



MINUTES

BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Los Angeles Zoo
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John R. Lewis
Zoo Director

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bernardo Silva
Nicole Chase
Karen Winnick
Christopher Hopkins

VISITORS

Rex Link

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margot Armbruster

EX OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT

Richard Lichtenstein

COMMISSION STAFF

John Lewis
Lisa Gerencser

MEDIA

None signed in.

ZOO GENERAL COUNSEL

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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 JUNE 19, 2018

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes June 19, 2018. Commissioner Hopkins so moved, Commissioner Chase seconded and the motion passed.



**AGENDA ITEM
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charles Leon: Mr. Leon discussed the Controller's Audit recommendation regarding looking at alternative governance structures. Mr. Leon represents SEIU and stated that last time privatization was discussed it was decided to be a bad idea. Do not take this public asset away from the public.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
No Comments

AGENDA ITEM 4 – CONTROLLER'S AUDIT OF ZOO AND GLAZA

Zoo Director John Lewis and GLAZA President Connie Morgan gave an overview of the Controller's Office Audit of the Zoo and GLAZA. They discussed each of the nine (9) recommendations made by the Controller's Office and where the Zoo and GLAZA stand on each recommendation. The complete audit may be view at [Controller's Office Audit of Zoo and GLAZA](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QuuLPZ49qlku8djLPx88Vd4TQwaSJl2/view). (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QuuLPZ49qlku8djLPx88Vd4TQwaSJl2/view>)

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS

Vice President Silva nominated Karen Winnick to continue as the Commission President; all commissioners unanimously agreed. President Winnick nominated Bernardo Silva to continue as the Commission Vice President; all commissioners unanimously agreed. President Winnick and Vice President Silva will continue in their official positions for fiscal year 2018 – 19.

**AGENDA ITEM 6
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

A. Animal Transactions

Zoo Curator, Mike Maxcy, discussed the latest animal transactions. Animal transaction highlights include:

- Outgoing giant horned lizards and brush-tailed betongs to San Diego Zoo
- Incoming tawny frog mouth for breeding and possible Ambassador program
- Births include: Chacoan peccaries and a yellow backed duiker
- Another group of mountain yellow legged frogs have hatched

B. GLAZA Update

GLAZA President, Connie Morgan, gave an update that included:

- Received \$30,000 for CA condor cameras
- Received \$5,000 for a 3-D printer to be used by Animal Care and the Health Center
- Received \$2,000 for elephant enrichment
- Received \$25,000 for education
- Received \$50,000 from Wells Fargo

C. Marketing and Events Update

Kait Hilliard gave an overview of events and marketing efforts for this summer. Highlights include:

- World chimp day held on July 14
- First "Roaring Nights" had 1400 attendees
- "Brew at the Zoo" will be on August 4
- World elephant day will be in August
- Vulture awareness day is in September

D. Zoo Director Reports

Zoo Director Lewis commented on the following:

- *Los Feliz Ledger* sent a reporter out to be an “elephant keeper for the day”; the initial article was fine but they later added activist information and misinformation to the story. Mr. Lewis wrote a letter to the Editor expressing his dismay and explaining the Zoo staff are here to answer any additional questions the paper or its readers may have
- A CA condor was spotted in Wyoming
- Dr. Naples is leaving for a teaching position at Tufts University; zoo has already advertised for the Chief Veterinarian position
- The elephant postcard that is handed out during protests have been changed so the language is not bashing sanctuaries but instead highlighting why the Zoo is the best place for “Billy”

**AGENDA ITEM 6
OLD BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7
ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before, President Winnick motioned to adjourn the meeting Vice President Silva so moved the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Chase seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY