AGENDA ITEM 2
APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2017
Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017. Commissioner Hopkins so moved, Commissioner Kelley seconded and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 3
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
None
AGENDA ITEM 4 – RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER YASMIN JOHNSON

Commission President Winnick presented former Commissioner Johnson with a plaque and shared the Commission's appreciation for her work on the Zoo Commission. Zoo Director Lewis presented the former commissioner with a proclamation from the Arts, Parks, and River Committee and thanked her for her service on the Zoo Commission. Mrs. Johnson noted she will continue to be an advocate for the LA Zoo and spread the word about the amazing conservation efforts. The LA Zoo is a family destination and she will continue to keep the community aware through her “Mommie Blogging” and other endeavors.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – SHARING, LEARNING AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH EASTERN CHINESE ZOOS

Animal Keeper Megan Fox discussed her recent trip to China where she was involved in Chimpanzee and Orangutan field work and sharing with the foreign staff the LA Zoo’s husbandry practices. Highlights of the trip included:

- Majority of time was spent at the Nanjing Hongsham Forest Zoo
- Ms. Fox and other staff from various zoos held husbandry workshops for orangutans and chimps
- Visiting Zoo staff helped create an howdy area for the orangutans and assisted with creating better holding areas
- Instituted Behavioral Enrichment by identifying browse in the local area that can be given to both Chimps and Orangs
- Held discussions on exhibit design
- Assisted with care of disabled Orangs
- Currently working on a care manual for Chinese Zoos
- This trip has led to what will become regular husbandry workshops that will help zoos globally

Discussion about Golden Monkeys and Borneo Orangs

AGENDA ITEM 6
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS
A. Animal Transactions

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

- Several outgoing transactions that include, orange eye tree frogs, Prevost squirrels, male giant otters and a male sifaka
- Will be receiving Addax
- Several births include, Chacoan peccaries, takin, crested capuchin and a Nubian ibex

Discussion regarding the deaths of pronghorn fawns and howler monkey.

B. GLAZA Update

GLAZA President Connie Morgan gave an update on GLAZA activities:
- Staff is hard at work with the Beastly Ball which will be held this Saturday, May 20
- GLAZA has raised over $2.5 million thus far for the Ball
- Discussed auction items and showed off the concert t-shirt
C. Marketing and Events Update
Emily Marrin gave the following update on Zoo events and Marketing efforts:
- Over 33,000 visitors attended Big Bunny’s Spring Fling
- The Sustainable Dinner series have done really well with all but one night selling out
- The Zoo had a booth at the March for Science
- Showed a video clip of the activities from “Wild for the Planet” event
- New sponsors are Helpful Honda and Welk Resorts
- Social media to promote and raise awareness of the Beastly Ball and the VR Slash concert

D. Zoo Director Reports
Zoo Director Lewis commented on the following:
- Next Masterplan workshops will be held on June 22 & 23 with the community meeting being held on June 24
- Mayor’s Budget was released and the Zoo is happy with its budget
- Hired new staff in facility operations; should bring cleanliness up to visitors’ needs
- Attendance is behind 1.5% year-to-date but revenue is up 3.6% for the year

AGENDA ITEM 7
OLD BUSINESS
None

AGENDA ITEM 8
ADJOURNMENT
There being no more business to come before, President Winnick motioned to adjourn the meeting Commissioner Hopkins so moved the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Kelley seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

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