



MINUTES

BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

TUESDAY, June 19, 2012 – 10:00 AM

Los Angeles Zoo
Grand Room
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen B. Winnick
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Elaine Baylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Marteau

EX OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT

Richard Lichtenstein

COMMISSION STAFF

Denise Verret
Lisa Gerencser

CITY ATTORNEY LIAISON

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AGENDA ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ITEM 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 15, 2012

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2012, Commission Vice President Silva so moved, Commissioner Downing seconded and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VISITORS

Rex Link
Jim Bickhart

MEDIA

None signed in.



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**AGENDA ITEM 4
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

A. Capital Projects

Ethan Wong with the Bureau of Engineering gave a brief update on the following Zoo projects accompanied with a slide show of the work progression:

- To date, \$152.5 million of the \$172.3 million bond budget has been spent
- *LAIR* exhibit heating issues are being worked on; to be completed by the end of June
- *Rainforest of the Americas* project is 32% complete. Working on underground utilities and stilt house; project on schedule to be completed in April 2013

B. Animal Transactions

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

- Several outgoing animals including: Komodo dragons, African desert hedgehogs, and Bairds tapir
- Three confirmed koala joeys in pouches
- Receiving lowland paca from San Diego

C. GLAZA Update

GLAZA Vice President Genie Vasels gave a quick update on GLAZA activities.

- Beastly Ball was held on June 16, 2012; raised over \$1.1 million
- Membership has reached an all time high of 72,882 thousand households
- Received \$25,000 for education programs and another \$22,000 for bird show renovations

D. Zoo Director Reports

Assistant Zoo Director Denise Verret commented on the following:

- Attendance and revenue are on target for FY 2011/12
- Over 37,000 visitors during Memorial weekend
- Bird show will be closed for approximately six months while renovations are made to the stage and holding areas
- Working on *Brew at the Zoo* event which is scheduled for August 10 this year

**AGENDA ITEM 8
OLD BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 9
ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before the Commission President Winnick called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Silva moved to adjourn, Commissioner Downing seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY