## FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION

## Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2007

Present	Absent	Staff	Public Comment
Sharon Levy (6:15pm)		Lewis Greene	
Colin Dougherty		Brian Goldman	
Tom Templeton		Patty Peters	
George Nokes		Ken Boriack	
Sheri Manning-Cartwright			
Shari Rainwater			
John Valentino			
Bruce Campbell			
Sieg Fischer (6:00pm)			

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Discuss and consider minutes:** Director Valentino called for any discussion regarding the December Board minutes. Director Templeton made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Director Rainwater seconded the motion. None were opposed. The motion was carried.

**Chair Report:** Director Rainwater welcomed Bruce Campbell to the Board. Director Rainwater stated her term as chair was ending, and the Board needed to elect a slate of new officers. Director Manning-Cartwright thanked and congratulated Director Rainwater for her outstanding service to the Board.

**CEO Report:** CEO Greene mentioned the AZA accreditation process is moving along. The inspection is expected to take one day and is scheduled to occur at the end of January. Staff members Goldman, Peters, Snider, and Castro are scheduled the visit the Stingray exhibit currently on display at the Phoenix Zoo, to access and later make recommendation s to enhance the exhibit's success when it comes to Fresno... CEO Greene stated he will be attending the Directors' Retreat and will report on it at the next Board meeting. CEO Greene also reminded Board of the upcoming Master planning workshop and encouraged Board Members to attend if possible.

CEO Greene introduced the zoo's newest staff member Ken Boriack, the Director of Facilities.

**Zoo Financial Statement:** Director of Finance and Administration, Brian Goldman, gave the zoo financial statement Through November, 2006... Dir. F&A Goldman will be providing a more comprehensive income statement for the Board to review. Mr. Goldman stated there will be an internal Audit in February. Mr. Goldman will be updating and reporting on these items in future meetings.

**Report by Marketing and Development:** Director of Marketing, Patty Peters, mentioned she sent the Board members quarterly report for the final quarter of 2006.

**Report by Master Planning Review Committee:** Rick Biddle of Schultz and Williams gave a short overview of the Performance Assessment and Key findings. Mr. Biddle stated the Board and staff have progressed and accomplished a lot of work.

**Discuss and Consider Board Nominating Process:** Director Valentino gave the list of nominees for the vacant chair positions. They are: Director Valentino and Director Dougherty for Chair; Vice Chair is to be determined by outcome of the vote for Chair; Treasurer Manning-Cartwright; Secretary Nokes. Director Dougherty stated he would like to be Vice-Chair. Director Rainwater proposed the following slate of candidates: Director John Valentino Chair; Director Dougherty Vice-Chair; Director Manning-Cartwright Treasurer; and Director Nokes Secretary. Director Rainwater called for a motion to accept the slate of candidates. The motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

**Discuss and consider recommendation for vacant Board Positions:** Director Valentino, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, recommended Mr. Sieg Fischer for the vacant Board position. Director Valentino made a motion to elect Mr. Fischer; Director Templeton seconded the motion. The vote was made: 6 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention. Motion carried. Director Valentino welcomed incoming Director Fischer to the Board... Director Valentino reminded Board Members the Nominating Committee needs to establish a process to orient new Board members.

**Public Comment:** None was offered.

**Board Questions and Comments:** Director Templeton inquired about the date of the upcoming Zoo Tax Authority meeting. CEO Greene state the date was changed to January 17, 2007, because of a room scheduling conflict. Director Valentino asked if the scheduled Zoo Board of Directors meeting needs to be changed. Director Manning-Cartwright made a motion to move the meeting back to its original scheduled date of February 1, 2007. Director Rainwater seconded the motion. None were opposed. The motion was carried.

Director of Marketing and Development Patty Peters also reminded the Board that there will be a Donor Event of February 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the upcoming opening of Stingray Bay.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Condoian, Accounting Clerk, Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation.