

NIABI ZOO

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES | VIA ZOOM

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Nelson - Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Mik Holgerson – Member |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geoff Manis – Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee Jackson – NIABI Zoo Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Craver – Director Forest Preserve | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joel Vanderbush – NIABI Zoo Curator |
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1. Call to order: 5:34 pm
2. Minutes approval: January 18, 2020: DH | JM | Approved
3. Visitor(s): Kim Nickels and Alex Calvert
4. New Members: Welcome Geoff Manis as new member | Approved
5. Report from the Zoo Director LJ:
 - a. Currently planning for the new season.
 - b. Continuing to fund raise for the Zoo.
 - c. Hiring Zookeepers and staff for 2021.
 - d. Working on the Rhino exhibit. The bulk of the work is completed and ready to receive first Rhino in the spring. Some work is on hold due to the extreme cold.
 - e. Working on a formal plan for member orientation. Encourage everyone to look at the website to get a feel for the Zoo and what the Zoo team members do.
6. Report from Zoo Curator JV:
 - a. Working with seasonal staff to prep for the upcoming opening of the Zoo.
 - b. Working on online orientation.
 - c. Working on online educational programs for the future.
 - d. JV would like the CAB members to test drive the online orientation that will be used by staff.
7. New Business:
 - a. VT shared questions from folks who are curious about the Rhino Exhibit.
 - i. Will there be a male and a female? LJ: there will be two male Rhinos this year.
 - ii. Will the Rhinos be permanent? LJ: Rhinos will be on long term loan.
 - iii. What is the square footage of the space being provided for the Rhinos? LJ: will have answer for CAB at next meeting.
 - b. CAB meeting schedule: It was suggested to have quarterly rather than monthly CAB meetings. KM motioned to keep the meetings as scheduled if there was business to

discuss, otherwise cancel meeting and move Foundation meeting into the 5:30 pm time.

JM seconded the motion. This was approved.

8. Items for Next Agenda:

- a. Zoo to send "orientation" link for CAB members to view.
- b. Review website and bring comments.

9. Meeting dates: 2021: 03/15 • 04/19 • 05/17 • 06/21 • 07/19 • 08/16 • 09/13 • 10/18 • 12/13

10. Meetings begin at 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Adjourned: 5:51 pm DH | GM | Approved

Next meeting: March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Krisan Steiger