







Dallas Park Board Update

Thursday, September 17, 2020





Creating a Better World for Animals

Unprecedented Times & Uncharted Territory



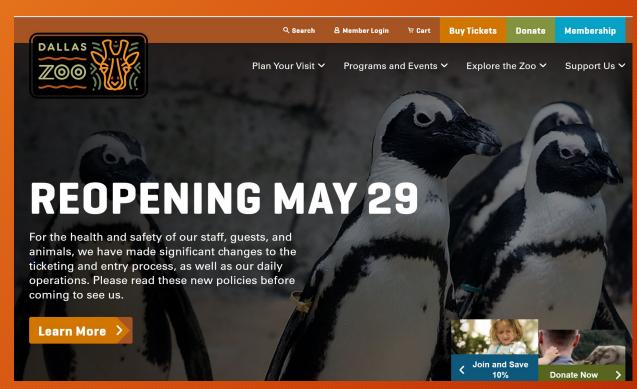
Lois Finkelman

Board Chair



The Long Summer of 2020







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The Pandemic Effect



Gregg Hudson

President & CEO



COVID-19 Operational Plan





Dallas Zoo: Road to Re-opening

Safety & Health of Staff, Visitors & Animals

COVID-19 Operational Plan

Core Focus Staff, Animal & Visitor Safety





Comprehensive Planning Process

Meets all National, State, County and City Standards

Reviewed by independent Health & Sanitation Experts

Extensive policies on daily operations and employee workplace standards

Over 50 page living document



COVID-19 Operational Plan





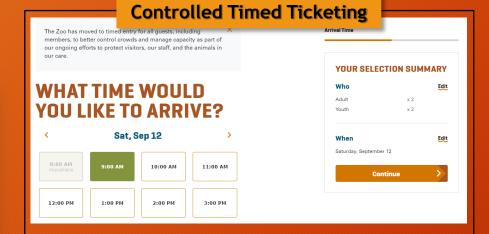
Mask Requirements & Social Distancing



Face coverings required for entry (initially difficult to enforce)

Controlled path & minimal indoor buildings open

Visitor have overwhelmingly have responded that they feel safe and comfortable



Contact-less entry and parking has worked very well

Over 90% of all ticket transactions have occurred online since opening

Current mandate is to allow us to operate at 50% of our normal capacity

Currently allowing up to 2,500 visitor peak load in park at one time

Currently allowing 5,000 tickets maximum sold per day broken down by hour

Daily Employee Health Checks



Every employee health screened before working everyday

Daily temperature check

Daily symptom screening

Extensive quarantine and COVID testing for secondary and primary exposures on staff

The Pandemic Effect



ZOO Attendance

626,388
Year to Date
(Aug 31)

October-February +101,026 Ahead of last year

March-August
-466,638 Behind last year

Forecasting 2021



TexasMonthly

THE CULTURE

Zoos, Aquariums, and Theme Parks Have Reopened Across Texas. But Is Visiting Worth the Risk?

I visited the Houston Zoo in search of normalcy and nostalgia. But filtered through my foggy face mask, the experience was unsettling.







Immediate Measures to "Right-Size" for a long-term reduced revenue model





Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) offered to over 50 employees based on years of service

Furloughs for 104 employees (25+% of our work force)

Senior Staff compensation reduction (up to 15%)

Prioritized Animal Care & Welfare

\$10M in Operating Expenses Deferred

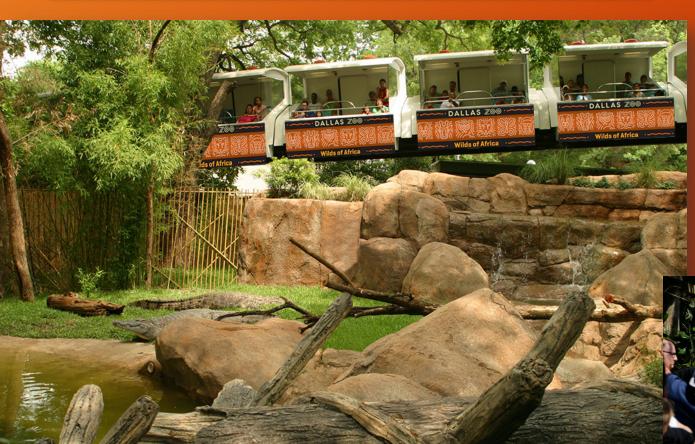


Closure of the Monorail Adventure Safari













FY 2021- Essential Baseline Expense Strategies



All Conservation, Education & Outreach programs will be very limited but expandable



Fundraising is focused on closing the operational dollar gap-currently +\$2M

Re-inventing our Business Model to create net income impact

Animal Care & Welfare will not be compromised

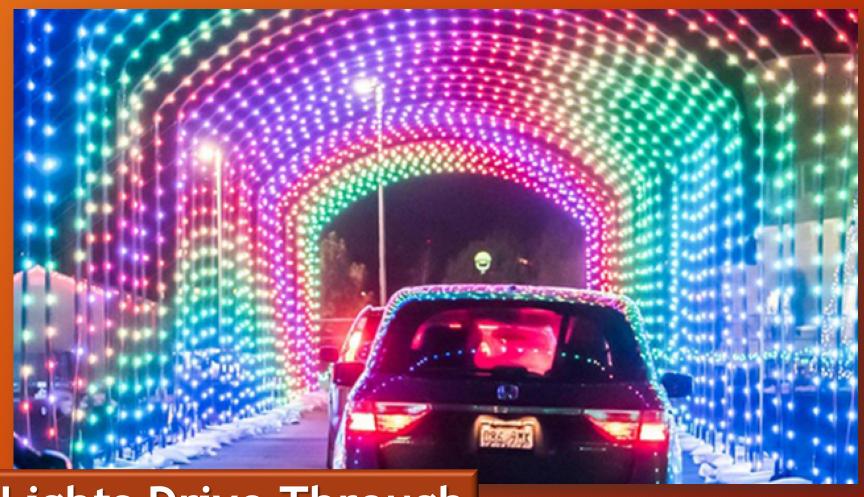
Create new capacity within our City Partnership

- Cap long-term subsidy exposure
- Establish new pricing models
- Increase and broaden accessibility

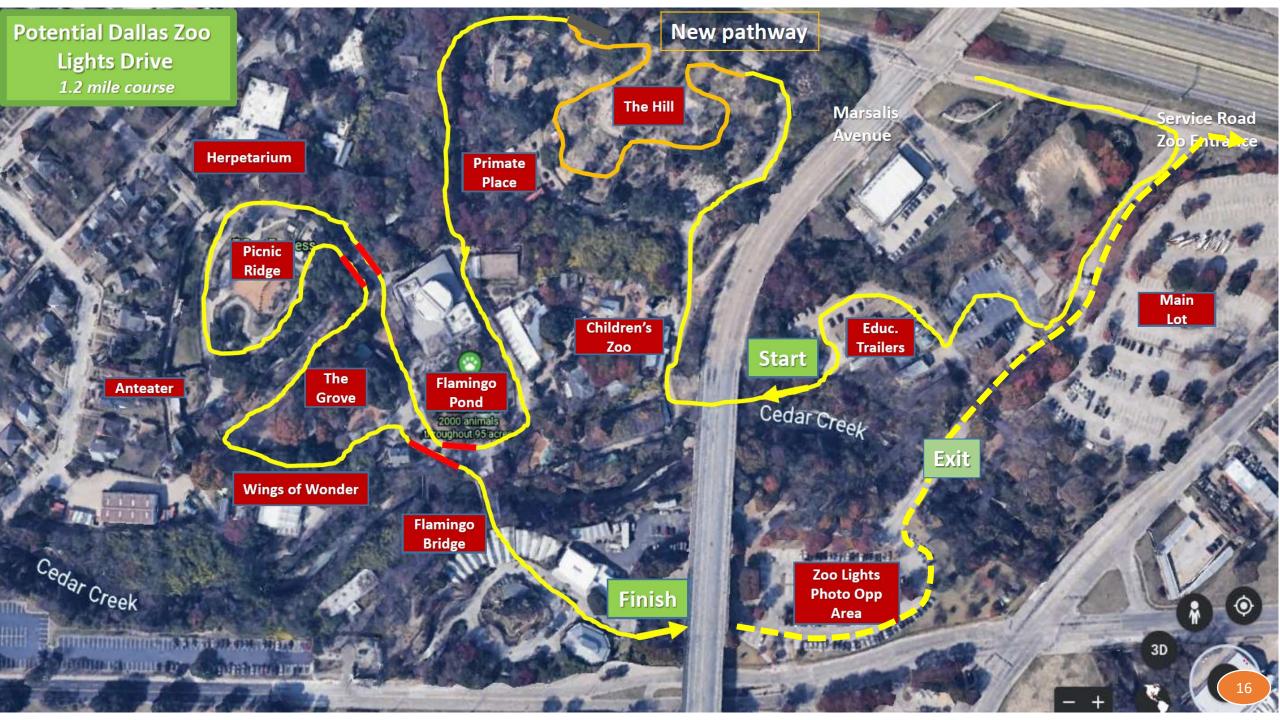
Capital Campaign is on hold but planning continues

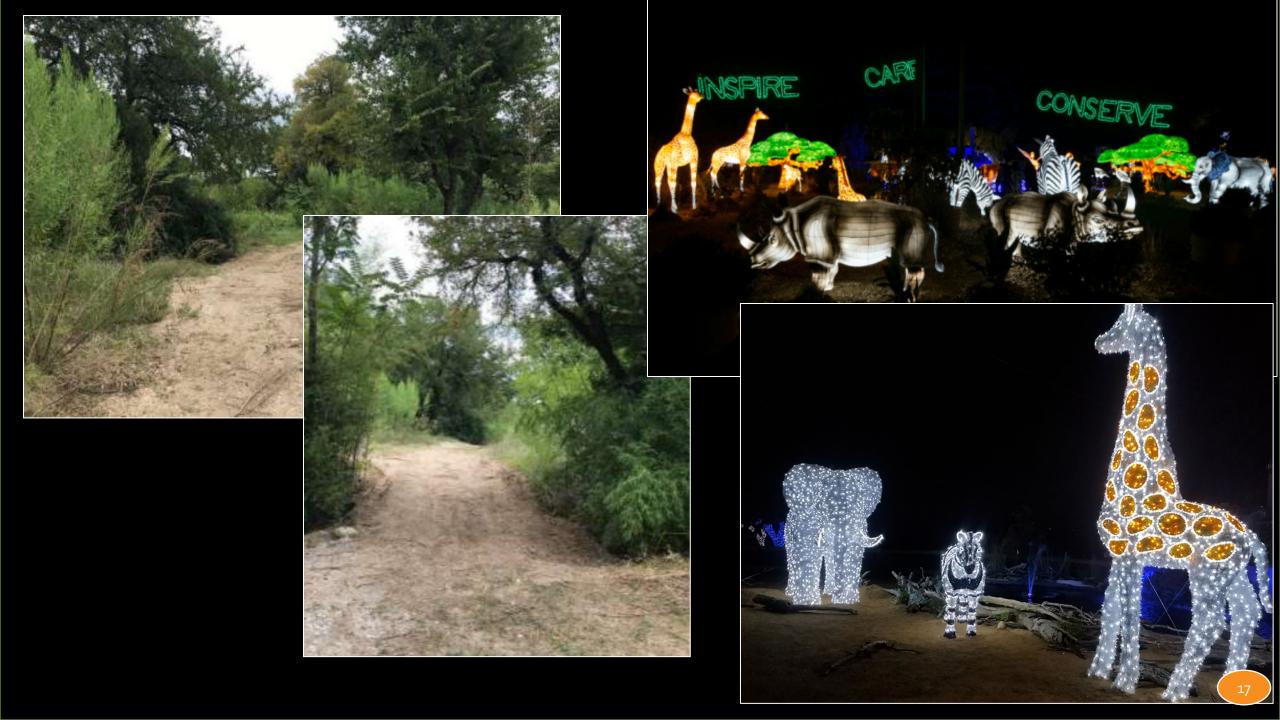
Re-Inventing Our Business Model





Zoo Lights Drive Through













Contingency annual fundraiser for Bishop Arts theatre

All Zoo Social Distancing & Mask Policies Apply

To be held in the Picnic Grove area where concerts are normally held with normal capacity of 2,000 visitors

Tickets sold to date 249 (Max. capacity- 500)

Baby Boom!









Newborn Giraffes







Newborn Zebra





















Re-introduction Program

Gorilla Updates

















