



Fresno’s Chaffee Zoo Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 5:30 PM
 894 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728 – Zooplex

DIRECTOR	1/18/2024	3/14/2024	4/11/2024	6/13/2024	8/22/2024
Oliver Baines	X	X	X	X	
Arelis Garcia	X		X	X	X
Wilma Tom Hashimoto	X	X	X	X	X
Babatunde Ilori	X	X		X	X
Kyle Kirkland	X	X	X	X	X
Rion Morgenstern	X	X	X	X	X
Christina Musson-Rendon	X	X	X		X
Ross Parnagian	X	X		X	X
Emilia Reyes	X	X	X	X	X
Ethan Smith		X		X	X
Julie Vance	X	X	X		X

Advisors Present

Mr. Doug Larsen – Legal Counsel from Fishman, Larsen, Callister
 Ms. Carlene Tinker – FCZC Docent President

Zoo Staff Present

Mr. Jon Forrest Dohlin – Chief Executive Officer
 Ms. Nora Crow – Chief Financial Officer
 Mr. Steven Gonzales-Warkentin – Chief of Staff
 Ms. Lyn Myers – Chief Operations Officer
 Ms. Nicole Presley – General Curator
 Mr. Terry Skoda – Chief Advancement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM. Mr. Gonzales-Warkentin called the roll and established a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the public wished to provide comments for the Board. Hearing none, he proceeded with the agenda.

3. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Kirkland asked if any member of the Board had proposed additions to the published agenda. No board member offered additional items for inclusion and consideration by the Board.



4. Approve Additional Project Funding for the Valley Farm Project Totaling \$42,948.70

Mr. Dohlin stated that because of the delays and costs the Zoo faced with the original contractor for the Valley Farm barn, the project was behind schedule and left with a depleted contingency. He stated that the Zoo was trying to recoup some of the costs of the project from the original contractor but would like to move forward to complete the build. Items included new fencing for the orchard, additional shade and concrete, new fencing for the orchard, additional shade and concrete, and bird prevention netting. Mr. Dohlin stated that the total funds requested from the general fund are \$42,948.70. After discussion, Ms. Hashimoto moved to approve added funding for the Valley Farm project and Mr. Parnagian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve Funding for the Design of the Maintenance Facility Totaling \$930,438.83

Mr. Kirkland reminded the Board that the Maintenance Facility was presented for approval at the August Board meeting but tabled to give the management time to further review the costs for presentation to the Board. Mr. Dohlin stated that the proposed cost of the project was reduced due to the removal of the shipping and receiving building included in the original proposal. Mr. Parnagian said that he and Mr. Smith reviewed the revised proposal and felt the cost was justifiable. After discussion, Mr. Morgenstern made a motion to approve the Zoo's request to ask the Zoo Authority Board for \$930,438.83 to fund the design of the Maintenance Facility, and Ms. Garcias seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approve Recommended Changes to FCZC's Conflict of Interest Code

Mr. Larsen stated that the Zoo is required by the County to review its conflict-of-interest code every two years. Mr. Larsen stated that since the last review of the code, new positions have been created at the Zoo which should be included under the designated positions and disclosure categories section. After discussion, Mr. Smith made a recommendation to approve the changes to the Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Conflict of Interest Code, and Mr. Baines seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Final Comments

Mr. Kirkland asked if there were any final comments or business. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.