

Red Butte Garden Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 3:30 PM
Online Zoom Meeting

Present: David Classen, Kym Buttschardt, Erin Armstrong, Curt Crowther, Kristy Larsen, Lindee Nance, David Reymann, Laura Snow, JoLynda Stillman, Sandi Behnken, David Gee

Absent: Tory Magleby, Troy Aramburu, Brandi Bosworth, Jeff Herring, Ron Motzkus, Steve Price, Selma Sierra

Staff in Attendance: Derrek Hanson, Jayne Anderson, Eddy Dawson, Dion Duffin, Kristin Gelegotis, Sam Gluck, Kevin Jensen, Sarah Sandoval, Marita Tewes Tyrolt

- I. Approval of Advisory Board Minutes from November 10, 2021.
A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes.
- II. Advisory Board Chair Announcements
 - a. Board Engagement Committee
David announced the creation of a Board Engagement Committee, to help the Board re-engage and play a role in some of the new initiatives coming up at the Garden. He asked that anyone interested send an email to Sam Gluck, Board Liaison.
 - b. Nomination
Jamie Rubin and Beverly Vargo have been nominated for first-year terms to the Advisory Board. Current members will vote throughout the meeting, using a poll within Zoom.
- III. Finance Report
 - a. Audit Report
Jason Wheeler, auditor at our contracted auditing company Squire and Co, presented their findings. This audit is conducted annually to satisfy ZAP recipient requirements, and no major issues were found. Jason thanked Kristin Gelegotis, Senior Accountant, for all of her hard work and assistance.
 - b. Budget Report
This report consists of the financials for Quarter 2 of this fiscal year, which shows that Red Butte Garden has an apparent operating surplus of \$4,638,559. The increase over the previous fiscal year can be attributed to receiving the Shuttered Venues Operators Grant, revenue from the 2021 concert series, and the Garden's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

c. ZAP Preservation Committee

Each year Red Butte Garden is asked for a contribution to the ZAP Preservation Committee, which helps to keep ZAP intact. However, as this is not a permitted use of University funds, we ask that Board members help cover the annual dues. Kym will send a follow up email with details on how to assist for those interested.

IV. Executive Director Update

a. Museums for All

We are now a part of Museums for All, through which anyone on a food assistance program can gain free or reduced admission to participating institutions - we opted to provide free admission. After signing up we received a call from the County Health Department asking if we would be willing to add members of the WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program here in Salt Lake, so they are included as well.

b. Events & Guest Services Director Search

The search is underway for the new Director of Events & Guest Services. There was a strong applicant pool for this position, and we will hopefully be making an offer next week. In the meantime, Derrek has been getting the position programmed for the year so there is a smooth transition.

V. Nominating Committee

After tallying the in-meeting votes as well as those sent in from members who were unable to make it, both candidates were approved for addition to the Board. As this was an off-cycle nomination, their terms will roll back to a November 2021 appointment. We will be nominating new members again as well as voting on second terms later this year.

VI. iSEE Presentation

Sarah Sandoval, School Programs Manager, gave a presentation on iSEE – Informal Science Education Enhancement – which is a collaboration of Utah science and engineering nonprofit organizations. iSEE partners offer programs to every K-12 public and charter school in the state, ensuring equitable access to the educational resources we provide to teachers and students, regardless of where they live in Utah.

Kym asked if private schools had the option to pay for this programming if they wanted to bring students to the Garden. Sarah let the Board know that we can provide programs to private schools, as long as they aren't taking up any resources that would go to public schools. Because of this, our Virtual Garden experience would be a great option for them.

VII. Staff Reports

a. Bridges Trail

Kym asked about the status of the Six Bridges Trail. Kevin Jensen, Project Manager, informed everyone that the trail was completed at the end of 2021,

and that we are planning the grand opening to take place sometime in May of this year.

Adjournment 4:27PM