

Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2021 5:30 PM
894 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

Directors Present

- Mr. Oliver Baines
- Dr. Ed Gonzalez, Vice Chair
- Ms. Wilma Tom Hashimoto
- Mr. Babatunde Ilori
- Mr. Kyle Kirkland, Chair
- Mr. Rion Morgenstern, Treasurer
- Mr. Ross Parnagian
- Ms. Emilia Reyes
- Ms. Julie Vance, Secretary

Advisors Present

- Mr. Jon Forrest Dohlin, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Doug Larsen, Fishman, Larsen & Callister
- Ms. Patty McLane, Docent President

Zoo Staff Present

- Ms. Nora Crow, Interim Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Steven Gonzales-Warkentin, Executive Assistant
- Ms. Lyn Myers, General Curator
- Mr. Jesse Santiago, Construction Project Manager
- Mr. Dean Watanabe, Chief Conservation Education Officer

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order in the Jungle Bungalow at 5:47 PM.

Item 01 Roll Call

Mr. Gonzales-Warkentin called the roll and established that a quorum was present. The Board then proceeded with business.

Item 02 Public Comment

Mr. Kirkland asked if any members of the public wished to comment. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Dohlin to proceed with the balance of the agenda.

Item 03 Review and approve change to Zoo's Authorized Signatories

Mr. Dohlin stated that Mr. Amos Morris will be leaving the Zoo to become the Director of the Milwaukee County Zoo. He advised that with Mr. Morris' departure, the Zoo needed to update its authorized signatories and asked to add Ms. Crow to the list of approved signers. With no objection, Mr. Baines

made a motion to remove Amos Morris and add Nora Crow to the approved signatories for the Zoo. Ms. Hashimoto seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Item 04 Review and approve Construction Capital Change Orders

Next, Mr. Dohlin reviewed pending construction change order requests starting with the Ambassador Building. He stated that the building was nearing completion but for converting classroom space that housed the animals back into classrooms. Mr. Dohlin stated that the Zoo was requesting \$24,487.28 for contingency items including access control changes and installation of galvanized sheet metal. After discussion, Mr. Parnagian made a motion to approve the proposed change orders for the Ambassador Building, and Ms. Vance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dohlin then reviewed the change order requests for Kingdoms of Asia Items included revisions to exhaust fans, an expansion tank and by-pass feeder, combo waste and vent revisions in the education basement and other related items totaling \$81,995. He noted that some items resulted from errors and omissions common on a job of this size and had initiated discussions with the design team which may result in refunds. After discussion, Dr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Kingdoms of Asia change orders and Mr. Morgenstern seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finally, Mr. Dohlin reviewed the change order requests for the Zooplex Building totaling \$14,225.80, including a change to the fire main. After discussion, Mr. Ilori made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Parnagian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 05 Review and approve design proposal for Greater One Horned Rhino Exhibit

Mr. Dohlin explained to the Board that the Greater One Horned Rhino exhibit was initially excluded from the Kingdoms of Asia project scope but suggested including the exhibit for upgrade given its proximity to the new exhibit, the age of the facility and inconsistency with the Zoo's current animal care standards. He added that the team desired to renovate the space from a single animal to a multi-species exhibit. Mr. Dohlin stated that at the present time, the team was requesting design fees of \$248,347 and that upgrades to the exhibit would include new landscaping, regrading and removal of the metal feeding structures.

After further discussion, Ms. Vance made a motion to approve that the team request funds from the Zoo Authority totaling \$248,347 for the design of a multi-species exhibit to replace the current Greater One Horned Rhino exhibit and Mr. Parnagian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 06 Review and approve request for funding to engage FM3

Mr. Dohlin stated that the Zoo was requesting Board designated funds to engage a polling firm to conduct surveys of the public prior to considering early renewal of Measure Z in 2022. He noted that the Zoo can conduct this background assessment work prior to any official election effort. Mr. Dohlin said he had solicited proposals for the work and believed one firm had more experience than the others. Ms. Reyes asked Mr. Dohlin to confirm work in the preferred firm's pitchbook prior to engaging the firm.

After further discussion Mr. Morgenstern made a motion to approve the use of Board designated funds not to exceed \$63,000 to engage a polling and survey firm, and Ms. Reyes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 07 Tour of Ambassador Animal Complex

The Board then toured the new Ambassador Animal Complex which is near completion. After the tour, Mr. Kirkland adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.