

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2010 POTTER PARK ZOO MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION #11-014

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Ingham County Board of Commissioners passed RESOLUTION #10-037 adopting a new Potter Park Zoo Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the new plan is laid out by world regions with a new area focused on North America; and

WHEREAS, the master plan lists current projects as; the Rhinoceros Exhibit, Meerkat Exhibit and Eagle Owl Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Owl Exhibit was completed in 2010 and the Rhinoceros Exhibit will be completed in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, \$58,000 of the \$100,000 of funding planned for the Meerkat Exhibit renovation was transferred to the Rhinoceros Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, this leaves a balance of \$42,000 in the Meerkat Exhibit which is insufficient to complete a renovation, without a significant fund raising campaign; and

WHEREAS, in the new master plan the Meerkat Exhibit is located in a new location; and

WHEREAS, during the course of implementing the zoo master plan, constructing a new Meerkat Exhibit which will be located in the Lake Tanganyika region, should be done when that region of the zoo is embarked upon; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Potter Park Zoological Society will start a capital campaign that will concurrently seek financial support for phase one, Michigan Great Lakes, as well as phase two, the Animal Health Care and Teaching Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo Board and Parks & Recreation Commission supported the amendment of the Potter Park Zoo Master Plan at their December 2010 meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the removal of the Meerkat exhibit from the Potter Park Zoo approved 2010 CIP project list and approves the amendment of the 2010 Potter Park Zoo Master Plan to reflect this change.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the goals and objectives for 2010 through 2030, as stated in the amended 2010 Master Plan, shall be construed as desirable goals only with no implied commitment on the part of the Board of Commissioners to fund any particular recommendation contained therein.

COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti

Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 1/18/11**

FINANCE: Yeas: Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan

Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 1/19/11**