



MINUTES
BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
VIRTUAL MEETING*
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 – 10:00 AM

* IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THIS BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY VIA ZOOM.

“Creating dynamic experiences to connect people and animals”

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Christopher Hopkins

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Richard Lichtenstein
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& Zoo Director



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MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Winnick
Margot Armbruster
Christopher Hopkins
Daryl Smith

VISITORS

No response

EX OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT

Richard Lichtenstein

COMMISSION STAFF

Mei Kwan
Denise Tamura
Lisa Gerencser

MEDIA

No response

ZOO GENERAL COUNSEL

Josh Templet

AGENDA ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Winnick called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

AGENDA ITEM 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2022

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of the past three meetings. Commissioner Smith so moved, Commissioner Armbruster seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

LOBBYING NOTICE

No Comments

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

No Comments

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Association of Zoos and Aquarium

AGENDA ITEM 4

FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 / GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)(3)

President Winnick asked for a motion to approve findings that virtual meetings are still necessary. Commissioner Hopkins so moved, Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM 5

PRESENTATION – Guidelines to Facilitate Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations

This presentation was tabled for a future Commission Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 6

GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

A. Animal Updates

Beth Schaefer, General Curator, gave the following transaction updates:

- Outgoing female tufted deer
- Receiving a breeding pair of servals
- Outgoing female gerenuks

B. GLAZA Update

GLAZA Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Janet Dial, gave the following update:

- Achieved 152% of total restricted fundraising goal for the year
- Membership is up to over 41,000 households – pre-pandemic numbers
- Attendance continues to do well above projections
- Attendance Revenue is 134% above projections
- All other sources of revenue ahead of projections
- Began “Conservation Council” and their first event was well attended
- GLAZA Board Retreat was on March 19th – focus on trustees raising funds
- Beastly Ball has received over \$600,000 in commitments; The Ball will take place on June 4, 2022

C. Zoo Director Update

Zoo Deputy Director Mei Kwan provided the following updates:

- Last month marked two years since the Zoo had to close due to the pandemic. City Council repealed the need for vaccination verification at Outdoor Mega Events and as such the Zoo is no longer required to check visitor status at entry
- Registration begins today for Zoo’s Summer Camp; back to pre-pandemic levels with spaces for over 900 children throughout the summer
- Zoo staff continue to monitor the highly contagious Avian Flu that is spreading throughout the US; Zoo has plans in place based on experience from 2015 outbreak. No cases at the Zoo
- Zoo has partnered with Kulture City and is now a Sensory Inclusive venue
- L&E staff worked with G.R.A.C.E. on sharing educational information between students in Los Angeles and the Dominican Republic of Congo

**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 Smith so moved, and Commissioner Hopkins seconded. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY