



Timothy Keller

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
MEETING OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

Monday, July 8, 2019
903 Tenth Street, SW
Zoo Library

Members Present: Christine Glidden, Chair,
Kristina Chong, Tiana Baca,
Karl Horak, Adam Silverman and Christine Weidmann-Wilson.

Members Absent: Tanesia R Hale-Jones and two unconfirmed seats

Staff Present: Baird Fleming (BioPark Administrator), Rochelle Shaw (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Peter Rice - Reporter with Downtown Albuquerque News

Ms. Glidden called the meeting to order.

Ms. Glidden established that there was not a Quorum at this time.

Approval of the Minutes, May 13, 2019 Meeting
The meeting minutes will be reviewed by the members.

Everyone introduced themselves including Kristina Chong – New member to the Board and Peter Rice, a visitor, and reporter with Downtown Albuquerque News.

A motion was made, and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

There was discussion regarding the fire on the Bosque. Baird stated that we do not have any answers as of yet. It was quickly contained. The fire did breach the facility and burned down a fence at Japanese Garden. It was along the fence line. Baird gave a brief description of how the animals would be removed from the farm, if necessary.

Ms. Glidden stated that she reached out the Julie Miller Rugg, Executive Director, New Mexico BioPark Society. She is interested in what NMBPS is doing and how the Board could support them.

Baird gave a summary of the ICUN red list projects. Staff have assessed all 600 species of fresh water fish in Mexico. The BioPark will publish the paper on this. Participated in over half of the assessments and in 900 published research papers.

There was discussion on the extinction of the Vaquita and how the BioPark helped.

There was also discussion on the construction on Iron. Baird stated that it was storm drain work and was ongoing along with the front parking lot construction and the employee staff parking lot construction.

A giraffe was born last week and is doing well. The zookeeper in that area 3:05 am Friday morning and was allowed to go outside yesterday (July 7, 2019). Baby and mom are doing very well.

Spanky, Mountain lion was anesthetized last week, removed 2 liters of plural fusion – we don't know what that is from. Come visit Spanky – come say good bye.

Samantha new gorilla doing well. She comes to us from Gladys Porter zoo.

Penguins we are trying to get them open. You are invited to come by on Friday July 12, 2019 to view them. The penguins are doing very well. Birds of prey perching is being completed. Visitor shade will be installed. Two associate directors will be hired very soon. Second meeting on Asia construction is scheduled. Marisa Ortiz was hired as project manager for the GRT projects. Asia will take 2 years and 6 months for completion. No news on the elephant Trek. Sound meter during concerts, not above 78 decibels during concerts.

Solar panels are done at the Aquarium in the parking lot and installation will begin at the zoo south parking lot this week.

Anna Walker new Red list staff. Butterfly pavilion is doing very well.

Concentration on education, conservation, research, and welfare. Happy, healthy, safe number one priority.

Final budget was presented and accepted on July 1, 2019.

There being no further business, the Chair requested a motion for adjournment; a motion was made by Mr. Silverman, seconded by Ms. Weidmann-Wilson and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Rochelle Shaw