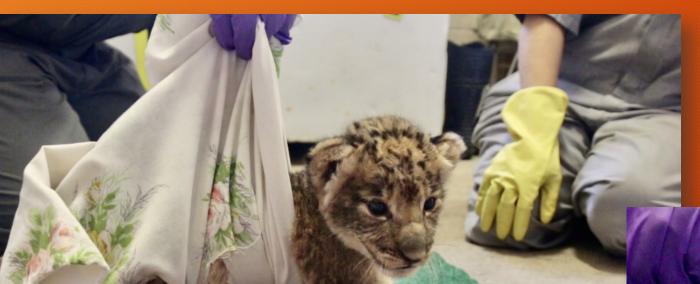
















Master Plan Update

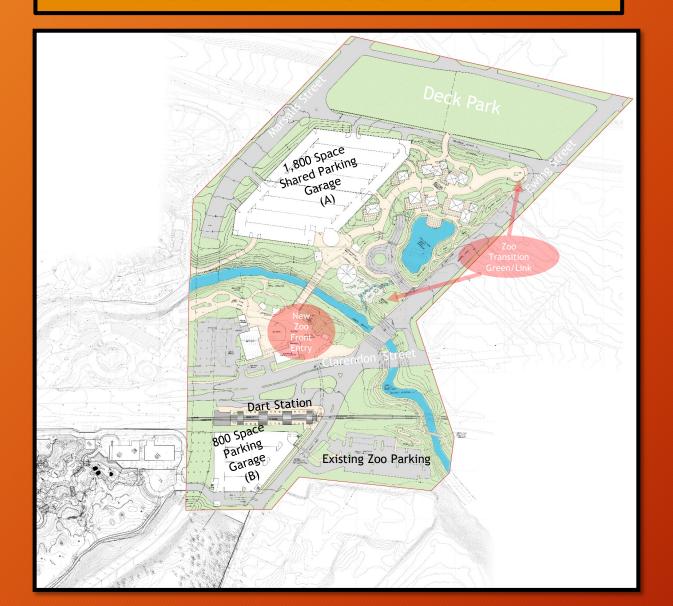


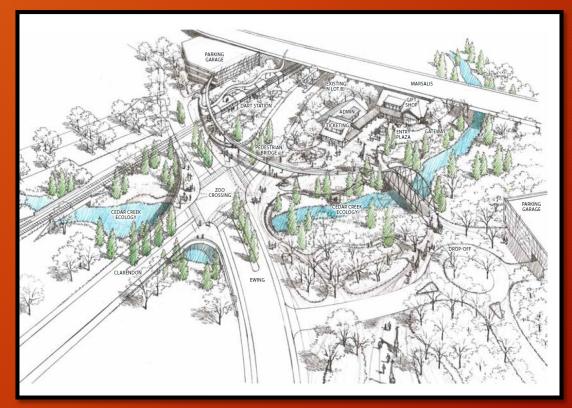






Front Entry, Parking & Deck Park transition











- Work with Park staff to develop Supplemental Agreement to contract regarding Aquarium, Zoo Wetland maintenance, and removal of CPI
- Provide Park Board information on Zoo Accessibility and Pricing Model
- Provide Park Board information on property reconciliation









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