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Animal Avenue – The Builders

TACOMA, Wash. — Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium (PDZA) assembled a large team of creative minds to conceptualize, design and build the new Animal Avenue:

- **PDZA design team:** Deputy Director John Houck, General Curator Dr. Karen Goodrowe Beck, Education Curator Carla Collette, staff education specialist Stacey Luhring, and keeper staff from the current Kids' Zone exhibit.
- **Project Managers:** PDZA Operations Manager Stan Chapin and Education Curator Carla Collette.
- **Architect:** Architects BCRA, Tacoma. Stuart Young, principal-in-charge; Jennifer Weddermann-Hay, project architect; Dave Seifert, construction manager. The firm also designed the Zoo's Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater and Kids' Zone Phase I.
- **Contractor:** Jody Miller Construction, Spanaway. Jody Miller, project manager; Ralph Vernon, project superintendent. The company also constructed PDZA's Asian Forest Sanctuary.
- **Specialty graphics and artwork:** Dillon Works! Inc., Mukilteo. Terry Sateren, project manager; Christine Lee, design director; and Todd Nordling, concept designer. Dillon Works refined the design concepts developed by PDZA staff and the design team. To give Animal Avenue a playful and fanciful look, the company will provide art and graphic designs and will fabricate signs and creative piecework.
- **Interpretive graphics copy-writer:** Wendy Spaulding, consultant
- **Specialty exhibit designer and fabricator:** Ray Mendez, principal, Work as Play, Inc., Portal, Ariz.
- **Crafted habitats:** John Fulford, president, Turnstone Construction Inc., Seattle
- **Landscaping:** PDZA horticulturalist Bryon Jones and PDZA grounds department.
- **Structural engineer:** PCS Structural Solutions, Tacoma.
- **Mechanical and electrical:** Hultz/BHU/Cross, Tacoma.

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Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the Northwest's only Zoo & Aquarium, is located in Tacoma's beautiful Point Defiance Park, 5400 North Pearl Street. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium promotes responsible stewardship of the world's resources through education, conservation, research and recreational opportunities. The Zoo, a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma, is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA).