



FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION
General Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building
February 07, 2008 5:35pm

Present	Absent	Public	Staff
Bruce Campbell		<u>Dirk Poeschel</u>	Lewis Greene
Colin Dougherty		DP Land Development	
Sieg Fischer (6:15pm)		<u>CA Sharp</u>	
Sharon Levy		Public	
Sheri Manning-Cartwright			
George Nokes			
Shari Rainwater			
Tom Templeton			
John Valentino			

Discuss and consider minutes: Director Templeton made a motion to accept the minutes from January 10, 2008 and January 13, 2008 as amended. Director Rainwater seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Report by Dirk Poeschel: Dirk Poeschel of Dirk Poeschel Land Development Services, Inc. gave a report on the progress of the Environmental Impact Report. Director Dougherty asked if the deadline set for Environmental Impact Report is still feasible. Mr. Poeschel stated that all involved were committed to complete the Environmental Impact Report by the deadline. Director Levy stated a concern regarding a request made by a City of Fresno staff member that a study of the historical buildings and plantings be added to the Environmental Impact Report. Mr. Poeschel stated that since the staff member from the City of Fresno is perceived as an expert and has expressed that a study of the historical buildings and plantings should be added to the Environmental Impact Report, it is in the best interest of the Zoo to do so.

Chair Report: Director Valentino requested in the interest of time that the board respond with any agenda items by the Monday prior to the regular general meeting. Director Valentino stated that Bonnie Koeppel, retired architect has been used as a consultant and will be available at an hourly rate when her services are required. January zoo attendance was down slightly from last year but exceeded budget by over 1,000 visitors.

CEO Report: CEO/Director Greene gave an overview of recent and ongoing zoo projects. CEO Greene stated that several staff members are attending the AZA Professional School in Wheeling, Virginia. CEO Greene stated the staff did a wonderful job on the renovation of the old "Sun Bear" exhibit which now houses the Binturongs. The Addax conservation project is going well. Our zoo, as well as others, is involved in releasing Addax back to the wild in Tunisia. Mr. Greene attended the Director's Retreat in Galveston, Texas.

Report by Director of Finance and Administration: CEO Greene reporting for Brian Goldman, Director of Finance and Administration stated that the financial report will be emailed. The Audit will start on February 18th, 2008.

Discuss and consider Board Assistant Secretary: Director Nokes stated the bylaws stipulate the Board may appoint an Assistant Secretary as needed. Director Nokes made a motion to appoint Lisa Condoian as the Assistant Secretary to the Board Secretary. Director Rainwater seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider Bylaws: Director Nokes gave an overview of how the Bylaws Review Committee reviewed the bylaws. Director Nokes reviewed the changes with the Board. Director Levy expressed concern regarding the prospective new board member interview process. Director Dougherty stated that the Nominating Committee is working on the interviewing process. Director Levy stated she believes that the entire board should be involved in the interview process. Director Rainwater made a motion to accept the bylaws changes as reviewed. Director Templeton seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider Tom Templeton for Board position: Director Dougherty stated the Nominating Committee has chosen Tom Templeton for one of the open Board positions. Director Rainwater made a motion to accept Tom Templeton for one of the open Board positions. Director Nokes seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider Board position terms: Director Dougherty stated that Directors Campbell, Rainwater and Nokes need to renew their terms as prescribed in the bylaws. Director Manning-Cartwright made a motion to renew their terms as directed in the bylaws. Director Templeton seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider new Board positions: Director Dougherty stated that there are several individuals are being considered by the Nominating Committee. Director Valentino stated that two individuals have been contacted and interviews will be arranged. Director Dougherty made a motion to select one of the two individuals named for the one of the remaining open board positions. Director Levy seconded. Directors Dougherty, Levy for the motion. Directors Campbell, Templeton, Fischer, Manning-Cartwright, Rainwater, Nokes and Valentino against the motion. Motion defeated. Director Rainwater made a motion to proceed with the one person and then consult with Tom Jones on how to orient the new board members. Director Dougherty seconded. Directors Rainwater, Levy and Dougherty for the motion. Directors Campbell, Manning-Cartwright, Fischer, Templeton, Nokes and Dougherty against the motion. Motion defeated. Director Manning-Cartwright made a motion to interview both persons considered for the two open Board positions. Director Dougherty seconded. Directors Manning-Cartwright, Templeton, Dougherty, Nokes, Campbell and Fischer for the motion. Directors Levy and Rainwater opposed. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider hiring design and construction professionals: Director Valentino stated that the process of selecting design and construction professionals should run parallel to the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report. Director Valentino stated that a project engineer should be chosen and a committee should be formed for evaluating these professionals now. Director Dougherty made a motion to move forward with all paths possible for architecture and construction. Director Nokes seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

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: CA Sharp asked who would be paying for the new road. CEO Greene stated that the City of Fresno would share in the cost.

Board questions and comments: Director Campbell stated that a long standing Docent, Barbara Moore, had passed away. Director Dougherty asked if the Board could send a card to Ms. Moore's family. A card will be sent by the Board Assistant Secretary. Director Campbell stated that Docent organization volunteered 16,300 hours in 2007. Director Dougherty made a motion to send the Docent organization a congratulatory letter for their efforts. Director Levy seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Closed Session entered in at 9:00pm. Closed session ended at 9:20pm.

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