MINUTES
BOARD OF ZOO COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
VIRTUAL MEETING*
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 – 10:00 AM

* IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020)
AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THIS BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ENTIRELY
TELEPHONICALLY VIA ZOOM.

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Karen Winnick
Bernardo Silva
Christopher Hopkins

Commission President Winnick called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Commission President Winnick moved to approve the minutes of the past two meetings.
Commissioner Hopkins so moved, Vice President Silva seconded. The motion passed by
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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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AGENDA ITEM 4
FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO
ASSEMBLY BILL 361 / GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)(3)
President Winnick asked for a motion to approve findings that virtual meetings are still necessary. Vice President Silva so moved, Commissioner Hopkins seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM 5
PRESENTATION – Guidelines to Facilitate Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations
Director of Conservation, Dr. Jake Owens, discussed a paper he and his colleagues published in February regarding Guidelines to Facilitate Human-Wildlife Interactions in Conservation Translocations. This group was formed from IUCN members 2018 to become Conservation Translocation Specialist. Topics from the presentation and discussion included:

- Positive and negative impacts of human-wildlife interactions
- Guidelines for conservation translocation required input from experts in multidisciplinary knowledge
- Five stages to the guidelines: Planning, Initiation, Implementation, End Stage, and Post End Stage
- Trust between interested stakeholders and locals must be built
- Appropriate education and awareness programs
- Understand the role accredited zoos and aquariums play
- Must be enough funding and resources to sustain the program from planning to post end stage

Dr. Owens noted that the paper is public and will share it with the Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEM 6
GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS
A. Animal Updates
Beth Schaefer, General Curator, provided the following transaction updates:

- Outgoing female pronghorn to San Diego Zoo Safari Park
- Eight California condor chicks are with parents and doing well
- Four Bali myna birds outgoing to Tracy Aviary in Utah
- Male harbor seal pup born
- Male Masai giraffe born

B. GLAZA Update
GLAZA President Tom Jacobson gave the following update:

- Achieved 158% of total restricted fundraising goal for the year
- Membership is up to almost 43,000 households
- Attendance and revenue continue to do well above projections
- All other sources of revenue two times ahead of projections
- Beastly Ball has received over $1,000,000 in commitments; The Ball will take place on June 4, 2022
C.  **Zoo Director Update**
Zoo Director Denise Verret provided the following updates:
- AZA held first in person conference in two years; the Mid-year conference was hosted by the Aquarium of the Pacific in April
- L.A. Zoo was site of a preconference tour that sold out; very positive feedback from colleagues
- L.A. Zoo hosted the Southern California Confiscation Network Workshop; this group is working with law enforcement and other agencies on comprehensive guidelines to assist in the confiscation of animals
- Director Verret discussed her trip to South Africa. The tour included stops in Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe. This was a life changing trip and reinforces the importance of the role zoos play in conservation

**AGENDA ITEM 7**
**OLD BUSINESS**
None

**AGENDA ITEM 8**
**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no more business to come before, President Winnick motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vice President Silva so moved, and Commissioner Hopkins seconded. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

**ATTEST:**

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PRESIDENT                                                              SECRETARY