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Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

1:00 PM

Oregon Zoo, Conservation Hall

Council work session

1:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Bob Stacey, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

1:10 Safety Briefing**Work Session Topics:**

1:15 Animal Welfare Committee

Attachments: [Animal Care and Welfare](#)
[Oregon Zoo Animal Welfare Committee Charter](#)
[Process for Reporting Animal Care and Welfare Concerns](#)
[Animal Welfare Concern Form](#)
[PowerPoint: Oregon Zoo's Animal Welfare Program](#)

Ms. Sheri Horiszny, Deputy Director of Care, Connection and Conservation at Oregon Zoo introduced the present Animal Welfare Committee members: Dr. Nadja Wielebnowski, Oregon Zoo Conservation Research Manager, Dr. Carlos R. Sanchez, Oregon Zoo Head Veterinarian, and Ms. Amy Cutting, Oregon Zoo curator. Ms. Wielebnowski discussed the Animal Welfare Program (AWA) at the Oregon Zoo. She cited that Animal Welfare referred to an animal's collective physical, mental, and emotional states over a period of time and was measured on a scale from poor to excellent. Ms. Wielebnowski explained the various types of welfare assessments that take place at the Oregon Zoo to measure an animals' well-being. She also expanded on research conducted at the zoo that has tested the sensory and cognitive abilities of animals, as well as improved on the technology to measure such abilities.

Ms. Wielebnowski discussed the various components of the Welfare Program such as Annual Zoo Wide Welfare Audits, Whole Life Planning, Habitat Design, Enrichment and Care programs, Collection and Acquisition planning, Mortality and Morbidity Reviews, and Staff Training. She noted that if

further assessments were needed to due a gap or a red flag, individual animal assessments would take place to keep a closer watch at the individuals animal. The procedures that follow included a Natural History Review, QoLprocess, Daily Keeper Notes, WelfareTrak to be monitored. In special cases, behavior, endocrine, GPS, and sound were monitored Ms. Wielebnowski highlighted that the Oregon Zoo has done the longest standing home monitoring program analysis on elephants as they have collected over thirty years of data on their site

Ms. Wielebnowski explained the process for zoo staff to raise a welfare concern. She noted that staff members had the option to remain anonymous if they chose to in their report. Ms. Wielebnowski shared the animal welfare concern form available online on the zoo's website. She also described the internal welfare concern process within the committee members.

Council Discussion

Mrs. Martha Bennett, Metro's Chief Operating Officer, asked Ms. Horiszny about the committee makeup and what opportunities there were for the public to join the committee. Ms. Horiszny clarified that only managers across zoo departments made up the committee team. She noted that the committee has discussed allowing zoo keepers and community members to join the committee. Ms. Horiszny noted that outside of the committee, there were other welfare activities and trainings occurred. All of zoo staff completed online welfare training in the past year, and the committee has engaged frontline staff frequently. Councilor Sam Chase asked how the zoo identified external members and oversight in the committee, and how they were appointed. Ms. Horiszny stated that this process was a work in progress to be reviewed and that they have used documents from other institutions to serve as a model.

At the request of President Lynn Peterson, Ms. Horiszny gave an overview about the events that took place after the death of the young male aardvark named Kuchimba and the role of the AWC. Ms. Horiszny noted that the process went according to plan, but that it was suspected that information was taken out of context after the submission of a welfare concern, which spread throughout the zoo staff and the public. When they had quorum in the welfare committee, they identified the appropriate people that conducted the investigation.

2:00 Regional Investment Strategy Bi-monthly Update

Council President Peterson called on Mr. Andy Shaw, Metro Director of Government Affairs and Policy Development, to give the Regional Investment Strategy Bi-monthly Update.

Parks and Nature

Mr. Shaw announced that Park and Nature had had begun the external engagement process to speak with a variety of different communities about the final touches on the parks bond measure. The stakeholder table reconvened on March 12, 2019. He also announced that Ms. Bennet brought together regional, city, and county managers and discussed the parks bond measure and elements regarding the local share. On March 19, 2019, staff was scheduled to give a presentation on the draft package for April 2, 2019. Mr. Shaw noted they expected the parks survey opinion research instrument to be out in the field the night that followed; the briefing on results of the poll was scheduled March 14, 2019.

Housing

Mr. Shaw discussed the implementation meeting held the previous Friday; local partners and the development community were in attendance.

Transportation

Mr. Shaw announced that the Transportation Task Force

had its first meeting that night that followed. The main goal for the meeting was to get an agreement around a committee charge and purpose, to begin the conversation about the various values that stakeholders have around transportation. He announced that there was two Transportation Task Force meetings scheduled in March and April. Mr. Shaw outline the overall goals of all Transportation Task Force meetings, which was to have a finalized list of prioritized corridors to receive funding.

2:30 Legislative Update

Mr. Shaw reported that Senate Bill 608, which dealt with rent control, passed the House and Senate. He discussed Senate Bill 10, which would require minimum densities at very high levels within a quarter mile or half mile of key transit lines. The Household Hazardous Waste Bill was up that Thursday. Staff did not anticipate the need to testify, but they will have to answer technical questions by the policy committee

Council Discussion

Councilor Craddick asked if there was an update on the plastic bag bill. Mr. Shaw did not have an update, but announced that staff had worked on language for the bill to ensure that that they was it is structured does now preempt Metro or affected Metro's ability to the proper fee amount. So I think we're in discussions about whether that language looks like I know there's some. Councilor Gonzalez asked about updates on the clean energy job bill. Mr. Shaw had no current updates, but he proposed to work on a summary of it to report it to council the next week.

3:00 Chief Operating Officer Communication

Ms. Bennett announced that due to inclement snow weather, the Metro Regional Center was at risk of being closed the following day. She announced that Metro had interviews of seven semi-finalists candidates for HR director

that past Friday; they have invited three finalists back to interview on March 11.

3:05 Councilor Communication

Councilor Craddick announced that Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) met on Thursday. She announced that JPACT passed a resolution to support the cap and invest bill in the legislature. Councilor Craddick also announced that she would be getting surgery on Friday and that she would be absent for a few weeks to recover.

Councilor Christine Lewis announced that she represented Metro Council the past Saturday night at the Zoo Volunteer Award Ceremony. Councilor Craig Dirksen recounted that he testified before the Oregon Transportation Commission on value pricing in Salem that past Friday. Councilor Gonzalez stated that he and Councilor Bob Stacy attended the Solid Waste Liaison meeting that past Thursday. He announced that there was an executive session planned to discuss potential land acquisitions for a West Metro Transfer Station.

3:15 Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Council President Lynn Peterson adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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