

**FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION  
 General Meeting of the Board of Directors  
 Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building  
 July 9, 2009 5:30pm**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Colin Dougherty	Sieg Fischer		Scott Barton
Sheri Manning-Cartwright	Sharon Levy		Adrienne Castro
George Nokes	Marie Slater		Brian Goldman
Tom Richards	Shari Rainwater		Terri Mejorado
Tom Templeton			
John Valentino			

**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.

**Dirk Poeschel Report:** Mr. Dirk Poeschel reported on the progress of the environmental impact report. Mr. Poeschel reported there have been very productive meetings with the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Board and the Fresno City Manager's office. Mr. Poeschel gave an overview of the document process and how the plan will proceed. Director Dougherty on behalf of the board thanked Mr. Poeschel for all his great work on this project. Directors Manning-Cartwright and Nokes also expressed their gratitude.

**Chair Report:** Director Dougherty called the meeting to order and asked the board, staff and audience to convene outside for the official dedication of the new zoomobile which was sponsored by Valley Yellowpages and the Fresno Rotary. Mrs. Doris Fischer from Valley Yellowpages stood in for her husband Director Fischer who was unable to attend. Mr. Richard Herrinton and Mr. Joe Thompson represented Rotary. Director Dougherty thanked the staff for the "Renew the Zoo" event held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Director Dougherty stated Terri Mejorado, Interim Director of Marketing and Development, and her staff have been very busy. Ms. Mejorado stated there would be a FAX bus with a Fresno Chaffee Zoo theme coming soon. Director Dougherty called on Director of Education Adrienne Castro to talk about camp. Ms. Castro stated the zoo campers would be giving an animal presentation and everyone is very excited.

**CEO Report:** CEO Barton explained to the board and the public in attendance the "Renew the Zoo" event was a thank you to all those who have supported the zoo through the Measure "Z" campaign and who continue to support the zoo through the renewal process. CEO Barton stated the staff will be starting the process of reviewing proposals and having workshops for creating the new exhibits. CEO Barton explained that a formal announcement of the companies chosen would be made after all contracts have been signed. CEO Barton asked if the board would consider moving the November 12<sup>th</sup> general board meeting to November 19<sup>th</sup> to accommodate staff schedules. Director Templeton made a motion to accept the request. Director Dougherty called for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Report by Director of Finance and Administration:** Mr. Goldman reviewed the financial statements with the board. Mr. Goldman stated the Finance Committee would be meeting soon.

**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:** Adrienne Castro, Director of Education, thanked Director Nokes for assisting in obtaining a \$2,000 donation for camp scholarships.

**Board questions and comments:** Director Richards thanked Ms. Mejorado for the seamless transition as Interim Director of the Marketing and Development department. Director Richards stated Ms. Mejorado is doing a terrific job. Director Nokes stated he was very pleased to see the exciting events Ms. Mejorado's department is planning, but has concerns about parking during these events. Ms. Mejorado stated that parking has been an issue and visitors have usually utilized parking across from the zoo. CEO Barton stated parking would be looked at closely as we move forward with our zoo projects. Director John Valentino stated the Landscape Committee: Directors Valentino and Levy and CEO Barton toured the zoo to survey the landscaping needs of the zoo. Director Valentino stated during this survey it was discussed expanding the horticulturalist position to accommodate the purpose of building a more botanical style landscape for the zoo. CEO Barton stated the horticulturalist position would play a large part in beautifying the entrance, enhancing the diversity of the zoo plant collection and assisting in planning great exhibits. The consensus of the board agreed with this suggestion. Director Templeton thanked CEO Barton for his quick response to the board's request for a master plan timeline. Director Templeton stated it would benefit the zoo to give presentations in as many of the incorporated cities in Fresno County as possible. Director Nokes thanked Dr. Wright, Interim Zoo Veterinarian, for the great tour of the zoo hospital during the "Renew the Zoo" event.

**Adjourned:** 6:35 pm

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