFF

John R. Lewis  
Lisa Gerencser

### MEDIA

None signed in.

Zoo Commissioners

Karen B. Winnick  
President

Bernardo Silva  
Vice President

Elaine Baylor

Sue Downing, D.V.M.

### CITY ATTORNEY LIAISON

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Richard Lichtenstein  
ex officio member

### AGENDA ITEM 1

#### CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Winnick called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

### AGENDA ITEM 2

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2013

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2013. Commission Vice President Silva so moved, Commissioner Downing seconded and the motion passed.

John R. Lewis  
Zoo Director



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**AGENDA ITEM 3  
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 4  
ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS**

After nominating the same officers, all Commissioners unanimously voted to keep Karen Winnick as the Commission President and Bernardo Silva as the Commission Vice President.

**AGENDA ITEM 5  
CHIMPANZEE GROUP MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Item was continued to a future meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 6  
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 85% complete.
- Have spent \$160.9 million on capital projects to date.
- Work continues on ROA – shotcrete, pools, and stilt house
- Contractor has extended completion date to September 30, 2013 for ROA and BOE estimates completion with jaguar exhibit on December 31, 2013

**B. Animal Transactions**

Jeff Holland, Curator of Mammals discussed the latest animal transactions. Some highlights include:

- Sending four Komodo dragons to the Bronx zoo in exchange for ten Indian gharials
- Receiving a pair of dwarf caimans
- Received two Japanese serow which are currently in quarantine
- Sent our male Sumatran rhino to Cincinnati zoo for breeding

**C. GLAZA Update**

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

- Fiscal year ended with approximately \$4.15 million raised in restricted funds
- First “Roaring Nights” held on July 11 with approximately 700 persons in attendance

**D. Zoo Director Reports**

Zoo Director John Lewis commented on the following:

- Ended the fiscal year slightly below projections in both attendance and revenue; 1.5 million visitors
- City Council approved the Marketing MOU with GLAZA pending approval of a Business and Marketing Plan which is due to Council on November 1.

Commission President Winnick asked if GLAZA plans on hiring staff and Connie Morgan noted they will hire an interim Marketing Manager

- Made note of new Councilpersons and newly elected Mayor

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commission President Winnick brought up proposed Commission meeting date for August. Due to a lack of quorum the August meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting will be September 17.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before, President Winnick motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Downing so moved and Commission Vice President Silva seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

ATTEST:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY