



Timothy Keller

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

Monday, May 13, 2019
903 Tenth Street, SW
Zoo Library

Members Present: Tanesia R Hale-Jones, Chair
Karl Horak, Adam Silverman and Christine Weidmann-Wilson.

Members Absent: Christine Glidden, Tiana Baca, and three unconfirmed seats

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

Guests: Dick Wilkinson – member of the public

Ms. Hale-Jones called the meeting to order.

Ms. Hale-Jones 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.

Baird Fleming stated that Run for the Zoo had 9,500 participants. The weather was perfect for the run. It was a beautiful day. Sunday was the Mother's day event with the Philharmonic Orchestra. The attendance was a little over 6,000.

There was discussion on the construction at the BioPark. Baird gave a rundown of all the current and upcoming construction. Birds of Prey – the mesh is up so we are thinking about putting the birds back in their exhibit. We still need shade structures in front of the exhibit. Penguins – We will be adding some waterproofing and water repellent to the exhibit. Parrot Exhibit – part of that is done now we will continue with the kitchen. This should take about six months. The Farm is going to be a place that will become more interactive. A place where you could pick your apples, grapes, pumpkins and everything that is grown there. We have a cider press if the public would want to press their own grapes. We will also have domestic animals that will be interactive. The Farm will eventually be an event space. We will be focusing on sustainable practices both past and present. The Cottonwood gallery will be used as a buffer area so that things that should not go into the river will go into this buffer area, although, the BioPark does not use chemicals. We are trying to encourage wildlife to come out there – and have seen bobcat, badger, porcupine and

beavers. We have been cleaning up north of Silver minnow. Moving old buildings out. Trying to work on fantasy Garden log, polar bear exhibit and some smaller things here and there.

New gorilla has arrived. She comes to us from Brownsville. She will be introduced to the group in a few weeks. Two of our gorillas have been shipped out. These are permanent loans. Baird explain the animal loan process. A giraffe was shipped to Cape May.

At this point in the meeting (4:23pm) there was a Quorum present.

ICUN – there will be a third person hired Red list – the Red list board was restricted to seven members. We will be on the board. We are now being designated as a Species Survival Center.

El Vado – is there an agreement with the El Vado using our parking lot. There is not an agreement with the El Vado.

Solar panels are being added at the Aquarium in the parking lot.

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 4:48 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Rochelle Shaw