



**City of Albuquerque
Department of Arts and Culture**

**ABQ BioPark Advisory Group
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:00 - 5:30 pm

BioPark Zoo Library / Hybrid

Members in attendance:

Timothy McBride
Rachel Hawkins
Jeremiah Gwin
Laura Harris
Angela Alderete
Bruce Hinrichs
Christina Walker
Kristina Chongsiratwana
Jon Sanchez

Not present:

Karl Horak
Colin Barnett

Staff present:

Matthew Peterson
Dr. Carol Bradford

- I. Call to Order 4:04 PM**
- II. Approval of Agenda** – T. McBride motion to approve. K. Chongsiratwana seconds.
All in favor.
 - A. Election – Chair and Vice Chair for 2023**
A. J. Gwin nominates T. McBride to serve as chair, B. Hinrichs seconds. All
in favor.

B. J. Gwin nominates K. Horak to serve as vice chair, K. Chong seconds. All in favor.

II. Approval of the Minutes from December 5, 2022 meeting

A. B. Hinrichs moves to approve, L. Harris seconds.

III. Public Comment

A. Patron came to T. McBride with public comment about event she couldn't get tickets to. Sold out event.

IV. Current/Old Business

A. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

a. Bylaws Subcommittee –

- Submitted to Helen Maestas and routed to Daniel Manzano. S. Stowell to follow up about how to move forward.
- Need to fill District 2 vacancy. Perhaps public outreach committee can get together.

b. Annual Report Subcommittee –

- Draft sent to group. Send all suggested edits or feedback to K. Horak.

c. Public Outreach Subcommittee

- J. Sanchez – met on 1/17/23. Excited to get more involved in these positions moving forward.

d. Guest Experience Subcommittee

- J. Gwin – had a joint meeting with Public Outreach Subcommittee. Met the cochair with the Our Communities group at the BioPark (Strategic Plan). Discussed goals and mission related to data gathering. Provided some feedback, looking forward to how this effort plays out.
- S. Stowell – NMBPS approved work with Canopy to gather baseline data.

e. Master Plan/GRT Subcommittee

- B. Hinrichs – met on 1/31/23. MPLG met, reminded that is it a living document that will change with financial and other changing needs. End of March to have document complete to then decide how to distribute.

V. Announcements/Staff Updates

A. Board Chair Announcements – none

B. Board Announcements

a. Three members whose terms are expiring before next meeting

i. C. Barnett, C. Walker, J. Gwin

ii. Keep showing up until spot is filled, but email your counselor

iii. S. Stowell and T. McBride to schedule call with Daniel Manzano about how to move forward

C. Project Updates (BioPark staff)

a. Dr. Carol Bradford – BioPark’s animal health teams’ role in confiscations and care of wildlife.

i. An occurrence of about once a year. Duke, specifically, will stay with us for 30 days then will be sent to a rescue and sanctuary in Colorado.

ii. Mexican Wolf Recovery Program – part of US Fish and Wildlife. Dr. Carol and the BioPark assist when needed for things like exams, health certificates, temporarily housing, etc.

iii. Zuni eagle yearly exams

b. Dallas Zoo’s recent vandalism – BioPark is aware and as prepared as possible.

c. Matthew Peterson (Botanic Garden/ Farm Manager), and Laura Harris (Advisory Board Member) – APGA IDEA project update.

i. Empower and educate public gardens to activate intention.

ii. First assignment was to come up with proposal. Collected data from visitors about Children’s Fantasy Garden. Perhaps sensory centered activities for activating senses. Still need more data to have decision making model.

d. Stephanie Stowell (BioPark Director) – AZA Director’s Policy Conference.

i. Staff Report will be completed and sent to everyone electronically.

- ii. Bob Lee will be accepting another position at the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute. Last week at the BioPark will be first week of March.
- iii. Hope to create opportunities for this group moving forward in 2023 to visit various parts of the BioPark. Field trips will be in order!
- iv. IUCN to come to next meeting for 10-15 minutes to give an update on their work.

VI. New Business

VII. Next Regular Meeting – April 4, 2023 4-5:30pm

VIII. Adjourn – J. Gwin move to adjourn, K. Chongsiratwana seconds.

Approved:



Timothy McBride , ABQ BioPark Advisory Chair

4/24/2023

Date: