

MINUTES

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Meeting on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call—10:05 a.m.

Alisha Bell	-	Present
Wafa Dinaro	-	Present
David Katz	-	Present
Dawn Lee-Cotton	-	Excused
Terry Marecki	-	Present

B. Marecki/Katz **Approved.** The minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting. Motion Carried.

C. Unfinished Business

D. New Business

1. An update on Zoo operations from Ron Kagan, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Detroit Zoological Society

Mr. Kagan announced that he will be retiring later in the year and that the selection process for his replacement had already begun. Mr. Kagan thanked the Wayne County Zoological Authority for its support over the years.

Mr. Kagan talked about the Detroit Zoo's pivot to virtual content during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Kagan also shared photos of the Detroit Zoo's new polar bear cubs.

Commission Chair Bell thanked Mr. Kagan for his 28 years of work and wished him a happy retirement. Commissioner Marecki and Mr. Katz also thanked Mr. Kagan and wished him well.

2. Dinaro/Katz **Receive and File.** Correspondence from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Final Notice of Delinquency Revenue Sharing Withholding and email responses to the notice. Motion Carried.

Discussion between Chair Bell and Pamela Lane.

3. Dinaro/Katz **Receive and File.** Correspondence from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury Request for Improvement Deficiencies – Corrective Action Plan 2019 and board response. Motion Carried.
- Discussion between Chair Bell and Pamela Lane.
4. Dinaro/Katz **Receive and File.** Correspondence from Livonia City Clerk, Public Hearing Tax Authority Letter. Motion Carried.
5. Dinaro/Katz **Receive and File.** Correspondence from Van Buren Township, Notice of Public Hearing. Motion Carried.
6. Dinaro/Katz **Receive and File.** Correspondence from Van Buren Local Development Authority, Notice of annual informational meetings. Motion Carried.
7. Katz/Marecki **Approved.** Engagement letter from Gregory Terrell & Company for the year ended December 31, 2020. Motion Carried.
8. Katz/Marecki **Approved.** Wayne County Zoological Authority Actuals and Projected Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Motion Carried.
- Explanation from Gregory Terrell. Discussion between Chair Bell and Pamela Lane.
- E. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee
- Chair Bell noted that Ms. Lee-Cotton was excused from the meeting due to a death in her family. Chair Bell asked that everyone keep Ms. Lee-Cotton and her family in their thoughts and prayers.
- F. Public Comments
- G. Adjournment

Marecki/Katz

Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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