



Oregon Zoo Bond
Citizens' Oversight
Committee Meeting
Feb. 10, 2021
Minutes

Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee

Oregon Zoo – Zoom
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
3 to 5 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Hartnett (Chair)
Dan Aja
Naomi Bishop
Heidi Goertzen
Daniel Hauser
Nan Heim
Jill Mellen
Chin See Ming
Dick Stenson
Christine L. Taylor
Karen Weylandt
Kevin Spellman
Emma Stocker

AFFILIATION

Retired from Spectator Venues, City of Portland
Banfield Pet Hospital
California State University, Northridge (professor *emerita*)
Becker Capital Management
Oregon Center for Public Policy
Nan Heim Associates; Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Directors
Research Biologist
Gilbert Levy Bennett
Retired healthcare executive; community volunteer
Miller Nash Graham & Dunn
Retired from Providence Health & Services
Spellman Consulting, Inc.
Emergency Management, Portland State University

MEMBERS ABSENT

Laurel Brown
Javier Mena
Robyn K. Pierce
Katherine A. Porras

AFFILIATION

Assistant Director of Facilities Operations, Reed College
Affordable Housing Manager, City of Beaverton
Pierce, Bonyhadi & Associates
Meyer Memorial Trust

GUESTS

None

AFFILIATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Shirley Craddick
Scott Cruickshank
Julie Fitzgerald
Kate Giraud
Sarah Keane
Bob Lee
Jim Mitchell
Joel Morton
Linnea Nelson
Sarah Orizaga
Staci Pfau
Heidi Rahn
Ruth Walkowski

Metro Councilor
Oregon Zoo Interim Director
Oregon Zoo Foundation Executive Director
Oregon Zoo Bond Project Manager
Zoo Administration and Finance Director
Oregon Zoo General Curator
Oregon Zoo Bond Construction Manager
Metro Senior Attorney
Assistant Management Analyst
Oregon Zoo Administrative Assistant III
Oregon Zoo Bond Project Manager
Capital Asset Management Director
Chief Financial Officer, Oregon Zoo Foundation

A. Welcome / Introduction

Susan Hartnett, Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 3:06 p.m. Susan shared virtual meeting etiquette, gave an agenda item overview, and showed a cute video of Nora's first snow.

Susan announced that Emma Stocker has stepped down as vice president and that Naomi Bishop will be stepping in as vice chair. Susan thanked both women for their contributions. The committee briefly introduced themselves. Susan announced Staci Pfau's transition to Metro's construction management office.

B. Approval of November 18, 2020, Oversight Committee meeting minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2020, Oregon Zoo Bond Oversight Committee ("Oversight Committee" or "the Committee") meeting were approved by a show of hands via Zoom.

C. Monthly Project Updates

Polar Passage/Primate Forest/Rhino— Jim Mitchell began the updates:

- Close to 90% complete
- Just poured foundation for storage buildings
- Construction fence has been taken down around polar passage
- \$4mil left to finish project
- Expecting to come under budget by \$100-200k
- Chimp climbing structure update and explanation. Design project to be completed through June/early July. Cost around \$300k
- Storage building done first week of March
- Do we treat ladders as a separate project, since PF is at substantial completion?
 - Committee had no objections

Kate Giraud walked the committee through the newest project photos highlighting:

- The arrival of the wooden climbing structures for chimps
- Inside of Polar Passage, including the completed LSS building, indoor holding, and keeper work areas.
- Completion of landscaping at Polar Passage
- Major completion of the outdoor Headland Habitat
- Water in the deep pool
- Installation of large deadfall tree into habitat
- Taps installed at Growler's
- Foundation of storage building completed

Percent for art – The footings are in place for the polar bear benches and the melting ice bear sculpture. Currently, they are all stored at the expo center but will be transferred to the zoo on February 16th for installation. Kate will hopefully will have artists on the phone during installation, but notes that the time

difference to Madrid may be a challenge. Tyson will also be onsite for any direction if needed. Final close-out on artist contracts to be completed once install is complete.

- Susan Harnett asked if there will there be a formal unveiling of the melting ice bear sculpture. Sarah Keane answered that nothing is planned right now. Susan recommended that we think about how the sculpture will be unveiled to the media and public. Linnea Nelson reminded the committee that OZPAAC had initially discussed a special unveiling ceremony, but recognized that restrictions due to COVID-19 make this difficult.

Interpretive Experience – Fabrication delays at the manufacturers have pushed the timeline back on direct embeds. All interpretives at Primate Forest should be installed by end of February. Polar Passage interpretives will be completed closer to April. This will be a low-impact, since the zoo is unlikely to open the pathways where those interpretive panels will be displayed until COVID restrictions are lifted.

D. Program Status, Financial Information, and Schedule

Sarah K discussed the upcoming habitat opening tours of Polar Passage for OZF donors, the public, and staff/volunteers. She also updated the group on our plan for a pre-recorded video celebration for Primate Forest opening. She also took a moment to update the committee on the passing of orangutan Inji, and honored her legacy at the zoo. She confirmed that the zoo is still committed to hold a celebration for the bond program in the fall.

Sarah discussed program financials and closeout:

- Bond fund is almost spend down. The balance in fund 320 was \$3.4 million at the end of December. Projections show the fund will be depleted by May.
- Any remaining funds are non-bond funds kept in fund 325.
- COBID is 13% for project and 14.4% for whole program. Will put out final DEI in contracting report once program has ended.
- The project will be substantially completed in the spring, with only the ladders at Primate Forest pushing the schedule into summer.

E. Committee Annual Report

Susan H. explained that the committee will produce an annual report for 2020, and an overall program final report in the fall once program is completely wrapped up. The 2020 annual report will take the same format as it did last year. Project updates will be through December 2020. The report will be submitted to Metro Council in May. In June the committee will begin the process of creating the final report, with more summary of the projects and more intentional messaging. A draft of the 2020 annual report will be sent to the committee by late March/early April. Input on content welcome.

F. Zoo and Oregon Zoo Foundation Update

Zoo Updates – Scott Cruickshank updated that the zoo is currently running at 38% of typical revenue with expenses running at 77% of typical times. The zoo is spending into reserve funds, but may be in better shape than planned. ZooLights was positive, with a revenue of \$3 mil. The executive team is planning a Zoo Director recruitment, and more information will be shared soon. Starting on Feb. 19th, the zoo will open to the public every. Still hopeful the zoo can receive federal relief aid through aid to museums.

Animal updates – Bob Lee updated that the Primate Forest delay is now delaying arrival of chimps, but the animal care team is working closely with the sending institution to make sure the transition will run smoothly. Arrival of rhinos is dependent on SSP recommendations. Bob will meet with that committee in March and will hopefully know more information after that. The crucial shipping window narrows between spring and fall. Nora will be arriving in March. The zoo welcomed baby Rodrigues bats and newly laid condor eggs at the Johnson Center. Bob then briefly spoke about Inji and her passing.

Shirley Craddick asked about the condor evacuations in the fall, and Bob spoke to the process of the evacuation and staff's involvement.

OZF Update – Julie Fitzgerald spoke about the Heart of Oregon Zoo campaign. OZF will exceed goal by \$600k. Wonderful conversations at the donor tour of the habitats. She also acknowledged the letter Susan and the committee crafted for the foundation board of directors.

G. Open Discussion/Questions

Susan H. updated the group on the meeting schedules going forward. Keeping September on the calendar and adding a date in November, just in case.

Susan closed the meeting at 4:49 p.m.