

**SUGGESTED COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS RE: CF 17-0453**

**MOVE to INSTRUCT** the Zoo to report back to the Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee in 60 days with information responding to the following questions and topics:

- Billy's Foot Care and Osteomyelitis Concerns
  - How are Billy's feet inspected and cared for to prevent Osteomyelitis and what risk, if any, is he at of currently having or obtaining Osteomyelitis?
  - How does Billy's feet compare, in appearance of the pads and nails, to Asian elephants in the wild and in captivity of a similar age and gender?
- Billy's Head Bobbing
  - What is stereotypic behavior and how does it evolve? How did Billy come to develop stereotypic behavior and what efforts have been made to mitigate the behavior?
  - What evidence is available to show when Billy's stereotypic behavior developed and why the Zoo believes the behavior is a sign of anticipatory behavior rather than boredom or stress?
- Elephants of Asia Exhibit
  - How does the LA Zoo's Elephants of Asia Exhibit compare in size, complexity, and enrichment to other AZA elephant facilities?
  - What modifications have been made to the LA Zoo's Elephants of Asia Exhibit to increase levels of care and comfort for the Zoo's elephants?
- Seminal Fluid Collection
  - Describe the seminal fluid collection process used with Billy. Why does the Zoo and the AZA believe this process is necessary?
  - Is Billy able to voluntarily leave or stop the process? How? Has he ever voluntarily opted to leave? Has he exhibited signs or evidence of enjoying or not enjoying the process?
  - How does Billy rank amongst AZA Asian elephants for genetic diversity?
- Rototill and Exercise
  - How often is the soil at the exhibit rototilled?
  - How often are the elephants exercised?
  - What logs or data exist to document this?
- Sanctuaries
  - What are the typical reasons for a zoo to move an elephant to a sanctuary?

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- At a sanctuary, what level of staffing and medical care is available? What connection would Billy be able to have with other elephants?
- In what scenarios has the LA Zoo moved animals to a sanctuary in the past?
- Impacts of Moving Billy
  - What would the process of moving Billy to a sanctuary look like?
  - What permissions, if any, would need to be obtained from the AZA? What is that process? What prior examples exist of similar moves and how were those orchestrated?
  - Are there concerns for the Zoo's accreditation? What are those and why? What impact would a loss or suspension of AZA accreditation have on the zoo?
- Conservation
  - Are Asian Elephants on the endangered species list? If so, at what level and are there any estimates for when the species could go extinct in the wild?
  - How do Species Survival Plans (SSPs) work at the LA Zoo? What is the purpose of these plans? What are Global Species Survival Plans and how do they differ? How do SSPs work for sustaining global populations in the wild?
  - What animal species have been specifically saved or assisted by LA Zoo efforts? Zoos in general? How has the California Condor program worked to rehabilitate the California Condor?
  - How does the LA Zoo work to support local elephant programs in Asia?

**MOVE to INSTRUCT** the CAO to report back in 60 days with an analysis on the feasibility and impacts associated with moving Billy into a sanctuary.