



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

**ABQ BioPark Advisory Group  
MEETING Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Zoom**

For link to Zoom meeting please contact [jvallejos@cabq.gov](mailto:jvallejos@cabq.gov)

**Members present:**

Jeremiah Gwin  
Colin Barnet  
Angela Alderete  
Jonathan Sanchez  
Kristina Chong  
Karl Horak  
Bruce Hinrichs  
Laura Harris  
Jeannette Baca  
Timothy McBride  
Christina Walker

**Staff present:**

Stephanie Stowell  
Brandon Gibson

- I. Call to Order – Jeremiah Gwin, Vice Chair, called to order 4:04; 10 Board Members present: Colin Barnet, Angela Alderete, Jonathan Sanchez, Kristina Chong, Karl Horak, Bruce Hinrichs, Laura Harris, Jeannette Turner Baca, Jeremiah Gwin, Timothy McBride, Christina Walker
- II. Approval of Agenda – Timothy move; Colin 2<sup>nd</sup> APPROVED

- III. Approval of the Minutes from September 7, 2021 meeting – Jeannette move; Jonathan 2<sup>nd</sup> APPROVED
- IV. Public Comment - none; heard that River of Lights is really great and all are enjoying it (Angela);
- V. Introductions and Reports - none
- VI. Reviews & Approvals
  - A. Bylaws Subcommittee – presentation/discussion of draft BioPark Advisory Board Bylaws – working discussion of the draft by present members – no votes today; will be brought forward for a formal motion by the By-Laws subcommittee at a future meeting. Good conversation around representation of community vs specific content knowledge (e.g. zoological fields) for greater inclusivity. Need to add voting procedures.
  - B. FOR NEXT MEETING: add motion to approve Adam and Jeremy's Chair / Vice Chair term beginning Jan 2022 following Sept off-month election
- VII. Announcements/Ongoing Project Updates
  - A. Board Chair Announcements – Adam to reach out to Helen Maestas regarding how to meet while accommodating Open Meetings requirements; Complimentary tickets from the BioPark Society; congrats on getting through 2021 please let staff know that the Board is grateful for their service
  - B. Board Announcements
    - Annual Report – defer to New Business to discuss Sub Committee
  - C. Project Updates (Stephanie/Brandon/Bob/Julie - NMBPS) – see Staff Project Updates attachment; AZA hearing and 5 more years of accreditation, GRT updates, ROL records for attendance, Eerie leaving to join siamang troop at another facility.
- VIII. New Business
  - Advisory Board Subcommittee Discussion; responsibilities extend beyond providing support to BioPark staff to include to CABQ Administration and City Council. Use the physical divisions to generate committees. Works against our mission of integration of “One BioPark” (Karl & Stephanie) to have committees separated by facility. Conservation ...Community

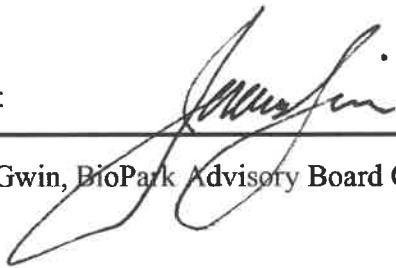
Engagement ...broader topics that cross the facilities/community/programs. More direction will be coming from Strategic Plan. Jeremiah – GRT policy is most important so having a subcommittee on this would be of value. Angela – Education / promoting conservation. Jonathan – public perception what all does the BioPark do. How is that messaging being put out there and how is it received? Stephanie – Master Plan review process.

- Annual Report – MOTION to establish an Annual Report subcommittee to prepare the annual report and bring to the full Advisory Board for approval (Jeremiah Gwin) second (Karl Horak) APPROVED MEMBERS (VOLUNTEERED) KARL HORAK (CHAIR, COLIN BARNETT, TIM MCBRIDE)
- Meeting Frequency in 2022 discussion: can't meet less than quarterly. Recommend every two months due to amount of information. MOTION shift to every other month for 2022 beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday beginning at 4:00 (Jeremiah) Second (Karl) APPROVED

IX. Next Regular Meeting –February 8, 4-5:30pm

X. Adjourn motion (Bruce) second (Tim) meeting adjourned 5:32pm

Approved:



Jeremiah Gwin, BioPark Advisory Board Chair

15 February 2022

Date: