

FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION
General Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building
December 11, 2008 5:30pm

Present

Bruce Campbell
 Colin Dougherty
 Sharon Levy
 Sheri Manning-Cartwright
 George Nokes
 Shari Rainwater
 Tom Richards
 Tom Templeton
 John Valentino

Absent

Sieg Fischer
 Cruz Ramos

Public

Dr. John Gray, DVM
 John Fletcher

Staff

Lewis Greene
 Patty Peters
 Brian Goldman
 Andy Snider

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

Report by Dirk Poeschel: Mr. Poeschel gave the board an overview of the ongoing progress of the Environmental Impact Report.

Chair Report: Director Valentino stated he, Director Dougherty, CEO Greene and Dr. Tom Jones of Worx, Inc. met to discuss how to move forward with board workshops.

CEO Report: CEO Greene stated at the end of November the attendance exceeded 420,000 visitors. CEO Greene stated the budget was approved at the November 20, 2008 Zoo Authority board meeting. CEO Greene appeared on Alan Autry's radio program December 2nd to recognize the Zoo receiving the Mayor's Recycling Award. CEO Greene announced Mayor-elect Ashley Swearingen will represent the Fresno City Council on the Zoo Authority board. CEO Greene stated the architect review committee met to review proposals for the new animal exhibits.

Report by Director of Finance and Administration: Mr. Goldman reviewed the financial statement with the board. Mr. Goldman stated the Finance committee met to discuss all bank proposals.

Discuss and consider board member renewals: Director Dougherty stated both he and Director Manning-Cartwright were up for renewal. Director Dougherty and Director Manning-Cartwright stated they would both like to continue on the board. Director Dougherty made a motion for board approval. Directors Richards and Rainwater seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. 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: Mr. John Fletcher a member of the community, stated the residents and community close to the zoo should have become more involved with Measure "Z" process. Mr. Fletcher further stated his concern over losing park acres and green space. Director Rainwater stated the Fresno community voted 73% in favor of Measure "Z". Director Valentino added this community stands to benefit from the investment of millions of dollars of improvements to Roeding Park and the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. CEO Greene stated the Roeding Park is 148 acres and the zoo will occupy only 39 acres or 26 % of the park. Director Manning-Cartwright stated in the process of removing potential hazards as the zoo is built out landscaping and greenery will be added back into otherwise dead areas. Dr. John Gray, DVM, asked if the board would put the zoo master plan on the website. Director Richards agreed the zoo master plan should be added to the website.

Board questions and comments: None offered.

Closed Session

Adjournment: at 7:30pm

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