



Oregon Zoo Bond  
Citizens' Oversight  
Committee Meeting  
May 13, 2020  
Minutes

**Oregon Zoo Bond  
Citizens' Oversight Committee**  
Oregon Zoo – GoTo Meeting Video Conference  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
3 to 5 p.m.

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Hartnett (Chair)  
Naomi Bishop  
Laurel Brown  
Heidi Goertzen  
Daniel Hauser  
Nan Heim  
Jill Mellen  
Chin See Ming  
Dick Stenson  
Christine L. Taylor  
Katherine A. Porras  
Dan Aja  
Karen Weylandt  
Robyn K. Pierce  
Kevin Spellman

AFFILIATION

Retired from Spectator Venues, City of Portland  
California State University, Northridge (professor *emerita*)  
Facilities and Property Management, Portland State University  
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  
Meyer Memorial Trust  
Banfield Pet Hospital  
Retired from Providence Health & Services  
Pierce, Bonyhadi & Associates  
Spellman Consulting, Inc.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Emma Stocker  
Javier Mena

AFFILIATION

Emergency Management, Portland State University  
Portland Housing Bureau, City of Portland

GUESTS

none

AFFILIATION

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Shirley Craddick  
Scott Cruickshank  
Heidi Rahn  
Julie Fitzgerald  
Kate Giraud  
Sarah Keane  
Jim Mitchell  
Don Moore  
Sheri Horiszny  
Linnea Nelson  
Ruth Walkowski  
Krista Swan  
Laura Weiner  
Cinnamon Williams  
Utpal Passi

Metro Councilor  
General Manager, Metro Visitor Venues  
Director, Capital Asset Management  
Oregon Zoo Foundation Executive Director  
Oregon Zoo Bond Project Manager  
Zoo Administration and Finance Director  
Oregon Zoo Bond Construction Manager  
Oregon Zoo Director  
Oregon Zoo Deputy Director  
Assistant Management Analyst  
OZF Director of Finance and Operations  
Marketing and Brand Manager  
Care, Connection and Conservation Administrative Specialist IV  
Interim Deputy Finance Director  
Oregon Zoo Deputy Director

## **A. Welcome / Introductions**

Susan Hartnett, Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 3:02 p.m., and members and guests introduced themselves.

- Agenda overview.
- Virtual meeting etiquette  
Susan went over the etiquette for this Go To Meeting.

- Introductions & check-ins

Everyone went around in alphabetical order and shared their experiences and thoughts during this time of COVID-19.

Staffing update: Heidi Rahn has returned to role of capital asset manager after hiring of Marissa Madrgal as COO of Metro. Susan noted Metro is lucky to have her.

In general the theme of the introductions and experience sharing is the adaption to working from home, spending time with family, and the acceptance that we are in this for the long haul. People are feeling fatigued with the physical and social distancing. Some people had to end trips early and some were able to leave Portland to spend time in beautiful places. Noted how we are all in the same situation all over the world. People are taking this pandemic very differently mask vs no mask. Planter boxes for vegetable gardens are popular. The flowers are beautiful in Portland. Lots of home schooling going on with children.

Metro Council continues to meet with staff working from home. Very impressed with the seamlessness of moving to working from home. 40% of Metro staff were laid off from Zoo, Expo Center, Convention Center and P'5 theaters as venues where people visit are closed. Hoping to open the zoo earlier than other venues since it is outside.

Those who can still come into work at the Zoo are thankful to be on campus. People miss being able to come to the zoo for work.

Zoo staff have formed a reopening team to ensure staff, animal and guest safety.

## **B. Minutes of Feb. 12, 2020, Committee meeting**

Members approved the minutes of the Feb 12, 2020, Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee ("Oversight Committee" or "the Committee") meeting. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Dr Daniel Aja and Laurel Brown moved we accept the minutes.

## **C. Monthly Project Status Reports**

### **1. Polar Passage/Primate Forest/Rhino Habitat**

Committee agreed to a quick overview of report in favor of a longer virtual tour.

Robyn asked: Any red flags or speed bumps in construction? There are no big red flags at this point. The aluminum flume was pulled out and Carter 2 are building one out of stainless steel. Another challenge is achieving LEED Silver, the goal for all bond projects. LEED silver criteria is to have 50 points and the project is currently at 49. The team is looking for ways to achieve LEED silver. The project contingency remains at 10%.

## Virtual Tour

**COVID-19 protocols-** Contractors are quick to adopt new safety rules including disinfecting tools and staying 6ft apart, which can be difficult on a construction site. Project managers are constantly monitoring physical distancing. If they are doing a task where 6ft distance is not an option they are wearing N95 masks. They are using more lifts to give people more space. They have stopped using the shuttle bus and are instead parking their cars in the zoo parking lot. As for now Portland Parks is not charging to park in the lot but this might change in the future. Reminder signs are all over the site and warm water hand washing stations have been installed.

**Aerials of full site-** Slides were shown of the substantial changes in the PPR site. From zero buildings to four buildings. Life support, polar bear holding, underwater deep viewing, café, primate holding building, etc. The advantage of the zoo being closed is that it made it much easier to do utility and electrical work and dig up the asphalt. All demolition and utility work and repaving was done in a week and a half. It was much more efficient to do it this way than in segments which would have been required to accommodate guest pathways.

**Polar Passage-** The precast panels for holding buildings with graphic concrete shown. Interior walls and duct work, plumbing and electrical mostly finished in all buildings. Roofing on all buildings is complete. Pictures shown of demonstration space for polar bears and keepers. Roof structure made of cross laminated timber (CLT) which is strong and sustainably harvested with a very low carbon foot print.

When Elephant Lands was built they put in a geothermal slinky system in the North Meadow habitat. Heat from the chiller used to chill polar bear water goes to Forest Hall to heat it. When Forest Hall is being cooled any excess goes back to offset the energy cost of the chiller.

In the life support building there is an impressive large brine tank. The benefits to installing the roof last was to get all of the sand filters, pumps, etc in by crane. The doors are big enough to get them out later but this proved to be a good time saver.

Deep excavation for LSS piping is being done. Stadium seating with cross laminated timber and bear proof glass is shown. There is a retaining wall that was built for the polar bear viewing area.

Café building framing complete. Plumbing and electrical work is in progress.

**Primate Forest-** The following features were shown: covered indoor viewing and CLT roof structure, climbing structures, graphic concrete, and 3 ft deep bio floor, large termite mound, and caging for holding. Rockwork being done as non-climbable “magic rocks”.

Not much work done in mesh habitat yet but supports are being drilled in. These will be earthquake proof.

Ming asked to what extent is the underground work complete? Jim replied 80%.

When do we anticipate completion of the underground work? In a couple of weeks. Mostly just LSS piping left

2. Percent-for-Art – No report
3. Interpretive Experience – No report
4. Close-out project: Tree mitigation – No report

#### **D. Program Status and Financial Information**

Sarah stated we are happy construction has not been impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic. Thank you to Jim and Kate for the tour today and for doing the same tour for staff last week. There have been peripheral impacts due to layoffs as some points of contact have changed.

COBID utilization-We cannot count the electrical infrastructure project as 100% COBID due to the contractor who subcontracted a non COBID firm. So this moves us from 14.9% to 14.4% on the overall bond program. Susan noted the goal is 15%.

The closeout fund remains at \$800K and those are unrestricted funds.

#### **E. Program and Projects Schedule**

Projects remaining on schedule. Rhino and primate finished in the fall 2020 and polar in early 2021.

#### **F. Oversight Committee report**

1. Updated draft provided

Susan loved the cover on the photo chosen by Kate Giraud. Clear statement that this year has been all about construction. Susan revised the letter to the Metro Council to acknowledge the reality of COVID and shortened other parts of the letter. Thank you to everyone for their hard work on this report. Very impressed with layout from Sarah Keane. This is the format we will use to pull together the final report.

2. Council meeting rescheduled for May 21, 2020. It will be done as a video meeting. Sarah will send people info on how to join the presentation.

#### **G. Zoo and Oregon Zoo Foundation Update**

**Zoo-** Don passed it over to Sheri to talk animal updates.

Two year old female Masai giraffe named Kiden arrived three weeks ago and was introduced to males yesterday. Buttercup is interested while Desi is a bit scared. OZF donor stepped in to fund the transfer as it was going to be cancelled due to current funding situation.

Six condors hatched this season. There are currently 14 breeding pairs. There is one more egg due to hatch that was moved to a foster as the parents were behaving inappropriately.

Washed Ashore artist made a Condor sculpture and it was delivered this week. Micro trash story and condors are closely tied together.

Penguin chick is about 5-6 weeks old. She is being hand fed by keeper staff so she can be fed and medicated by staff. Adult penguins are taking trips around the zoo and very popular on social media.

Lost our older female DeBrazza's monkey. The young male will be sent out for breeding.

Buddy the cat and all of the animals in the farmhouse education building have been moved to other places so we can shut the heat off in that building saving money on utilities.

Male elephants doing well but changes happening since two females are cycling.

Dan Aja asked about protections in plan with cats? Immediately after the Bronx Zoo tigers tested positive zoo changed protocols to wear N95 masks when within 6 ft of any mammal. Have now changed this to N95s when near primates.

**OZF-** Fundraising update: campaign has met its \$1M goal with donations from 4000+ donors from all over the country and the world.

Due to the need for more excavation there was a need to find additional money to put up two new climbing structures in Primate Forest. The total cost of \$220K was added to the fundraising budget. People have been very interested in donating money towards welfare of chimpanzees so we are within \$40K of our goal. Believe the original fundraising needs for primates and rhino are met. Still working on goals for Polar Passage. A big thank you to Jim and Kate for their videos, photos, and their expertise, etc. Similar virtual tours are provided to donors and have resulted in significant donations.

Susan acknowledged the Jim and Kate show and the success in using them for fundraising.

#### **H. Open Discussion/Questions**

Reminded everyone that our next meeting is Sept 9, 2020. We will see if it is online or if we are able to do it in person with masks and social distancing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49pm by Susan Hartnett

#### **Upcoming 2020 meeting dates –Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.:**

Sept. 9, 2020

Nov. 18, 2020\* **\*Change in schedule to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to holiday**

Feb 10, 2021

May 12, 2021

September 15, 2021