



CLARK PLANETARIUM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Location: Virtual Meeting
Friday, September 18, 2020

Board attendance:

Allison Thompson
Ahsan Iqbal
Rees Petersen
Ulrich Rassner
Jim Karner
Mike Hanson
Jordan Hansen
Bianca Lyon
Kim Wilson
Olga Siggins
Shireen Ghorbani, SL County Council

Staff/others in attendance:

Lindsie Smith
Tim Glenn
Anna Marie Turner
Stephanie McGinnis
Marla Henderson
Robin Chalhoub
Richard Cox
Audra Sorensen

- I. **STELLAR SHARE** – Allison Thompson discussed the NEOWISE Comet currently visible in the night sky.
- II. **CALL TO ORDER and Welcome** at 12:45 p.m. by Rees Petersen
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**





- a. Allison Thompson moved to approve the minutes from May and June, the motion was seconded and the minutes approved.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS were requested** by Rees Petersen. None were given.

V. **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

- a. Rees Petersen announced the reappointment of Ulrich Rassner to his second term on the Board.
- b. Peterson moved to approve the nomination of Allision Thompson to serve as the new Advisory Board Chair. Thompson was unopposed, the motion seconded, the vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. In June, Bianca Lyon and Jordan Hansen were nominated to run for the position of Advisory Board Vice Chair. Bianca Lyon withdrew her nomination and gave Jordan Hansen her full support. Shireen Ghorbani moved to appoint Jordan Hansen as Board Vice Chair, the motion seconded, and vote in favor, unanimous.

VI. **REVIEW OF BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- a. Petersen thanked and acknowledged former and new board members. He acknowledged several accomplishments by the board.
- b. The board successfully changed the bylaws, having members serve for two years instead of three years. [Clarification from Allison Thompson, Board Chair, during the September meeting that the Chair and Vice-Chair can also serve for two years, because the bylaws do not specify the leadership positions. Minutes modified by Richard Cox and posted as FINAL.]
- c. In 2020, the board helped bring on a new executive director, Lindsay Smith.

- d.
- e. New Section: Allison was updating re: Board Nomination Process: Three years ago, the board was comprised of 4 female and 7 males. The board made a commitment to diversify and is working on that goal.
- f. In early 2020, the board completed 11 interviews, and have found several individuals who will be presented to County Council and are hoping to welcome the new members in the Clark Planetarium Board meeting next month.
- g. The goal is to fill the maximum allowed capacity of members, which is 17.

VII. COVID-19 UPDATE

- a. Director Lindsie Smith gave an update on COVID-19 and how it is affecting the facility, staffing, and operations.

VIII. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS UPDATE

- a. Stephanie McGinnis, Community Programs supervisor went over recent events and outreach programs. She also gave an update about events planned for the near future.
- b. Due to COVID-19, Clark developed online programs including “Clark Classroom Creates,” and an online coding camp. McGinnis went over measurements regarding the program – which were very positive.
- c. McGinnis showed a calendar of upcoming events, including additional online courses, a speaker series and involvement in already-existing programs just as the County’s Rally the Valley campaign and Mars 2020 Launch campaign.

IX. 2020 Fundraising and Gala discussion



- a. Tim Glenn is tracking grant opportunities and is in the process of pursuing several large grants.
- b. Board members discussed ideas for a virtual gala as well as new ideas for raising money. Ideas included a family-oriented “gift box,” virtual costume contest, recipes and getting donations.

X. NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

- a. The August meeting will be cancelled as is the usual August practice. It will be replaced with a virtual “meet and greet” to usher in new board members. It will be held on Aug. 20.

XI. ADJOURNED

- a. The meeting was declared adjourned at 1:40 p.m. by Rees Petersen.