OF DIRECTORS held Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at West Center, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

**Directors Present:** Jim Nelson (President), Kathy Palese (Vice President), Bob Allen (Treasurer), Donna Coon (Assistant Secretary), Roger Myers (Assistant Treasurer), Carol Crothers, Don Lathrop, David Messick, Denise Nichols, Tom Sadowski, Tim Stewart, Kent Blumenthal (CEO)

**Directors Absent:** Lance Heise

**Staff:** Jim Conroy (COO), Cheryl Moose (CFO), Jen Morningstar (Executive Office Manager), David Jund (Facilities Director), Nat Whitman (Communications Specialist), Karen Miars (Administrative Assistant), Randy Cheatham (IT Director), Payton Snider, Conal Ward

### **Visitors:**

## I. Call to Order / Establish Quorum

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:32pm MST. Roll call by Morningstar; Quorum established.

# II. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: Messick / Seconded. Adopt Agenda

Passed: unanimous

#### III. Consent Calendar

MOTION: Coon / Seconded. Approve Consent Calendar as presented.

Passed: unanimous

### IV. President's Comments

At the beginning of this year I've encouraged all of us to open new doors and see what's behind; that you'd be encouraged. Well, we've opened several new doors this year including another last week when Pima County reached out and asked if the GVR Board of Directors would partner to direct appropriate activities regarding restoration and reuse of the former Canoa Hills golf course. Now, let me be clear. The County nor GVR is entering into the golf business.

However, we are all aware with the recent demise of Canoa Hills golf course and the eyesore left behind. The determination of this joint venture with the County is to provide a new purpose for the former golf course; including transforming the natural open space into a passive public recreation in the form of trails and walking paths; environmental restoration of the former fairways to natural Sonoran Desert vegetation; establishment of wildlife linkages and corridors and other adaptive uses. The possibilities are endless; bike trails, walking paths, trails for jogging, bird watching. I can envision the endless projects of community garden clubs. I see covered pavilions for picnic areas. An area set aside for a dog park. Use your imagination. If completed, it would be one of the first adaptive reuses of a golf course infrastructure. The County has all the appropriate technical resources to assist in this endeavor. Conservation science, native plant nursery, wildlife educators and other specialized staff can provide the technical expertise and guidance to make such a conversion successful.

The former owner is making a donation to the County. The clubhouse is a separate venture that the County is negotiating with the owner. The investment by GVR will be to assist in forming an appropriate multi-disciplinary taskforce to evaluate and explore options for long-term natural resource, passive recreation and environmental uses of this property. I have asked GVR Director Don Lathrop to represent GVR with this taskforce, and he has accepted.

Look for updates from GVR as discussions about partnering with Pima County for the reuse of the former Canoa Hills golf course moves forward. Oh by the way, of the emails GVR has received on this topic, over 80% have been positive.

# V. CEO Report

In the interest of time and distance, Blumenthal deferred his report until the next meeting

## VI. New Business

A. GVR Squares Club Guest Fee Reduction Request

MOTION: Palese / Seconded. GVR Board of Directors reduce the GVR Square and Round Dance Club guest fee to \$2 per visitor through 2018

Passed: unanimous

B. CEO Authorization to Negotiate Property Purchase

MOTION: Palese / Seconded. GVR Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate purchase of the identified site for a Pickleball Center, with terms of negotiated purchase agreement subject to Board approval.

Passed: unanimous

C. Fiscal Affairs Proposal: 2018 Budget

MOTION: Allen / Seconded. GVR Board of Directors adopt and approve 2018 Operating and Capital Budget as unanimously approved by Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Passed: 9 yes / 2 no (Crothers, Sadowski)

# VII. Committee Reports

- A. Board Affairs -no report
- B. Fiscal Affairs no report
- C. Nominations & Elections no report
- D. Planning & Evaluation Chair Lathrop gave update on P&E activities
- E. Investment Ad-Hoc Chair Myers gave a report on the year to date investment income

## VIII. Member Comments: 4

# IX. Adjournment

MOTION: / Seconded Meeting Adjourned at 2:39pm MST.

Passed: unanimous

| Donna Coon          | Date | Jen Morningstar           | Date |
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| Assistant Secretary |      | Manager, Executive Office |      |