



## MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Los Angeles Zoo  
Grand Room  
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John R. Lewis  
Zoo Director

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen B. Winnick  
Tyler Kelley  
Marc Mitchell  
Yasmine Johnson  
Bernardo Silva

#### **VISITORS**

None

#### **EX OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT**

Richard Lichtenstein

#### **COMMISSION STAFF**

John R. Lewis  
Lisa Gerencser

#### **MEDIA**

None signed in.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY LIAISON**

Laurie Rittenberg

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1**

##### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Winnick called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2**

##### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2016 Commission Vice President Silva so moved, Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3**

##### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

No Comments



#### **AGENDA ITEM 4 – PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2017**

President Winnick asked for approval of proposed dates. Vice President Silva so moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded. Date approved for 2017.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – AZA ACCREDITATION**

Zoo Director Lewis explained the entire AZA Accreditation process to the Commission. The Zoo submitted their application in August and will be evaluated this December. Mr. Lewis discussed the history of the AZA and the standards by which member institutions are governed. AZA Accreditation lasts for 5 years before reviewed again. Mr. Lewis will keep the Commission updated on the Zoo's status.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – STRATEGIC PLAN**

Deputy Director Denise Verret provided an overview of the Zoo's new Strategic Plan; Los Angeles Zoo – A Zoo Without Borders. There are five main components to the Plan – Campus, Community, Organization, Culture, Conservation and Care. Discussed the collaborative effort to create this plan. Implementing will be more difficult than creating. Discussion about the difference between LA Zoo and other zoos. Noted that more conservation stories will be going out to the media/public. Clarification of the difference between the Strategic Plan, Master Plan and Business and Marketing Plan.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7**

##### **GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

###### **A. Animal Transactions**

General Curator, Beth Schaefer, discussed the latest animal transactions. Some highlights include:

- Will be receiving cotton top tamarins for ROA
- Sending out blue billed curassow in exchange for a breeding pair
- Going to be downsizing our koala collection
- Black howler monkey was born

###### **B. GLAZA Update**

GLAZA President Connie Morgan gave an update on GLAZA activities:

- Currently working on the Beastly Ball and the CDC park design
- Date for Beastly Ball will be May 27, 2017 (Memorial Weekend)
- County Supervisor Kuehl gave \$157,000 to upgrade and fix the play park

###### **C. Zoo Director Reports**

Zoo Director John Lewis commented on the following:

- There have been two Master Plan workshops; focus on pedestrian pathways, animal collection and new structures
  - Discussion followed regarding paying for implementation of plan and public outreach component.
- Lisa Naples, DVM, has passed her examination and now is a diplomat expert in veterinary science
- Mr. Lewis just returned from the WAZA conference in Mexico
- Revenue and Attendance are both up for the month of September

#### **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 in honor of Councilmember Ryu's father who had recently passed away. Commissioner Johnson so moved the meeting be adjourned and Vice President Silva seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

ATTEST:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY