

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
METROPOLITAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND MUSEUM DISTRICT**

St. Louis, Missouri
April 3, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District was held in Conference Room A, Second Floor, of the Pierre Laclede Center, 7733 Forsyth Boulevard, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Christine Chadwick, Chair of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District ("District"), called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following Board members were present:

Christine A. Chadwick	Darnetta Clinkscale
Thomas C. Mummert	Thomas J. Campbell
Robert E. Eggmann	Michelle Harris
Pat Coleman	

Robert Lowery was absent. Others attending the meeting included: Mike Chivell from Armstrong Teasdale LLP, the District's legal counsel and District employees: J. Patrick Dougherty, Jina K. Choi and LaQuana S. Dilworth.

Public Comments: The Chair asked for public comments from those in attendance; no comments resulted.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes from the January 30, 2018 regular Board meeting and Closed Session. The Chair proposed an amendment to the regular Board meeting minutes. It was proposed that the minutes be amended to include the review of the many accomplishments achieved during Mr. Campbell's two year term as Chair of the ZMD Board. Mr. Eggmann moved that the minutes, including the amendment to reflect the accolades of Mr. Campbell, be approved. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none resulted. The minutes, including the proposed amendment, from the January 30, 2018 regular Board meeting and Closed Session were approved with all members voting "Aye".

2018 Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rates: Mr. Chivell reported that the District is required to submit preliminary non-binding tax rates to the St. Louis City Assessor and the St. Louis County Director of Revenue on or before April 8, 2018. Mr. Chivell stated that property tax revenues are based on two factors: The assessed value of property and Subdistrict tax rates.

A motion was made by Mr. Mummert to set the 2018 preliminary non-binding tax rate for the Art Museum Subdistrict as follows:

Art Museum Subdistrict	- 7.68 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District
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Mr. Eggmann seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved with all members voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Mr. Mummert to set the 2018 preliminary non-binding tax rate for the Botanical Garden Subdistrict as follows:

Botanical Garden Subdistrict	- 3.86 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District
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Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved with all members voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Mr. Mummert to set the 2018 preliminary non-binding tax rate for the History Museum Subdistrict as follows:

History Museum Subdistrict	- 3.86 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District
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Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved with all members voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Mr. Mummert to set the 2018 preliminary non-binding tax rate for the Science Center Subdistrict as follows:

Science Center Subdistrict	- 3.86 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District
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Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved with all members voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Mr. Mummert to set the 2018 preliminary non-binding tax rate for the Zoological Park Subdistrict as follows:

Zoological Park Subdistrict	- 7.68 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District
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Mr. Campbell seconded the motion.

Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved with all members voting 'aye'.

Ms. Chadwick then provided a brief overview of the contents of the *Resolution of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District Board Setting Preliminary Tax Rates for 2018 Assessments*. Mr. Eggmann moved that the Tax Resolution of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District be approved and adopted. Ms. Coleman seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion to approve and adopt the Tax Resolution was unanimously approved with all members voting 'aye'.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Dougherty then discussed the format of the ZMD's internal financial report and asked Board members for their comments regarding any format changes or revisions. Board

members approved the removal of the schedule, Decrease in Uncollected Tax Revenues, and a revision of the format of the Schedule of District Operating Revenues and Expenses Paid. Implementation of these revisions will begin with the January 2018 internal report.

Mr. Dougherty then discussed amending the signature cards for Central Bank of St. Louis. The amendment of the signature cards will identify all Board members as authorized signatories for the ZMD's bank accounts.

Finance/Audit Committee Report: Mr. Eggmann reported that Rick Gratza, partner with the ZMD's auditing firm, KEB, attended the Audit Committee meeting which was held on April 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. During the meeting Mr. Gratza reviewed the 2017 ZMD Draft Financial Statements. The Committee approved the release of the 2017 Financial Statements to the County Executive and the City Mayor on or before Monday, April 9, 2018. The final Financial Statements will be presented to the ZMD Board at the April 24, 2018 Board meeting.

Communications Committee: Ms. Harris reported on the status of the Report to the Community which will be issued in 2018. Articles have been received from all Subdistricts except for the Art Museum. SLM has estimated the cost of printing and mailing the Reports at \$10,400. Mr. Chivell will prepare an updated contract for SLM. The Committee's goal is to complete and mail the Report to the Community by the end of June 2018.

Report of Legal Counsel: Mr. Chivell had no report.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Ms. Chadwick recognized the new Committee members. The Committees and their membership are detailed below:

<u>Audit Committee</u>	<u>Communications</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Mr. Eggmann	Ms. Harris	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Mummert	Ms. Clinkscale	Ms. Harris
Ms. Coleman	Mr. Lowery	Ms. Chadwick

The Chair also announced that a Board photograph will be taken immediately prior to the May 15, 2018 Board meeting. This meeting will be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Public Comments: Ms. Chadwick asked for any public comments from those in attendance. Thomas Curran, with the County Executive's office, updated the Board on the County Council's meeting that will be held that evening (April 4, 2018). The Council's agenda will include consideration of a proposal to place the proposed Saint Louis Zoo sales tax on the November 2018 ballot in St. Louis County. Billy Brennan, the Zoo's Director of Public Relations, reported that Jefferson, Franklin and St. Charles counties rejected Senate Bill 49. Katie O'Sullivan, from the Botanical Garden, asked the Board for suggestions for their budget presentation.

