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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019
12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, ROOM 416

1. Roll Call
COMMUNICATIONS

Note: Each item on the Consent or Regular agenda may include the following documents:

- a) Legislation
- b) Budget Analyst report
- c) Legislative Analyst report
- d) Recreation and Park Department cover letter and/or report
- e) Consultant report
- f) Public correspondence
- g) Report or correspondence from other Department or Agency

These items will be available for review at McLaren Lodge, 501 Stanyan St., Commission Room. If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Recreation and Park Commission after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials are available for public inspection at McLaren Lodge, Commission Room, 501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA during normal office hours. The documents for each item may be found on the website at: <http://sfrecpark.org/about/recreation-park-commission/>

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

2. President's Report (DISCUSSION ONLY)
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- a) Openings and Events
- b) Commission Administrative Matters
- c) Acknowledgements

3. General Manager's Report (DISCUSSION ONLY)
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- a) Financial Matters
- b) Capital Report
- c) Property Management
- d) Recreation Programs
- e) Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee Report
- f) Events
- g) Legislation

4. General Public Comment
UP TO 15 MINUTES

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda. With respect to agenda items, you will have opportunity to address the Commission when the item is

reached in the meeting.

5. Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

5.I. Minutes

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the September 2019 Commission meeting

6. General Calendar

6.I. San Francisco Zoo

Presentation and discussion only to update the Commission on operational and management issues at the San Francisco Zoo. (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Documents:

[ITEM-6-SF-ZOO-OCTOBER2019RECPARKREPORT.PDF](#)

7. Commissioners' Matters

This item is designed to allow Commissioners to raise issues they believe the Commission should address at future meetings. There will be no discussion of these items at this time.

8. New Business/Agenda Setting (DISCUSSION ONLY)

9. Communications (DISCUSSION ONLY)

10. Adjournment

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依據「美國殘疾人士法案」(American Disabilities Act)與「語言服務條例」(Language Access Ordinance)，傳譯員將根據請求予以提供美國手語、中文、西班牙文、菲律賓文或其他語言的傳譯服務。此外，亦將竭誠提供音效增強系統、其他形式的會議資料，和/或閱讀器。翻譯版本的會議記錄會在委員會通過後提供。所有的上述要求，請於會議前最少48小時致電415-831-2750聯絡委員會聯絡員，Ashley Summers。逾期提出的請求，若可能的話，亦會被考慮接納。聽證室設有輪椅通道。

Ayon sa American Disabilities Act at Language Access Ordinance may nakalaang mga tagapagsalin

sa American Sign Language, Intsik, Espanyol, Filipino at sa iba pang wika kapag ito'y ini-rekwest. Dagdag pa, pagsisikapan ang lahat upang mapahusay ang sistema para sa mas malinaw na marinig ang mga ito, mga materyales ng pagpupulong sa alternatibong pormat, at/o tagapagbasa. Ang katitikan (minutes) ng pulong ay maaaring maisalin kapag ito'y inaprubahan na ng Komisyon. Sa lahat ng mga ganitong rekwest, kontakin lamang po si Ashley Summers, Commission Liaison, sa 415-831-2750 sa panahong di bababa sa 48 oras bago magpulong. Hangga't maaari, ang mga rekwest na nahuli (late) ay pagbibigyan. Ang silid pulungan ay may access para sa mga naka-wheelchair.

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WRITTEN COMMENTS Persons attending the meeting and those unable to attend may submit written comments regarding the subject of the meeting. Such comments will be made part of the official public record and will be brought to the attention of the Commission. Written comments should be submitted to: Mark Buell, President Recreation and Park Commission McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park 501 Stanyan Street San Francisco, CA 94117-1898
recpark.commission@sfgov.org Fax Number: 415-831-2096



SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (“SFZS”) RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION REPORT

October 2019

- **ZOOtoberFest Is Here!**

October is a great time in the Bay Area, especially at SF Zoo & Gardens where we host ZOOtoberFest! With daily hay mazes and weekend concerts ZOOtoberFest is for the whole family!



- **SFZS Welcomes Back Stanford Students!**



SFZS’s mission is to “connect” people with wildlife, including college students! This year, we again hosted Stanford University students and their clinical class “*Life in the Zoo: Behavior, Welfare and Enrichment*”. The class is part of Stanford’s Sophomore College and co-taught by SFZS and Stanford staff. Students design and build animal enrichment devices to improve animal welfare. This is the 5th time the class has been offered and yet another example of how our Dianne Feinstein and Richard Blum Wellness Center serves as an important resource to the wider Bay

Area academic, educational, and animal-focused communities!

- **SFZS’ “Insect Zoo” Receives Praise for Damselfly Project**



SFZS was thrilled to show “odonate” experts Kathy and David Biggs our “Forktail Damselfly Project” located in our California Conservation Corridor. Kathy is the author of [Common Dragonflies of California: A Beginner’s Pocket Guide](#). In a note expressing her thanks to SFZS staff, Kathy wrote “Thanks so much for taking the time to show us around!! What you are doing is marvelous!!” SFZS is taking the lead in ensuring the survival of this beautiful and local damselfly by relocating the remaining

members of the species to more hospitable living environments in San Francisco!

- **A New Class of Turtles Has Arrived at the Zoo!**

As fall arrives, the leaves change colors, birds begin migrations, and pond turtles start to hatch! Eighteen western pond turtle eggs arrived at the Zoo from our Point Reyes research site last month, and so far 15 of 18 have successfully emerged from their eggshells. These tiny turtles range in size from 4.5 to 7.7 grams! The turtles will stay with us for two years until they are bigger than a potential predator bullfrog's mouth before being released back to Point Reyes or to locations in the Marin Headlands to restore the species' populations in our nearest National Park.



- **Thirty Years of Research on Global Amphibian Declines**



Last week, SFZS staff represented the Animal Wellness department at the Amphibian Population Declines Symposium at Redpath Museum in Montreal. This meeting marks 30 years of progress in confronting amphibian declines – first recognized

as a global problem at the 1989 1st World Congress of Herpetology meeting. After three decades of research, sixteen experts presented on past and current threats to amphibians. The leading concerns include disease, habitat loss, invasive species, and climate change. To save amphibians from extinction, conservation action such as San Francisco Zoo and Gardens' amphibian head start and research program is necessary to return endangered species to the wild.

- **St. Jude's Races Toward a Cure with the SF Zoo!**



On September 28th, more than 1,600 participants turned out at the Zoo for St. Jude's annual 5k run/walk to help end childhood cancer. Since 2013, supporters of St. Jude's have filled the Zoo on race day, running and walking to raise money for cancer treatment and research. This event was made possible by 150 staff and volunteers, and the Zoo was glad to be represented by our very own IT Director! The race continues to gain popularity, with this year seeing the highest participation yet! Our 90th Anniversary theme for September highlighted how the Zoo strives be a good neighbor to our community, and St. Jude's 5k was a very fitting way to finish out the month's celebrations. The San Francisco Zoo is honored to partner with St. Jude's and to support such a vital cause, and we are thankful to all who make it happen year after year.

- **SFZS Teen Volunteer Goes Above and Beyond for Water Conservation**

This month, SFZS’ “Talk on the Wild Side” (TOWS) volunteers gathered family and friends to talk to Zoo visitors about the EarthEcho Water Challenge. At their water monitoring station in the Sculpture Learning Plaza, guests could test temperature, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and pH, all while learning what water quality means for public health, and what they can do about it. Teen volunteers spoke to more than 200 guests, and had many amazing conversations!



- **Sketching at SF Zoo & Gardens with Walt Disney Family Museum!**



In celebration of both SFZS’ 90th Anniversary and the 10th Anniversary of the Walt Disney Family Museum, the two institutions partnered for a unique wildlife illustration experience. In the sold-out workshop offered at the Zoo’s Lurie Education Center on September 21st, attendees got up close and personal in drawing four ambassador animals from the Koret Animal Resource Center and two alpacas from the Children’s Zoo. Art

is just another way of connecting Zoo visitors to wildlife!

- **NOAA Visitors Enthusiastic to Continue SFZS Partnership**

On September 17th, SFZS welcomed John Armor, Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries along with several of his colleagues from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). SFZS staff met with the visitors and brought them to tour the Coastal Conservation Center. SF Zoo has had a longstanding partnership with NOAA in co-sponsoring past and current programs and looks forward to potential future collaborations between our two organizations!

