

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

St. Louis, Missouri
March 29, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District was held via Zoom at 7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 550, on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Darnetta Clinkscale, Chair of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District (“District”), called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the following Board Members were present:

Darnetta Clinkscale	Michelle Harris
Thomas C. Mummert	Kenneth Powell
Jill Nowak	

Christine Chadwick joined after roll call. Other persons attending the meeting included: Michael A. Chivell from Armstrong Teasdale LLP, the District’s legal counsel and District employees: Matthew Pollock and Adrienne Mack.

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

Approval of the Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the open and closed session minutes from the regular and closed board meeting held on February 8, 2022. Mr. Mummert moved that the open/closed session minutes be approved. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none ensued. The February 8, 2022 open/closed session minutes were approved with all members voting “Aye”.

2022 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, 2022.

Mr. Pollock provided a summary of the 2022 Preliminary Non-binding Subdistrict Tax Rate computations and related analysis.

A motion was made by Ms. Harris to approve the 2022 Preliminary Tax Rates Resolution. Mr. Mummert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with all members voting “Aye”.

A motion was made by Ms. Harris to approve the 2022 Non-binding Subdistrict Tax Rates set forth in the Tax Resolution. Mr. Mummert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with all members voting “Aye”.

Art Museum Subdistrict	A tax at the rate of seven and ten one-hundredths cents (\$0.0710) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District
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Botanical Garden Subdistrict	A tax at the rate of three and fifty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0356) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District
History Museum Subdistrict	A tax at the rate of three and fifty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0356) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District
Science Center Subdistrict	A tax at the rate of three and fifty-six one-hundredths cents (\$0.0356) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District
Zoological Park Subdistrict	A tax at the rate of seven and ten one-hundredths cents (\$0.0710) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District

Executive Director’s Report: Mr. Pollock presented the District’s internal financial statements for January and February 2022. He also discussed the information to be included in the 2022 Subdistrict Budget packets.

Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Pollock discussed the status of the hiring for the Office Assistant position.

Communications Committee Report: Ms. Harris discussed how the annual report will fold in with the ZMD’s 50th celebratory effort.

Finance/Audit Committee Report: Mr. Mummert reported that the District Audit was completed/approved and should be forwarded to the Mayor and County Executive. He stated there will be a discussion pertaining to a reclassification with the Auditors. Mr. Mummert shared the discussion with the Executive Director to change the ZMD’s software.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Report: Ms. Clinkscale stated the committee will reach it’s one year mark in July and plan to schedule a meeting for necessary updates.

Report of Legal Counsel: Mr. Chivell had nothing to report.

Old Business: Ms. Clinkscale discussed the 50th anniversary of the ZMD and creating a sub-committee of the Communications Committee. A discussion ensued.

New Business: Mr. Pollock discussed the upcoming office lease expiration in 2024 and the need to form a focus group consisting of a few Board Members to assist with finding a new location.

There being no further business of the Board, Ms. Chadwick moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mummert seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Nowak

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Secretary