

Niabi Zoo Community Advisory Board

Agenda for February 15, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Niabi Zoo via Zoom

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the Minutes of January 18th, 2021
3. Comments from visitors
4. Discuss any issues shared with the CAB by community members.

All comments can be useful in helping us understand how information about the zoo is interpreted within the community. Even misinformation that is circulating is important to know about so that we can address them. Topics for this discussion is pricing, and exhibit presentation plus other concerns CAB members wish to discuss.

5. Discuss possibility of conducting CAB business Bi Monthly. quarterly.

CAB input into matters effecting the zoo/general public interactions involve subjects such as ticket price increases, review of policies that impact zoo visitors, and participation in master planning. By their very nature these are if not sporadic, then at least only occasional events. To make the best use of CAB members time, I would propose holding CAB meetings Bi Monthly. quarterly. If there is not any business to discuss, the meeting can be skipped until the next meeting time. At these quarterly meetings four topics would always be discussed:

~~March:~~ New zoo developments and zoo opening

~~June:~~ Budget review and explanation

~~September:~~ Review and update of CAB approved policies

~~December:~~ Special programs and events

These topics and others would continue to be discussed and addressed as usual. The four listed above would just be given a specific spot on the calendar for focused review.

Report from the Zoo Director

6. Items for the next agenda.
7. Adjourn

Niabi Zoo/Rock Island Forest Preserve Foundation

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1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes of January 18th, 2021
3. Approval of Financial Report
4. Report on White Rhino Fund raising efforts

To date the rhino charity auction has raised \$9,000.00. The auction ends on 2/10/ 2021 at 11pm. In January (prior to the auction) \$2480.00 was raised. We are currently at approximately \$56,000.00.

5. Discuss and approve method of reviewing and approving funding request from the Niabi Zoo.

Please see attached document

6. Discuss establishment of dedicated funding subcategories/accounts to support specific institutional needs. (conservation, Education, etc.)

As we progress, funds will be raised and given to support specific aspects of our mission besides the building of new exhibits. We historically have been offered financial support for areas such as education programs, conservation programming and animal food. These donations are made with the express intent that they only be used for the areas specified. Creating these subcategories would allow us to

receive funds we may not have otherwise while making sure that funds are spent correctly.

7. Discuss foundation involvement and in 2021 fundraising events. (pints, Masquerade ball etc.)

Zoo staff will need help in locating sponsors for these and possibly other events in the coming season. In some cases, we may create committees to help in the planning and implementation of some events. Foundation member involvement would be a valuable addition to our efforts.

8. Membership Criteria for Foundation Members
See attached Report requesting sub committee

9. Discuss Possible Additions to Foundation Membership
Alex Calvert, Kim Nickels

10. Items for next agenda

11. Adjourn