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

St. Louis, Missouri
March 30, 2021

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 30, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Robert E. Eggmann  Thomas J. Campbell
Darnetta Clinkscale  Michelle Harris
Thomas C. Mummert  Jill Nowak

Board Members absent included Christine Chadwick and Pat Coleman. Other persons attending the meeting included: Michael A. Chivell from Armstrong Teasdale LLP, the District’s legal counsel and District employees: J. Patrick Dougherty and Matthew Pollock;

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 board meeting held on February 2, 2021 and the special board meeting held on March 17, 2021. Mr. Campbell moved that the open session minutes be approved. Ms. Nowak seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none ensued. The open session minutes were approved with all members voting "Aye". Mr. Campbell moved that the closed session minutes be approved. Ms. Clinkscale seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a discussion; none ensued. The closed session minutes were approved with all members voting "Aye".

2021 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, 2021.

Mr. Dougherty provided a summary of the 2021 Preliminary Non-binding Subdistrict Tax Rate computations and related analysis.

A motion was made by Ms. Clinkscale to set the 2021 Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate for the Art Museum Subdistrict as follows:

Art Museum Subdistrict  A tax at the rate of six and eighty-nine one-hundredths cents ($0.0689) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District

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 Ms. Clinkscale to set the **2021 Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate** for the Botanical Garden Subdistrict as follows:

**Botanical Garden Subdistrict**

A tax at the rate of three and forty-five one-hundredths cents ($0.0345) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District

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 Ms. Clinkscale to set the **2021 Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate** for the History Museum Subdistrict as follows:

**History Museum Subdistrict**

A tax at the rate of three and forty-five one-hundredths cents ($0.0345) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District

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 Ms. Clinkscale to set the **2021 Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate** for the Science Center Subdistrict as follows:

**Science Center Subdistrict**

A tax at the rate of three and forty-five one-hundredths cents ($0.0345) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District

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 Ms. Clinkscale to set the **2021 Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate** for the Zoological Park Subdistrict as follows:

**Zoological Park Subdistrict**

A tax at the rate of six and eighty-nine one-hundredths cents ($0.0689) on each one hundred dollars of the assessed value of taxable property in the District

Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved with all members voting ‘Aye’.

Mr. Eggmann then called for a motion to approve the Resolution of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District Board Setting Preliminary Tax Rates for 2021 Assessments. Mr. Campbell moved that the Tax Resolution of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District be approved and adopted. Ms. Clinkscale 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 presented the District’s internal financial statements for January and February 2021.

Finance/Audit Committee Report: Mr. Mummert reported that the fieldwork for the District Audit was completed on March 11, 2021 and March 12, 2021. The drafted financial statements are waiting for information from the Subdistrict Financial Statements, which is expected to be received by March 31, 2021. Mr. Mummert also reported on the status of the banking services transition.

Communications Committee Report: Ms. Harris discussed the status of the digital Report to the Community and the necessary next steps to complete the report.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Report: Ms. Clinkscale reported that the first committee meeting was held on February 16, 2021 and was well attended. The committee is in the process of scheduling another meeting to review the Subdistrict materials and begin to prepare a District DEI statement.

Report of Legal Counsel: Mr. Chivell reminded the Board Members that the District is approaching its 50th Anniversary. A discussion ensued regarding an event to commemorate the anniversary.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Mr. Campbell provided positive feedback on the District’s use of ShareFile to distribute the meeting materials. Other Board Members agreed with Mr. Campbell’s remarks.

Mr. Pollock reminded the Board Members that Adrienne Mack’s first day with the District will be April 1, 2021. Ms. Mack is the District’s newly hired Office Manager.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Harris
Secretary