



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING

9:00 am, Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

1111 H Street, Fresno, CA 93721

(559) 457-0681

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chairman Paul Clark

CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:09 AM. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS OLIVER BAINS, PAUL CLARK, JOHN GRAY, KENT STRATFORD, PAUL TOSTE AND RALPH WATERHOUSE WERE PRESENT. MEMBER GERALD LYLES WAS ABSENT.

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. Time will be made available for comments from the public 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; RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN JOAN LE ROUX.

MEMBER GERALD LYLES ARRIVED AT 9:11 AM.

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 Consent Calendar.

- A. Review and approve minutes of January 25, 2012
- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$26,418.84 for January and February 2012

C. Approve Treasurer's Reports for January and February 2012

APPROVED; RW/JG – VOTE: 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED.

4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report

RECEIVED- DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED THAT ATTENDANCE WAS UP 15% FROM 2010 TO 2011, AND YEAR-TO-DATE FIGURES SHOW A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER 2011.

MR. BARTON REPORTED THAT SEA LION COVE IS NOW OVER 60% CONSTRUCTED, ON BUDGET, AND ON SCHEDULE TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 2012.

THE AFRICA EXHIBIT IS IN THE INITIAL DESIGN PHASE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PLAN. THE DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONSTRUCTION START IN THIS APRIL AND HAVE THE OPENING OCTOBER 2014.

ZOO CORPORATION ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL JOHN KINSEY REPORTED THAT A MOTION HAS BEEN FILED TO DISMISS THE LAW SUIT CHALLENGING THE EXPANSION INTO THE PARK, AND IT IS CURRENTLY PENDING. THE COURT HAS RECENTLY ISSUED AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AS TO WHY THE ENTIRE ACTION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED. DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE WITH THE STATE AND PLANS FOR THE DESIGN WILL ALLOW PROGRESS.

PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX AND ATTORNEY RICHARD HARRIMAN.

5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Treasurer's report for the month of January 2012

RECEIVED- FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE BRIAN GOLDMAN PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS, AND HIGHLIGHTED THE EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AND SELF-GENERATED REVENUE FIGURES THAT ARE WELL AHEAD OF PROJECTIONS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MR. HARRIMAN.

6. Approve revisions to Fresno County Zoo Authority *Procedures for Review and Approval of Measure Z Funds*

AFTER DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS AND STAFF, PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MR. HARRIMAN, MS. LE ROUX AND ZOO COUNSEL DOUG. LARSON.

APPROVED; WITH THE DELETION OF THE WORDS "BUT NOT CONCURRENTLY" ON PAGE 16, THIRD PARAGRAPH OF 9). PT/GL; - VOTE: 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

7. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request of 2012 Measure Z Operating funds totaling \$125,000 for a Digital X-Ray system.

APPROVED; RW/PT – VOTE: 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

8. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request of 2012 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$60,000 for improvements around the Giraffe Feeding Station.

APPROVED; JG/RW – VOTE 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

9. Approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo request of 2012 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$4,081,091 for Africa design fees.

APPROVED; RW/JG – VOTE: 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED. MEMBER GERALD LYLES RECUSED HIMSELF FROM VOTING ON THE ITEM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM MS. LE ROUX, ZOO DOCENT JACK TOLLIDAY, MR. HARRIMAN, CITIZENS JEAN CHAFFEE AND LISA FLORES, AND ZOO CORPORATION CHAIRMAN COLIN DOUGHERTY.

10. Receive staff reports

RECEIVED- GERALD LYLES RETURNED TO THE DAIS AT 10:24 AM. KENT STRATFORD LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:26 AM.

PROCESS

ZOO AUTHORITY TREASURER JEFF BLANKS REPORTED ON THE COUNTY'S RFP PROCESS FOR A NEW EXTERNAL AUDITOR. FOLLOWING THE COUNTY'S SELECTION OF AND CONTRACT WITH A VENDOR, THE ZOO AUTHORITY BOARD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER PIGGYBACK ON THE COUNTY CONTRACT OR CHOOSE ANOTHER OUTSIDE AUDITOR.

MR. BLANKS ALSO REPORTED ON THE AUTHORITY'S BUDGET PROCESS FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY REQUESTED THAT THE ZOO AUTHORITY BOARD CONSIDER ADOPTING A FIXED MEETING SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC MONTHS. DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO PLACE THE PROPOSED ACTION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

11. Set next meeting date. Available dates include: Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Wednesday, May 30, 2012
Wednesday, June 27, 2012

APPROVED HOLDING THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012. PC/JG, KS ABSENT – VOTE: 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED

12. Chair's comments

HELD. CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK THANKED ZOO AUTHORITY STAFF, AND COMMENDED ZOO CORPORATION STAFF FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON SEA LION COVE. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CIVIL CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS, IN SPITE OF DISAGREEMENTS.

13. Board Member comments

MEMBER GERALD LYLES REMINDED THOSE PRESENT THAT ZOO PROJECTS ARE FUNDED BY, AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF, RESIDENTS COUNTY-WIDE AND NOT JUST THE RESIDENTS WITHIN FRESNO CITY LIMITS, AS HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE PUBLIC.

14. Adjournment

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:41 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.