

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Open house seeks community advice on zoo's next major exhibit

WHAT: Join Woodland Park Zoo at an open house and provide input on the zoo's next major exhibit—redevelopment of a 3.4-acre area of its Tropical Asia zone that formerly housed elephants, along with other animals.

The open house will feature stations with exhibit design concepts and a short presentation for members of the community to learn what the zoo is considering, offer guidance and ask questions.

Redeveloping a portion of Tropical Asia is a part of fulfilling the zoo's Long-Range Physical Development Plan to renovate and update older areas of the zoo. Last year, the zoo opened Banyan Wilds, a new exhibit at the heart of the zoo spotlighting Malayan tigers and sloth bears. Banyan Wilds renovated the oldest part of the zoo.

This summer, butterflies are returning in the new Butterfly Garden and, in 2018, the zoo plans to re-open a renovated Night Exhibit—bringing back nocturnal animals such as bats, arboreal primates and other small animals.

An online survey is available through April 8 at www.zoo.org/feedback.

WHEN: **Open house: Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
Presentation, question and answer: 7:25-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo's Education Center, located at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N. Parking is free

INFO: The zoo will compile the data from the survey and comments from the various community meetings, and propose a final design for the area. Among the considerations, in addition to the input from the community, will be the availability of animals, the zoo's ability to care for them in this climate and their connection to their wild counterparts.

Any new exhibit must have a significant conservation value and help demonstrate to zoo visitors how they can help save endangered animals and fragile environments around the world, Bohmke said.

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