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## New Entrance to Washington Park Zoo To Be Unveiled September 3

**Michigan City, IN** (August 17, 2004) – Mayor Chuck Oberlie will join the director of the Washington Park Zoo, the Superintendent of the city's Parks & Recreation Department, members of the Park Board, and Zoological Society members in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. The ceremony will show the public for the first time the substantial completion of the new entrance plaza and admissions building. The new entrance to the Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City heralds the zoo's new beginnings.

Mayor Oberlie said, "The new entrance opens the zoo to a future full of promise. A strategic plan is substantially completed, and we're confident that Washington Park Zoo will thrive as the plan is implemented. The zoo has been a cornerstone of Michigan City's tourist attractions for 75 years, and we fully expect it to remain as such through the coming decades."

The public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting. Following the ceremony, the mayor and his colleagues will walk across Lake Shore Drive to Washington Park where the Labor Dayz Festival will be officially opened at 5:00 p.m.

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