Ms. Chadwick asked for a motion to go into Closed Session; pursuant to RSMo. Sections 610.021 (3) and (12) to discuss the negotiation of contracts and employment matters. Mr. Eggmann moved to close the meeting Mr. Mummert seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was taken. The motion passed with Ms. Chadwick, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Eggmann, Ms. Harris, Mr. Mummert, Ms. Coleman and Ms. Clinkscale voting "Aye".

The Board meeting reconvened at 1:07 p.m. with Ms. Chadwick reopening the public portion of the meeting, pursuant to a roll call vote of the Board with all members voting "aye".

There being no further business of the Board, Ms. Chadwick moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eggmann seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darnetta Clinesdale

Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE METROPOLITAN
ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND MUSEUM DISTRICT BOARD
SETTING PRELIMINARY TAX RATES FOR 2018 ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article X, Section 22 of the Constitution of Missouri, all applicable statutes, including without limitation, Sections 184.350 to 184.384 R.S.Mo., Section 137.073 R.S.Mo., Section 137.115 R.S.Mo., Section 67.110 R.S.Mo., all as amended from time to time, applicable Missouri case law and the authority granted to the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District (the "**District**") and its Board of Directors by the voters of the District at elections duly called and held on April 6, 1971, April 5, 1983 and November 3, 1987 and any other applicable law (collectively, the "**ZMD Laws**") the Board is authorized to levy ad valorem property taxes on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as follows: (a) for the Zoological Park Subdistrict and the Art Museum Subdistrict, up to eight cents each, and (b) for the St. Louis Science Center Subdistrict, the Botanical Garden Subdistrict and the Missouri History Museum Subdistrict, up to four cents each (collectively, the "**Subdistricts**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 137.243.1 R.S.Mo., the District is required to informally project a nonbinding tax levy for each tax year and return such projected tax levy to the Collector, St. Louis County Clerk and the Register of the City of St. Louis no later than April 8 of each tax year;

WHEREAS, the District has performed such calculations and desires to informally set and project preliminary tax rates for the 2018 tax year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board, for and on behalf of said Subdistricts, hereby informally projects a nonbinding tax levy for the 2018 tax year for each of the Subdistricts as follows:

(a) For the Zoological Park Subdistrict, a tax at the rate of seven and sixty-eight one-hundredths cents (\$0.0768) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the properties hereinafter described in Section 2;

(b) For the Art Museum Subdistrict, a tax at the rate of seven and sixty-eight one-hundredths cents (\$0.0768) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the properties hereinafter described in Section 2;

(c) For the St. Louis Science Center Subdistrict, a tax at the rate of three and eighty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0386) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the properties hereinafter described in Section 2;

(d) For the Botanical Garden Subdistrict, a tax at the rate of three and eighty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0386) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the properties hereinafter described in Section 2; and

(e) For the Missouri History Museum Subdistrict, a tax at the rate of three and eighty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0386) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the properties hereinafter described in Section 2.

Said rates of tax aggregating twenty-six and ninety-four one-hundredths cents (\$0.2694) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of the properties hereinafter described in Section 2.

Section 2. The nonbinding tax levy set forth above is expected to be levied and collected for 2018 at the rates hereinabove specified in Section 1, on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of all real, personal and other tangible property, within the corporate limits of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, which said City and County comprises the geographical boundaries of the District, including property made taxable by law for state purposes, including, to the extent applicable, but not by way of limitation, all real and tangible personal property owned by railroads, street railways, boats, vessels, bridge companies, telegraph companies, electric light and power companies, electric transmission line companies, pipe line companies, express companies, and other companies and public utilities whose property is assessed by the State Tax Commission.

Section 3. The Executive Director and any officer of the District be and hereby are authorized to furnish a copy of this resolution, duly certified according to law, to (a) the Collector of Revenue and (b) Collector, Director of the Department of Revenue of the County and anyone else deemed to receive such information according to applicable law, who shall then calculate the projected tax liability for each real estate parcel for which the parties intend to mail a notice of increase pursuant to Sections 137.180, 137.355, and 137.490, R.S.Mo.

Section 4. All actions heretofore taken by the authorized representatives, agents and employees of the District in connection with the transaction contemplated by this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed, and the District shall, and the representatives, agents and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to, take such further action, and execute and deliver such other documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this resolution, and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the District with respect to the resolution.

Section 5. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this resolution shall be severable. In the event that any such section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this resolution are so essential to and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the District has enacted the valid portions without the void ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions, standing alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Missouri.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage by the District.

Passed this 3rd day of April, 2018.

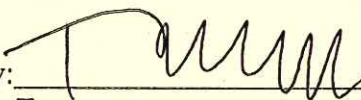
Attest:

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Metropolitan Zoological Park and
Museum District

By: 
Chair

By: 
Treasurer