



GVR Mission Statement: *"To provide recreational, social and leisure education opportunities that enhance the quality of our members' lives."*

A special meeting of the GREEN VALLEY RECREATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS was held Friday, November 13, 2020 by teleconference. The President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Directors Present by Remote: Don Weaver (President), Mike Zelenak (Vice President), Donna Coon (Treasurer), Beverly Tobiason (Secretary), Randy Howard (Assistant Treasurer), Mark Kelley (Assistant Secretary), Christine Gallegos, Bev Lawless, Mark McIntosh, Charles Sieck, Sandra Thornton, Gail Vanderhoof, Jen Morningstar (Interim CEO/non-voting)

Visitors: 40

1. Call to Order/ Establish Quorum

President Weaver called the meeting to order at 3:16pm MST. Roll was called and a quorum established.

2. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: D. Weaver/2nd. Approve agenda as amended.
Passed: unanimously

3. New Business

A. New CEO Announcement – R. Howard

Director Howard read into the minutes the announcement of the hire of GVR's new CEO, Scott Somers (see Attachment 1). Mr. Somers will begin in his new position on January 4, 2021. President Weaver thanked Director Howard and his committee and the Board for all of their hard work.

B. Funding Source: Canoa Hills Clubhouse – D. Coon

MOTION: D Coon/2nd. Request that the GVR Board of Directors approve payment for the purchase of the Canoa Hills Clubhouse from the Initiatives Reserve Fund.
Passed: unanimously

C. Code of Conduct Violation – D. Weaver/M. Zelenak

President Weaver read a statement to the Board.

MOTION: M. Zelenak/2nd. Request an ad hoc committee be formed to be chaired by myself (M. Zelenak) with 2 GVR members for the purpose of conducting an internal investigation into the leak of confidential information

to the local media and that the committee be vested with the authority to hire independent experts, if necessary, to assist in the investigation.

Discussion followed with President Weaver endorsing appointing Director Mike Zelenak as Chair of this committee. Director McIntosh requested that members be appointed who do not have any bias. Director Zelenak noted that an eBlast! will go out seeking interested members, preferably with a background in either law enforcement or legal procedure, and requesting that they submit a brief bio to Interim CEO Morningstar.

There was discussion of financial expenditures in relation to this committee. Director Howard requested amending the motion to recommend that once the committee is formed and has met, that they report back to the Board in regard to funding requirements.

AMENDED MOTION: M. Zelenak/2nd. Request an ad hoc committee be formed, to be chaired by myself (M. Zelenak) with 2 GVR members, for the purpose of conducting an internal investigation into the leak of confidential information to the local media, and that the committee be vested with the authority to hire independent experts, if necessary, to assist in the investigation. That once the committee is formed and met, they will report back to the Board in regard to funding requirements.

Passed: unanimously

4. Member Comments: 8 comments were reviewed and addressed.

5. Adjournment

MOTION: M. Zelenak/2nd. Adjourn the meeting at 3:42pm MST.

Passed: unanimously

Attachment

Attachment 1: (Item 3A)

November 13, 2020

Scott Somers Hired as GVR CEO

Please help us welcome Mr. Scott Somers as Green Valley Recreation's (GVR) CEO. Mr. Somers's tenure with GVR will begin on January 4, 2021.

Mr. Somers comes to us with over seventeen years of city and county management experience. He is a Tucson native and is highly qualified for the position. He will be relocating from College Park, MD where he has served as City Manager for the past five years. From 2012 through 2015, he served as the County Manager of Clatsop County, OR. From 2009 – 2012 he served as City Manager for Reedsport, OR. He also served as Assistant Administrator for Savage, MN, and Assistant to the City Manager for White Bear Lake, MN. Mr. Somers graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW) and the University of Arizona with a master's degree in Public Administration (MPA). In addition to his stellar experience and education, he has many friends and family members in the area. Green Valley Recreation's process in hiring Mr. Somers began with the GVR Board engaging an executive search firm to recruit qualified candidates, verify information on candidate resumes, perform thorough background investigations, ensure candidates met the requirements set forth by the Board for the position, and to communicate with the candidates who were selected for further consideration by the Board.

Mr. Somers was among seventy-four candidates who were considered for the CEO position. Through extensive resume reviews, background checks, search committee interviews, and prepared candidate presentations, the list of candidates was narrowed to the top three, including Mr. Somers. The top three candidates traveled to Green Valley November 6-8 to tour GVR facilities, meet with staff, and to participate in the final interview with the Board of Directors.

Following this exhaustive process, the Board selected Mr. Somers as GVR's incoming CEO. Mr. Somers looks forward to working with our tremendous staff, the GVR Board, and meeting our wonderful GVR members. "I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work," Somers said. As Green Valley Recreation embarks on its next five-year strategic plan, which will shape the direction of the organization for years to come, Somers said, "This is a perfect time to hit the ground running by working with the Board, staff, and all of our members on shaping this organization to accommodate the growing, changing, and diverse needs of our community."

From the press release soon to be issued by the City of College Park, Maryland:
City of College Park Announces Resignation of City Manager Somers

November 13, 2020, COLLEGE PARK, MD – The City of College Park announces the resignation of its City Manager Scott Somers effective December 23, 2020. Somers has been with the City for more than five years. “This was a very difficult decision;” said City Manager Somers, “the past five years that I have worked for the City have been the most challenging and rewarding period of my career.” During his tenure with the City, Somers has overseen the culmination of numerous City initiatives and projects including City Hall, the College Park Woods Pool property, the Calvert Road Elementary School project, the dog park, Hollywood Gateway Park, Trolley Trail completion, among others. He has also improved and further developed City relations with the University of Maryland, which is showcased in the combined City Hall project expected to be completed next year.

Somers has accepted a position as CEO for Green Valley Recreation, Inc., a not-for-profit in southern Arizona that provides recreation, social, and leisure services for its members. Prior to his position with the City, Somers served as County Manager of Clatsop County, Oregon and City Manager for Reedsport, Oregon.

The City intends to begin the search process for a new City Manager by the end of the year. An RFP will be issued soon for a firm to start a nationwide search for a replacement. It is the City’s goal to find and secure a new City Manager by spring of 2021. During this time, Assistant City Manager, Bill Gardiner will assume the role as Acting City Manager.

The City thanks Somers for his hard work, diligence, and dedication during his time with our City. The City wishes him the best in his future endeavors. “Although Scott will be leaving us, his strong legacy as City Manager in College Park will endure well after he is gone;” said Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn, “Scott’s leadership enabled us to bring many key projects to fruition, including the new City Hall, and brought an increasing level of professionalization and diversity to our staff. The residents of College Park owe him a debt of gratitude, and we wish him well as he embarks on this new chapter.”