

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

June 26, 2023

B – Minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting

MINUTES

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.
Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, Detroit, and on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call—11:05 a.m.

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| Alisha Bell (C) | - | Present |
| Angela Jaafar | - | Present |
| David Katz | - | Excused |
| Terry Marecki | - | Excused |
| Mario Morrow | - | Present |

B. Morrow/Jaafar **Approved.** The minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting. Motion Carried.

C. Unfinished Business – None.

D. New Business

1. Approval of the Wayne County Zoological Authority amended budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Chair Bell said that the budget amendment was based on the dollars in the Authority's budget and provided an overview of Fiscal Year 2022 amended budget.

Morrow/Jaafar **Approved.** The Wayne County Zoological Authority amended budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Motion carried.

2. An update on Zoo operations from Robert Schumaker, Chief Financial Officer of the Detroit Zoological Society

Presentation by, and discussion among Authority members with, Paul Good and Robert Schumaker. Mr. Schumaker highlighted the following: the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) is projected to be operating at full capacity in 2023; its 6th Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation; sources of revenue for 2022; its partnership with Wayne County programs and organizations; the rehabilitation of the Belle Isle Nature Center, which reopened in September 2022; and its 2023 events.

Chair Bell asked to receive a copy of the presentation.

Mr. Morrow congratulated the DZS on its accomplishments throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Bell introduced Ms. Jaafar to the DZS.

Ms. Jaafar said that she patronizes the DZS and congratulated Mr. Good on his retirement.

- E. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee

Chair Bell said that the 2023 Wayne County Zoological Authority meeting schedule will be emailed to members in the next few weeks.

- F. Public Comments – None.

- G. Adjournment

Jaafar/Morrow

Adjournment at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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