



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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1. Call to Order

CHAIRMAN MICHELLE ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:02 AM. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS PETER HERZOG, GERALD LYLES, PAUL TOSTE AND RALPH WATERHOUSE. MEMBERS KENT STRATFORD AND ASHLEY SWEARENGIN WERE ABSENT.

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2. Public Comments

This time is made available to receive comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the Agenda. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited from taking any action on matters that are not on the Agenda. Members of the public are limited to three minutes to speak during Public Comments as well as for each item on the agenda. In order to accurately record the minutes, members of the public are asked to speak only from the podium. Before beginning comments, please state for the record your name and affiliation, if any.

HELD; NONE OFFERED.

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3. Consent Agenda

These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar.

THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION. CHAIRMAN ROMAN MOVED FOR APPROVAL. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE, THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. MEMBERS KENT STRATFORD AND ASHLEY SWEARENGIN WERE ABSENT.

- a. Review and approve minutes of June 29, 2016
- b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$47,688.54 for June, July and August 2016
- c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for the quarter ended June; July and August; and quarter ended September 2016

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4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report

RECEIVED; ZOO DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ON THE BIRTH OF A LION CUB AND A NEW IN-HOUSE PROJECT, THE WALK-THROUGH KANGAROO EXHIBIT; ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 2015 TO OCTOBER 2016 THAT EXCEEDED ONE MILLION VISITORS; AND ANNUAL 2016 ATTENDANCE THAT IS ANTICIPATED TO BE ABOUT 950,000.

HE ALSO REPORTED ON SEVERAL PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE DESIGN PHASE, INCLUDING A NEW WARTHOG EXHIBIT; ASIA AREA FOR MALAYAN TIGERS AND SLOTH BEAR; ANIMAL COMMISSARY, EDUCATION ANIMAL BUILDING, AND A SMALL PROJECT FOR LOCAL ANIMAL CONSERVATION. A WORKSHOP WAS HELD RECENTLY FOR THE DESIGN OF THE AFRICA RIVER EXHIBIT THAT WILL INCLUDE HIPPOS, CROCODILES AND OTHER ANIMALS. THE DESIGN OF THE WATER PLAY AREA IS COMPLETE AND GOING TO BID. THE NEXT PHASE OF UTILITIES WORK WILL INCLUDE THE STORM WATER DRAIN-A SHARED COST WITH THE CITY OF FRESNO. HE ALSO MENTIONED CURRENT EXHIBITS AND FUTURE PROJECTS THAT WILL USE RE-CIRCULATED WATER, RECLAIMED CITY WASTEWATER AND SOLAR POWER, AS WELL AS EFFICIENT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS, DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING, AN OTHER WAYS OF SAVING WATER.

HE EXPECTS TO UPDATE THE AUTHORITY AT A FUTURE MEETING ON PROJECT PLANS, AS WELL AS A MASTER PLAN FOR THE OLDER PARTS OF THE ZOO.

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5. Receive Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Chief Financial Officer's reports for June, July, August and September 2016

RECEIVED; FINANCE DIRECTOR BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED A RECORD 1,020,716 VISITORS BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE WAS 43% HIGHER THAN 2015, AND SELF-GENERATED REVENUE TO DATE EXCEEDED BUDGETED ESTIMATES BY \$1.4M.

IN RESPONSE TO MEMBER QUESTIONS, MR. GOLDMAN STATED THAT THE 2017 BUDGET IS BEING DRAFTED WITH THE GOAL OF MEASURE Z FUNDS AS SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF THE ZOO'S REVENUE. MR. BARTON TALKED ABOUT THE 15-18 ANIMAL CONSERVATION PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE ZOO AROUND THE WORLD, AND LOCAL SPECIES PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SIMPLE BUILDING WITH VISITOR VIEWING FOR WESTERN POND TURTLES, CALIFORNIA TIGER SALAMANDERS AND GIANT GARTER SNAKES. CONSERVATION EFFORTS WILL BE ABOUT 1.5% OF THE 2017 BUDGET, AND INCLUDE FUNDING FROM THE BIRD SHOW.

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6. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo's request for FY 2016 Measure Z capital funds totaling \$85,250 for architectural consulting services for the new Warthog exhibit
MR. GOLDMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE EXHIBIT WAS PART OF THE CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR AFRICAN ADVENTURE, BUT THE PLANS REQUIRE MORE WORK, AND THAT A REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION FUNDS WOULD BE MADE LATER. IN RESPONSE TO MEMBER QUESTIONS MR. GOLDMAN AND BARTON STATED THAT CONSTRUCTION COSTS WOULD BE \$500,000 TO \$1M, AND THE EXHIBIT WAS TO BE LOCATED BETWEEN THE LION VIEWING AREA AND BELMONT AVENUE. MEMBER LYLES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG, THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. MEMBERS KENT STRATFORD AND ASHLEY SWEARENGIN WERE ABSENT.

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7. Discuss African Adventure project retention funds
MEMBER TOSTE ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ZOO CORP AND HARRIS. ZOO CORP BOARD CHAIRMAN JOHN VALENTINO RESPONDED THAT OUTSTANDING ISSUES NEED TO BE RESOLVED AND A MEETING IS CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR EARLY DECEMBER. CLARIFYING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN, OR SCHEDULING DISCUSSIONS.

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8. Receive first draft of Fiscal Year 2015-16 annual report and provide direction to staff
RECEIVED; BOARD COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY INTRODUCED THE ITEM. TREASURER MEGAN MARKS REPORTED THAT THE AUDIT WAS ALMOST COMPLETE. STAFF RECEIVED DIRECTION TO PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE THE SAME NUMBER OF COPIES AS LAST YEAR.

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9. Receive staff reports
RECEIVED; MS.,CROSBY REPORTED ON THE OPPORTUNITY FOR E-DISCLOSURE TRAINING, AND STATISTICS ON THE AUTHORITY'S NEW WEB SITE. SHE ALSO MENTIONED THE NEED TO CONSIDER RELOCATING THE BOARD'S MEETING LOCATION WHEN THE FRESNO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT OFFICES VACATE THE BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THE FUTURE HIGH SPEED RAIL STATION. DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATING WITH THE OFFICES. DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE OF OUTGOING TREASURER JEFFREY BLANKS WITH A CERTIFICATE OR PLAQUE. MS. CROSBY ALSO EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE COORDINATOR'S HOURLY RATE (ITEM 3.B).

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10. Confirm next meeting date(s). Adopted dates include:
Wednesday, November 30, 2016
Wednesday, December 28, 2016
AFTER DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, BYLAWS REQUIREMENTS TO MEET, AND OPTIONS OTHER THAN NOVEMBER 30TH AND DECEMBER 28TH, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER HERZOG TO CANCEL THOSE DATES AND MEET ON DECEMBER 14, 2016. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE, THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. MEMBERS KENT STRATFORD AND ASHLEY SWEARENGIN WERE ABSENT.

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11. Chair's comments

CHAIRMAN ROMAN THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING TODAY.

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12. Board Member comments

MEMBER TOSTE THANKED JEFFREY BLANKS FOR HIS YEARS SERVICE, AND COMPLEMENTED HIM ON HIS CONSERVATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE AUTHORITY. MEMBER HERZOG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONSISTENT TIMELINESS WITH THE AUTHORITY'S NEEDS, PARTICULARLY CONSIDERING THE OTHER DEMANDS ON HIS TIME.

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13. Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:13 AM.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Catherine Crosby, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-4305, email zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us, or visit www.zooauthority.org. Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation needed in order to participate in the meeting must be made to the Zoo Authority Coordinator no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day prior to the meeting.