



City of Albuquerque
Department of Arts and Culture

**ABQ BioPark Advisory Group
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, June 14 2022 4:00 - 5:30 pm

BioPark Zoo Library / Zoom

Board Members Present:

Jeremiah Gwin
Kristina Chongsirirwatana
Bruce Hinrichs
Jon Sanchez
Tim McBride
Christina Walker
Angela Alderete
Laura Harris
Karl Horak

Staff Present:

Stephanie Stowell
Bob Lee
Jourdan Vallejos

Guests:

Dionna Arellano
Dafina McMillian

Not present:

Colin Barnett
Jeanette Baca

- I. Call to Order: Jeremiah 4:15 PM
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Minutes from April 5th / Comments or revisions
- III. Approval of the Minutes from April 5, 2022 meeting

- A. GRT master plan subcommittee – facilitate vs facilities – B. Hinrichs
- B. B. Hinrichs moves to approve second by K. Chongsirirwatana
- C. All in favor

IV. Public Comment – none

V. Current/Old Business

A. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

a. Bylaws Subcommittee

- i. Helen Maestas provided advice on language changes
- ii. Bylaws themselves remained the same
- iii. ‘Committee’ changed to ‘board’ – B. Hinrichs move that Bylaws be approved. Second from L. Harris. All in favor.
- iv. Revisions to language in city ordinances. Bylaws subcommittee will revise language to take to council to get ordinances updated.

b. Annual Report Subcommittee

- i. Nothing new to report

c. Public Outreach Subcommittee

- i. J. Sanchez – great meeting with Allyson Zahm and Stephanie Stowell! Will send outline to other subcommittee members.

d. Guest Experience Subcommittee

- i. J. Gwin – intro meeting with Stephanie Stowell and Allyson Zahm. Information gathering. Looking forward to having more information from the Strategic Plan to move forward.

e. Master Plan/GRT Subcommittee (review recording for details)

- i. B. Hinrichs – met with Stephanie Stowell. Identified goals and tasks.
- ii. Support
 - 1. Advocated for info to public on current projects related to master plan; GRT fund allocation in august
 - 2. Meet with BioPark directors and society leaderships regarding digital bulletins about master plan projects by July 15th if possible.

3. Meet with master plan leadership group for framework for feedback July 15th

VI. Announcements/Staff Updates

A. Board Chair Announcements – appreciate the flexibility for rescheduling this meeting!

B. Board Announcements

a. S. Stowell – update on IDEA partnership from L. Harris?

i. L. Harris – fifty members of the group from all around the world. Botanical Garden Association – created program to figure out how to make public gardens more accessible to all people. Diversity training completed at the last meeting. So glad to be there!

ii. Indigenous people of Australia – Boomali Consulting helping us without interpretive story line etc. Deep commitment to ensuring correct representation. L. Harris has helped provide ideas on how to do this successfully. Providing a connection.

C. Project Updates (BioPark staff)

a. Dafina McMillan consultant to champion next phase of strategic plan

i. Refinement and alignment

ii. Thank you for your patience

b. 1:1 interviews with exec team and senior leadership. Brief survey.

c. Getting pulse check on how staff feel

i. Where we are now: move forward with clarifying four pillars. Want to create staff cohesion about how the process is working. People pillar is prioritized. More culture work that needs to be done. Need to do that work first.

ii. The ‘people’ workgroup plan for July.

iii. Hope to create a visual roadmap to show progress!

d. BioPark Administration –

i. S. Stowell – signed contract for vaccine. Carnivores and primates to receive COVID vaccine.

ii. Baby Bulan Orang!

- iii. Last week Dr. Sharon Glaeser (thanks NMBPS) research scientist. Talked to us about what's possible for our new habitats! Looked at our elephant program etc. Peer reviewed papers! We want to collect data and get our message to the community.
 - iv. Training and cert program – hitting the ground running! Next phase (testing and certification).
 - v. Onboarding program!
 - vi. Tram update! Now it's the shuttle! Dust! Updates soon.
- VII. New Business – none
- VIII. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday August 2nd, 2022 4-5:30pm (hybrid)
- IX. Adjourn – L. Harris motions to approve B. Hinrichs seconds. All in favor!

Approved:


Jeremiah Gwin, ABQ BioPark Advisory Board Chair

September 15, 2022

Date: