



MINUTES

BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 – 10:00 AM

Los Angeles Zoo
Grand Room
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Zoo Director

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bernardo Silva
Nicole Chase
Karen Winnick
Margot Armbruster

VISITORS

Rex Link

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher Hopkins

EX OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT

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 10:06 AM.

AGENDA ITEM 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes September 18, 2018. Commission Vice President Silva so moved, Commissioner Chase seconded and the motion passed.



**AGENDA ITEM
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

No Comments

AGENDA ITEM 4 – PRESENTATION – Native Bird Gardens

Curator of Birds, Mike Maxcy, discussed the Zoo's native bird gardens. Over 100 organizations including Nat Geo and the Audubon Society are all participating in bird programs as 2018 was dedicated as "The Year of the Bird". Mr. Maxcy explained fall migratory patterns for birds across the US and specifically over 1 billion birds that pass over the Pacific flyway. To make these journeys birds will travel hundreds to thousands of miles with few options to rest and feed along the way. Due to pesticides, windows, cats, and loss of habitat, it was decided to build native gardens as respite for the birds.

At the Zoo we have six gardens: California, Baja, South America, African, Australian and North America. Each garden is designed with flora to attract various birds. Information posted at each garden will educate visitors on how they can replicate these gardens in their own yards.

Discussion about plants and feeding in the gardens. The Commissioners asked to take a tour of the gardens at the next Commission meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – PRESENTATION – Ornato Grant Avian Husbandry and Management Program

Animal Keeper Rose Legato discussed her time in Scotland Neck, NC where she worked at the Sylvan Heights Bird Park. The facility is actual two complexes with one being a bird park that is open to the public and the other being a breeding facility closed to visitors. There are over 2,000 birds on display at the park. Ms. Legato discussed the various activities she participated in during the 12 days she was at the facility.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – 2019 Commission Meeting Dates

All meeting dates were accepted except for the March 2019 meeting. That meeting will be held on March 12 instead of March 19.

**AGENDA ITEM 7
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS**

A. Animal Transactions

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

- Outgoing big horn sheep and Gray's monitors
- Incoming African pygmy falcons
- Black duiker born
- Poison dart frogs hatched
- Sifaka born

B. GLAZA Update

GLAZA Vice President, Genie Vasels, gave an update that included:

- Received \$5,000 for LAIR
- Received \$5,000 for elephants

- Received \$5,000 for ZooPals scholarships
- Received \$1,000 for CA Condor program
- Received \$10,000 for educational programs
- Tickets for this year's Zoo Lights are on sale

C. Zoo Director Reports

Zoo Director, John Lewis, commented on the following:

- Attendance and revenue continue to be below projections for the month and year
- Jane Goodall event was very successful
- Mr. Hopkins has been reappointed to the Zoo Commission
- Mr. Lewis announced he will be retiring at the end of the calendar year and thanked the Commissioners for the dedication to the Zoo
- The show *Treehouse Masters* will air on Animal Planet on 10/19 at 8:00 PM
- Next week there will be a Council Committee meeting to discuss the health of Billy and the RFP for Concessions

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 Commissioner Chase so moved the meeting be adjourned and Vice President Silva seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY