



600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Council work session agenda

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

1:00 PM

Conservation Hall in the Education Center,
Oregon Zoo

1:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

1:05 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Work Session Topics:

1:10 Oregon Zoo Director Report and Zoo Foundation Update [18-5065](#)

Presenter(s): Don Moore, Oregon Zoo
Raimund Grube, Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Trustees

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)

1:30 Oregon Zoo Financial Update [18-5066](#)

Presenter(s): Sarah Keane, Oregon Zoo

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)

2:00 How Elephant Lands Enhances Welfare [18-5067](#)

Presenter(s): Nadja Wielebnowski, Oregon Zoo
Sharon Glaeser, Oregon Zoo

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)

2:15 Education Center Partnerships [18-5068](#)

Presenter(s): Grant Spickelmier, Oregon Zoo
Jennifer Payne, Oregon Zoo
Leah Schrodt, U.S Fish & Wildlife Service

Attachments: [Work Session Worksheet](#)

2:45 Councilor Communication

3:00 Adjourn

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Oregon Zoo Director Report and Zoo Foundation Update

Work Session Topics

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: August 7, 2018

LENGTH: 25 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: News from the Oregon Zoo and Oregon Zoo Foundation

DEPARTMENT: Oregon Zoo & Oregon Zoo Foundation

- **PRESENTER(S):** Don Moore, don.moore@oregonzoo.org
Raimund Grube grube.raimun@comcast.net

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: Brief rundown of recent zoo milestones and upcoming events at the zoo
- Outcome: Council will be aware of zoo primary current focus and accomplishments

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Oregon Zoo director Don Moore will highlight some key accomplishments and upcoming milestones and invite questions and discussion from Councilors. Topics include:

- Status of the bond homestretch—launching the final three construction projects
- Conservation program accomplishments, including work in Borneo and milestones in restoring populations of California condors and Oregon silverspot butterflies.
- Exciting news on zoo revenue, attendance and reach
- Purpose and expectations for August 9 legislative breakfast at the zoo
- Brief remarks from Raimund Grube, incoming chair of the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board of Trustees

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Do you have any questions for staff?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? No
- What other materials are you presenting today? None

Oregon Zoo Financial Update

Work Session Topics

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, August 7, 2018
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METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: August 7, 2018

LENGTH: 30 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Oregon Zoo Financial Update

DEPARTMENT: Oregon Zoo - Finance

PRESENTER(S): Sarah Keane sarah.keane@oregonzoo.org

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: Provide an update of the zoo's financial situation. Describe the status of the process zoo staff are going through to create a long term financial plan.
- Outcome: Council members will have increased understanding of the zoo's financial situation and the work being done to create long term financial sustainability.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

At the Metro Council Work Session on June 27, 2017 Dr. Don Moore and Sarah Keane presented on the Zoo's financial situation and described the process Zoo staff were planning to create a long term financial plan.

There are four cornerstones to the Zoo's financial sustainability: a structurally balanced budget, spending aligned with mission priorities, investments in infrastructure, and appropriate levels of operating reserves. To this end, Zoo staff have evaluated key program areas, created new revenue strategies, set an operating reserve target, and updated a prioritized capital replacement schedule.

In addition to an update on the long term financial plan, preliminary FY18 financial results should be available for review.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

List questions for Council's consideration that will help/guide the Council in providing policy direction.

- Does council have any questions about the long term financial planning process?
- What additional information would council like to see regarding the zoo's long term financial plan in the future?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- What other materials are you presenting today? PowerPoint

How Elephant Lands Enhances Welfare

Work Session Topics

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: 8/7/18

LENGTH: 15min

PRESENTATION TITLE: How Elephant Lands enhances welfare

DEPARTMENT: Oregon Zoo / Conservation Research

PRESENTER(S): Nadja Wielebnowski nadja.wielebnowski@oregonzoo.org
Sharon Glaeser Sharon.glaeser@oregonzoo.org

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose: The purpose of this session is to present the results of the Oregon Zoo's four-year study to evaluate the effectiveness of Elephant Lands in achieving its goals to encourage activity, promote a diverse range of natural behaviors, offer increased opportunities for choice and social interaction, and provide biologically meaningful challenges for Asian elephants at the Oregon Zoo. Measurements in the study included distance walked through GPS monitoring, reproductive and adrenal hormone analyses, and detailed behavior assessments.
- Outcome: Metro Council will understand how the outcomes of the Elephant Lands evaluation indicates that this new habitat enhances the welfare of Asian elephants at the Oregon Zoo.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

This is an informative reporting presentation to let the Council know how the construction of Elephant Lands has met its intended welfare goals. We will continue to monitor the new exhibit and the welfare of our elephants moving forward.

Elephant Lands was designed to encourage activity, promote a diverse range of natural behaviors, offer increased opportunities for choice and social interaction, and provide biologically meaningful challenges for Asian elephants at the Oregon Zoo. A four-year study was designed to evaluate the effectiveness of Elephant Lands through scientific assessment of welfare measures before, during and after transition to the new habitat. Data collection began in September 2012, prior to the start of construction, and continued through the end of 2016, one year after Elephant Lands' grand opening. Welfare indicators included distance walked through GPS monitoring, reproductive and adrenal hormone analyses, and detailed behavior assessments. Results of this welfare study show the zoo has achieved its goals. The elephants are more active, they are exhibiting more choice and self-determination throughout their day, they are expressing a diverse range of species-typical behaviors, and they have biologically meaningful challenges.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

List questions for Council's consideration that will help/guide the Council in providing policy direction.

- Does Council have any questions for staff?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Not applicable
- What other materials are you presenting today? PowerPoint

Education Center Partnerships

Work Session Topics

Metro Council Work Session
Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

METRO COUNCIL

Work Session Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: 8/7/18

LENGTH: 15 minutes

PRESENTATION TITLE: Education Center Partnerships Update

DEPARTMENT: Oregon Zoo/Education & USFWS rep

PRESENTER(S): [Grant Spickelmier – grant.spickelmier@oregonzoo.org
Jennifer Payne – jennifer.payne@oregonzoo.org
Leah Schrodt, USFWS – Leah_Schrodt@fws.gov

WORK SESSION PURPOSE & DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Purpose:
 - Update on Oregon Zoo Education Center partnership goals and progress to date
 - Highlight US Fish and Wildlife partnership
 - Setup for broader Education Center evaluation presentation in the fall/winter
- Outcome: Council is informed about Education Center partnership work and lessons learned over the last year of operations.

TOPIC BACKGROUND & FRAMING THE WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

When the Education Center was first envisioned as part of the Oregon Zoo bond, the zoo had committed that this would be a regional center for conservation education that extended well beyond the zoo's traditional reach and impact. During the run-up to the opening of the center, the zoo set the following goals for our Education Center Partnership efforts

- i. Inspire zoo visitors to take conservation action by providing resources and programming from nature, conservation and sustainability partners from around the region.
- ii. Provide the region's nature, conservation and sustainability organizations access to zoo's resources to raise their visibility and support their work.
- iii. Advance conservation education in the region by fostering connection and dialogue between different sectors and issues.

Since the opening of the Education Center, the zoo has had over 30 nature, sustainability and conservation organizations partner in some manner to provide programming and resources to zoo guests. This presentation will give an update on what the zoo and our partners are learning together about the types of interactions that are most impactful and meaningful. We will share lessons learned from our partnership efforts with a special emphasis on the significant relationship we have built with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who have stationed a full time interpretive specialist at the zoo.

The presentation will conclude with a short update on a comprehensive summative evaluation project currently underway. Council will be asked to provide feedback about what information they would find most helpful in a future presentation about the impact of the Education Center as a whole (anticipated for winter 2018/2019).

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

List questions for Council's consideration that will help/guide the Council in providing policy direction.

- What evaluation information would be most helpful for Council in a future Education Center impact update?

PACKET MATERIALS

- Would legislation be required for Council action ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- What other materials are you presenting today? PowerPoint