



City of Albuquerque  
Department of Arts and Culture

**ABQ BioPark Advisory Group  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**BioPark Zoo Library / Hybrid**

**Members Present:**

Tim McBride  
Jeremiah Gwin  
Jeanette Temer Baca  
Karl Horak  
Jon Sanchez  
Rachel Hawkins  
Colin Barnett  
Angela Alderete  
Bruce Hinrichs  
Christina Walker  
Kristina Chongsirwatana

**Member not present:**

Laura Harris

**Staff Present:**

Stephanie Stowell  
Jourdan Vallejos

- I. Call to Order – 4:02 PM
- II. Approval of Agenda – K. Chongsirwatana moves to approve K. Horak seconds, all in favor.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from October 4, 2022, meeting – J. Gwin asked Sandy Barnett to send copy of her statement to include. We will attach when receive. T. McBride moves to approve, B. Hinrichs seconds. All in favor.
- IV. Public Comment – none.
- V. Current/Old Business

1. J. Gwin - Advisory Board can act when called upon. Thank you for your patience while we wait for pieces to fall into place. Hope board feels comfortable asking questions about where to help.
2. Want to open the subcommittees to new member Rachel Hawkins.

#### A. Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

- a. Bylaws Subcommittee
  - Bylaws suggested changes will be sent to Helen Maestes this week.
- b. Annual Report Subcommittee
  - K. Horak – This is the last meeting before end of the year. Once these minutes are complete work can start on the annual report. Anyone interested in helping review is welcome.
  - C. Walker – Can provide review and provide feedback for annual report.
  - Send draft to Jourdan to send to group for feedback.
- c. Public Outreach Subcommittee
  - R. Hawkins to join subcommittee
- d. Guest Experience Subcommittee
  - R. Hawkins to join subcommittee
- e. Master Plan/GRT Subcommittee
  - B. Hinrichs has questions about website updates for Master Plan. How often will it be updated? What information is included?
  - S. Stowell will address in her report.

#### VI. Announcements/Staff Updates

- A. Board Chair Announcements
  - a. J. Gwin – appreciate everyone’s time this past year! Happy Holidays!
- B. Board Announcements - none
- C. Project Updates (BioPark staff)
  - a. S. Stowell
    - i. Thank you for your patience and understanding this year with moving parts. This group has really grown – grateful for your participation.

ii. Strategic Plan workgroups (Our People, Our Plants and Animals, Our Impacts, Our Communities) made up of 40-45 staff members. Opportunities for this group to engage in Our Communities workgroup more relevantly. Groups are working on one year action plans and five-year goals. Core focus of this group are of the ‘who’ and ‘the experience’. Initial focus is on data gathering. Proposal to NMBPS Board to survey ROL attendees regarding visitation to the BioPark. Canopy (formerly Zoo Advisors) can also provide vital data quarterly. No commitments made yet. Opportunities to have subcommittees actively engaged in this group. Strongly encourage us to invite co-chairs to subcommittee (public outreach and guest experience) meetings in January. Perhaps also to meet with the actual workgroup.

1. PCI – Public Communication Inc. Thank you to the NMBPS for approving our work with them on external communication. Hope to get some subcommittees involved in their work.

iii. Master Plan review process is complete. Working with two contractors and GLMV and have list of prioritized projects and budget. Working on documents for external consumption with GLMV. Looking towards an interactive web-based document, predominately. With the hopes of creating embedded feedback mechanisms. Could involve Public Outreach and GRT subcommittees participation and feedback. More to come in January for this group. Updates to the website (GRT subcommittee) who, how, when... to also be discussed and explored.

1. J. Gwin – important to have a clear path for feedback that is easily navigable; for community to know when changes are made. Has there been any process or conversation to make sure that any changes don’t

require a vote from the public (according to ordinance).

Would be beneficial to let community know if so.

- a. S. Stowell – yes and was in the scope of the original plans and is discussed at Master Plan Leadership Group.

iv. Penguin chick!

1. Successful nesting season! Two weeks old now.

Announced on Saturday as well as reopening of the building part way. Still taking HPAI precautions.

v. Successful surgery with Irene, 55-year-old elephant.

1. Lots of community aid – remarkable collaboration.

VII. New Business

A. Election – Chair and Vice Chair for 2023

A. Nominations for Chair

1. K. Chong to nominate K. Horak

a. Turned down

2. B. Hinrichs to nominate T. McBride

a. All in favor!

B. Nominations for Vice Chair

1. K. Horak volunteers for Vice Chair

a. All in favor!

B. February will start their term.

VIII. Mission-related experiences for Advisory Board in 2023

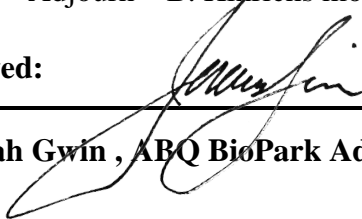
A. Purely informational – no board business. Behind the scenes tours.

B. If you feel there are areas you are interested in we can plan and take into consideration for next year.

IX. Next Regular Meeting – February 7, 2023, 4-5:30pm

X. Adjourn – B. Hinrichs moves C. Barnett. All in favor. 5:12 PM

Approved:



Jeremiah Gwin, ABQ BioPark Advisory Chair

March 22, 2023

Date: