



General Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building
July 14, 2011 5:36pm

Table with 4 columns: Board Members Present, Board Members Absent, Public Present, Staff Present. Lists names of attendees and absentees.

Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Discuss and consider minutes: Director Templeton made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Director Valentino seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Director Dougherty stated CEO Barton would not be attending tonight's meeting and he will give CEO Barton's report. Director Dougherty stated the City of Fresno was meeting with the Planning Commission to seek approval for the conditional use permit for the Roeding Park, Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Storyland/Playland Master Facilities Plan on July 20, 2011. Director Dougherty stated CEO Barton will be meeting with the Zoo Tax Authority on July 27, 2011 to seek approval for the funding for Sea Lion Cove, to start the conceptual design for Africa and to begin upgrading the utilities at the zoo. Director Dougherty called for a motion to approve the funding request for the Africa conceptual design. Director Rainwater so moved. Director Valentino seconded. Call for discussion. Director Valentino stated that Portico was approved to design Sea Lion Cove and Africa. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Director Dougherty called for a motion to approve funding for the utilities up grades that would include storm water, communications, water, sewer and electrical. Director Valentino so moved. Director Fischer seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Director Dougherty stated zoo attendance was up 8% ahead of 2010. Director Dougherty stated the zoo staff will be meeting regarding the design of a Children's Adventure Play Area. Director Dougherty reviewed the financial report with the board.

Zoo Staff: Director of Animal Care, Andy Snider stated there are lots of zoo babies that include 2 baby red-ruffed lemurs and a baby anteater. Mr. Snider stated he will prepare a presentation on his trip to Armenia for a future meeting. Director of Education, Adrienne Castro stated Zoo Camp is doing very well. Ms. Castro stated that a grant from the Metropolitan Flood District has enabled the education department to start a teen program that is also doing very well.

Committee Reports: Director Templeton stated the Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review the first half of the year finances. Director Templeton stated per the direction of the board he has reviewed the property documents for the land being considered for the storm water basin, the property is located at 841 W. Belmont Avenue. Director Templeton asked that Directors Fischer and Levy be designated to negotiate with the property owner. All agreed. Director Templeton stated the property will be discussed in closed session.

Closed Session: The closed session was entered into at 6:00 pm – open session reconvened at 6:43 pm. No further announcement made.



**Public Comment.** This time is set-aside for the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to insure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. **Please state your name and address for the record:** Jean Chaffee asked the Board if they anticipated any opposition to the approval of the conditional use permit. Director Dougherty stated he was not sure but encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

**Board questions and comments:** Director Nelson asked since Mr. Harriman has threatened to sue could that delay the plans for construction. Director Dougherty asked Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation general counsel Mr. Doug Larsen who was present at the meeting to answer. Mr. Larsen stated any opponent has 30 days to file a complaint. Mr. Larsen stated the content of the complaint would determine any action thereafter. Director Nelson inquired about the new male tapir. Mr. Snider stated a new male tapir has come from the Bronx Zoo and is in quarantine. Director Templeton inquired about an event scheduled at the zoo called Tweetup. Mr. Snider stated that it is a popular event for folks who use Twitter. Director Templeton also inquired about DinoNite. Ms. Castro stated this is a partnership event with KVPT Channel 18 highlighting their program Dino Train the event will be held at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Dino Dig. Director Templeton gave kudos to Ms. Castro for the great job the Education Department has done with increasing their revenue which is reflecting a positive balance in the financial report.

**Adjournment:** Director Dougherty called for a motion to adjourn. Director Templeton so moved Director Fischer seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Adjournment at 6:44pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:** Lisa Condoian, Assistant Board Secretary  
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation