

## MINUTES

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2019 Incline Village General Improvement District**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incline Village General Improvement District was called to order by Chairwoman Kendra Wong on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Chateau located at 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village, Nevada.

#### **A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\***

#### **B. ROLL CALL OF THE IVGID BOARD OF TRUSTEES\***

On roll call, present were Trustees Kendra Wong, Tim Callicrate, Peter Morris, and Matthew Dent.

Members of the public present were Kathleen Watty, Margaret Martini, Lonny Parsons, Jamie and Steve Sidells, Brad Johnson, Mark Alexander, Joe Schultz, Aaron Katz, Judith Miller, Mike Abel, and others.

*(32 individuals in attendance at the start of the meeting which includes Trustees, Staff, and members of the public.)*

Chairwoman Wong made the following announcements:

There has been some misinformation about the process, timing and the decision making process. This meeting is being Livestreamed so there is no need for the candidates to leave the room during the interviews. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify these items - former Trustee Horan resigned his position on December 9, 2019. This Board has thirty days to appoint a replacement – the thirty day time period ends January 8, 2020. If this Board does not come to a consensus tonight, which I think is unlikely but possible, then the decision will turn over to Washoe County Commissioners unless this Board decides to make a request, to the Washoe County Commissioners, for a thirty day extension which I am prepared to do however there is no guarantee that it will be granted. We had tentatively planned for meetings in January, but family commitments will prevent this from happening. This Board has heard from many individuals in the community that they want this Board to make this decision and not the Washoe County Commissioners; that is our goal tonight. A few logistics about the interviews. After public comments,

regardless of the agenda timing, each interview will be twenty minutes with a five minute transition between candidates. Each applicant will make a two minute opening statement then any Trustee can ask questions. At fifteen minutes, I will call for the final question from the Trustees to allow enough time for each applicant's three minute closing statement.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Yolanda Knack spoke in favor of appointing Sara Schmitz.

Patricia Moser-Morris spoke in favor of appointing Sara Schmitz

Margaret Martini spoke in favor of appointing Sara Schmitz.

Lonny Parsons spoke in favor of appointing Michaela Tonking.

Aaron Katz said that he has a written statement and that for the last twenty or more years, Trustees have been selected through a process by the behind-the-scenes puppet master Jim Clark. These are takers of the community who care more about themselves and who are subsidizing them financially. We have been plagued with them for the last two elections and he asked that everyone look at what they have to Ms. Miller and Mr. Smith who was forced to remove himself from the Board. Trustees Morris and Wong are Jim Clark disciples so watch who is going to be the disciple tonight. It won't be a woman and come the next election, this person will be the lackey of Jim Clark. When dealing with unscrupulous individuals like Jim Clark it is important to turn on the light and watch the cockroaches scatter.

Mike Abel spoke in favor of appointing Sara Schmitz.

Ron Wright spoke in favor of appointing Michaela Tonking.

Dan Weinberg support in favor of appointing Michaela Tonking.

Joe Schulz said he vacillated about speak and that the work you do is incredibly difficult. He is amazed that the four of you and previously five people can digest the materials that you get and be aware of the intricacies of the decisions that you have to make. The process that is before you, and he doesn't understand the urging of one or another, certainly has many that are qualified. He hopes that the Board can consider how much time you have to put in, how much time the new person will have to put in, without the advantage of years that have been put in.

How doesn't know how any of you or how these people can do this well as the task seems impossible. Do a good job and a fair job and give yourselves enough time to make intelligent decisions. Don't know how you do it with full time occupations and family distractions. He doesn't know if the people you are speaking with tonight have the background. We are counting on you to do an impossible job on picking the next person. Good luck to you and the community.

Gwen Paul spoke in favor of appointing Michaela Tonking; written statement attached.

John Eppolito spoke in favor of appointing Sara Schmitz.

Frank Wright said he is a candidate who will be speaking later on and he has an objection to the format. He doesn't believe that the District General Counsel belongs here as this is about the four of you picking a candidate. It is appalling to see his interaction with the Chair and that has been going on way too long. He doesn't pay attention to what is going on. Why are we having him here while he is being interviewed? There are eight candidates, all are qualified and all are good people. This Board will have to deal with his criminal behavior as he has turned this District into a gold mine for himself by filing lawsuits and filing ethics complaints to generate a buck off the back of the people of this community. One candidate sticks out above all the others and she is here. He too is at almost every meeting. He has been engaged for ten years in trying to correct what is going on here. This is the opportunity to do what is right. The Board for the last four or five years has been pathetic so pick a candidate tonight and don't send this to Washoe County. Chairwoman Wong, you have tipped your hat, as it is going to take integrity to make that decision and to do what is right. Stop the garbage now.

Sara Schmitz said that she wanted to take a moment because in your Board packets you have all the resumes and she has two changes to be noted on hers – Mr. Todoroff's health has been doing better so instead of assuming his role as moderator of the Community Forum, she is an alternate moderator. Additionally, she was recently appointed to the Citizen Advisory Board which she is very grateful for this appointment and grateful for the support of the Washoe County Commissioner Berkbigler. Finally, she was grateful to meet with all of you prior to tonight.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (for possible action)**

Chairwoman Wong asked for changes to the agenda, none were requested; the agenda was approved as submitted.

**E. GENERAL BUSINESS (for possible action)**

1. VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- I. Confirmation, by District Clerk Susan Herron, that all candidates have executed the Declaration for Appointment to the Office of Incline Village General Improvement District Trustee

District Clerk Susan Herron confirmed all declarations were executed and included within the Board packet.

II. Interview of the Candidates

**Candidate Alec Flores**

Mr. Flores asked to be rescheduled to be the last candidate; Chairwoman Wong granted that request.

**Candidate Frank Wright**

Mr. Wright gave a two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts. Mr. Wright said no. She used her campaign funds to pay for posters and ads. He was appalled and spent time going to investigate. She probably wouldn't have been elected had we found out. Appalled, she should have resigned.

Trustee Dent: What is the important challenge or issue facing the District. Mr. Wright said getting people on the Board who are looking out for the people living in the community, assets, venues, and money. Don't believe we have that now. The Board members we have, the majority, lack integrity. Not everyone but they do what they are told. Not individuals, don't think for themselves, and they act as group. Most important thing is to get five members who are educated, intelligent, and do the best for this community. Also, not giving money to a guy who does a three page report, there was no majority to go after him.



Trustee Dent: Would you be in favor of acquiring the Parasol building – yes or no. Mr. Wright said we already own it. Why buy something that is sitting on your property. Horrible. Came and wanted us to buy a building and take them off the hook and lease it back. That is why everyone went crazy. Trustee Dent said so he takes that as a no. Mr. Wright said that is correct, no.

Trustee Dent: If appointed will you run in the election in 2020. Mr. Wright said absolutely. Trustee Dent If not appointed, will you run. Mr. Wright said yes.

Trustee Dent: Do you believe Trustees can hire and fire Staff. Mr. Wright said, as a Board, yes. Trustees can do anything they want. They don't take direction from Staff. Some of our Trustees think they are autonomous. The Board should act together and that is why we have a Board and input. We have had a situation where the Chair engaged in lawsuit trying to defend her which is an act of embezzlement.

Trustee Dent: Why do you want to do this. Mr. Wright said he has been doing it for ten years. He is part of this community who has run basketball camps and brought hundreds of kids into this community. He has watched frivolous lawsuits. He made Frank's greatest hits and he shouldn't be here in this community.

Trustee Morris: Clearly, it is no secret that over some period of time, you have been vocal which is absolutely your right, fairly vitriolic, and disparaging of people. It has often been said for the Board to be more collegiate - please explain how you would be a bridge builder and collegiate with the Board. Mr. Wright said if individual that has an opinion is well based and recognizes others, it is easy to collaborate. Some already have a pre-determined outcome in mind because they have been listening to others. When you have a Board Chair that has a button to cut them off, wonder if they are really listening to what the community is saying. He feels and understands what Mr. Dobler and Ms. Newman are saying. Look at each other, talk to each other and listen to each other. Pre-determined and meeting with Staff who is telling who how to vote, then you are a robot.

Trustee Morris: Trustees should not come to the Board meeting without meeting with Staff rather they should meet with Staff and come with an opinion. Are you suggesting not meeting with Staff before the Board meeting. Mr. Wright said that this is an opinion that you have created in your own mind as Staff is a tool. Staff will give you input but that you take everything Staff gives you and rubber stamp it. I want to ask Staff how they came to this decision. To take it as verbatim and fact, you can't do that as you have to look at the whole problem and come to a very good solution. Some people have very good ideas but they don't get heard, Board doesn't get involved rather you just show up. Remember when he brought the rocks in, you just sit there, don't involve the community, and just sit there. Someone has taken our money, you just sit there, do nothing, ignoring the people in this community who are having to put up with all of this. Not fun for him coming here and seeing what is wrong here. Don't how the Chair and District General Counsel can't feel bad about the stuff they have done.

Trustee Callicrate: Appreciate you putting in your resume and applying for this position. It is going to be a lengthy process, hopefully the Board can do the right thing. You do have an opportunity to disagree and he does response that you do come forth and try. It is not an easy job rather it is a tough situation but it can be rewarding and fun and he is working to get to that as a Board. Thank you for coming and put yourself out as it takes a lot and that goes out to all the candidates; thank you for applying and he wishes everyone the best.

Mr. Wright made a three minute closing statement.

At 5:18 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 5:23 p.m.

### **Candidate Sara Schmitz**

Ms. Schmitz made a two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts or affiliated with Jim Clark. Ms. Schmitz said no and she has not. When everything happened during the last election, she spoke one-on-one with members of that organization. She spoke with

one member three times and that member said she didn't want to talk to her anymore because she liked her. Another member wrote an article and it was not factual information. She should have let her supporters know that I reached out and spoke with that individual. Her approach is more one-on-one rather than blasting to everyone.

Trustee Morris: When did you come to Incline Village full time. Ms. Schmitz said she has been here for three years and four months.

Trustee Morris: Did you start your activism right away. Ms. Schmitz said not right away. This is our retirement community and they did relocate somewhat frequently and she has always had an approach to joining the community. She was really struggling on getting to know the community and she doesn't remember how long ago but she started attending IVGID Board meeting. When she lived in Danville, she did get involved in local activities and politics. Her parents were involved as well so she grew up with being a responsible and engaged community member and doing her civic duty.

Trustee Morris: You have spoken in various forms and spoken often about the failure of IVGID accounting; could you expand on what the errors are in our accounting that you have found. Ms. Schmitz said no errors or failures in that regard, things are not as transparent as they could be for community members. Did watch the Livestream and all of you were talking about the challenges of managing capital improvement projects. Would welcome the opportunity of sharing the information about capital improvement projects. One of the things was always managing to project budget and schedule – that is a skill set and value she brings to the table.

Trustee Morris: That didn't address his question because it was about accounting. Ms. Schmitz said she has never spent time with the Director of Finance going over things. Last time was when they explained to her about the pond project and when it was not happening, she stepped away from that conversation.

Trustee Morris: So you haven't met with our Director of Finance.

Chairwoman Wong: What is the biggest issue with IVGID and what do you think your approach is going to be. Ms. Schmitz said there are a few challenges – one of the things she sees, there isn't a full staff

around Interim District General Manager Winqest. There are a number of senior positions that are open including information technology which could make it more effective; need to fill the team with a solid team and need the District to recognize that. As to the Board, you are finally putting in place a resolution to the Effluent Pipeline. There have been a number of breaks in that line. Had a lot of technical analysis on sections. You have a responsibility to the environment and a financial responsibility to the Recreation Fee payers. Spending money to do expensive fixes is sort of throwing good money after bad. You know it needs to be dealt with so that is a challenge facing the Board. Another is communication. By improving communication, this Board has the opportunity to see the tone and course so we can come together and be One District – One Team. It takes leadership, stepping up to the plate, and leading by example and she welcomes the challenge to bring that to a reality.

Chairwoman Wong: Effluent Pipeline – how much time have you spent with our Staff gathering information and getting the history of that project. Ms. Schmitz said she has approached it from Board packets and what she learns from a break. Her personal style is that she shouldn't be taking time away from Staff as they have responsibilities and leadership. If she were a Trustee, she would make sure she is working and collaborating. As an individual citizen, she should not be interrupting as it is not her place to take the time of Staff to explain to one individual in the community.

Trustee Dent: If appointed, will you run for re-election. Ms. Schmitz said yes.

Trustee Dent: If not appointed, will you run for election. Ms. Schmitz said yes.

Trustee Dent: Do you believe Trustees can hire and fire Staff. Ms. Schmitz said that is why we have a General Manager and in a corporate environment, you don't go into their organization. She would work with the General Manager but it would not be appropriate to circumvent that authority.

Trustee Dent: So your answer is yes but follow chain of command and allow the General Manager to do his job. Ms. Schmitz said yes.

Trustee Dent: Why do you want to be a trustee. Ms. Schmitz said that she is an individual compelled to when she has the ability to help she can't help herself. Believe in this community, choose to move and retire here, because of the amenities, appreciative of them, have a desire and feel blessed to be in a place to have time and energy to assist and help my community.

Trustee Morris: When you were running for election last year, seeing that you didn't feel it was important to meet with Senior Staff who you would be a Trustee over through the General Manager, is that right? Ms. Schmitz said yes.

Ms. Schmitz made a three minute closing statement.

At 5:42 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

### **Candidate Karen Gotelli**

Ms. Gotelli made a two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts or affiliated with Jim Clark. Ms. Gotelli said no.

Trustee Morris: You have been coming here since 2004 – did you have property here before moving full time. Ms. Gottelli said she is from the San Francisco Peninsula and that they would vacation in North Tahoe as her husband's family is in South Tahoe. They purchased a condominium in 2004 that they would rent. When they retired, they bought their home and moved here July 1.

Trustee Morris: Appreciate that longevity with IVGID; what would you change in our general plans for next year. Ms. Gotelli said she would want to work together on what are the issues in front of us and asked if there was something specific. Trustee Morris said any of the above or what is on the top of your mind that says to you I would like to be a Trustee and that this is something that I could help change or reinforce. Ms. Gotelli said that last Wednesday was her first Board meeting and she knows it was a difficult meeting because of the absence. She is a Mountain Niner golfer and the recreation is important so she would like to get things done.

Chairwoman Wong: What is the biggest issue facing the Board and the District. Ms. Gotelli said that she is an infrastructure gal so you need to have that solid because that is what our community will run on. The Mountain Golf Course is near and dear to her and she would like to see that in top notch shape. She would like to get a new Finance Director in.

Trustee Dent: Four years and four months ago, I put my name in and decided I wanted to do this again so I appreciate you stepping out of your comfort zone and answering our questions. Would you be in favor of acquiring the Parasol building. Ms. Gottelli said she would weigh all the facts and yes, she would, based on the facts.

Trustee Dent: If appointed, will you run in the election. Ms. Gotelli said most likely not because of the resources required for an election.

Trustee Dent: Do you believe Trustees can hire and fire Staff. Ms. Gotelli said doesn't the General Manager have the ability to make those choices. On the other hand, it is also beneficial for the Board to vote so make a decision with Board approval. Trustee Dent said he wanted to make sure he understood you correctly – the General Manager makes the decision but should get Board approval. Ms. Gotelli asked how it is done now and that she is wondering if it is beneficial or is the General Manager qualified to do that. Trustee Dent said please do what is best so you can tell us a little more about what that means and then asked why do you want to be a Trustee. Ms. Gotelli said to make decisions for the community and for the best of our community. We have older and younger individuals here and there are decisions to be made. We need to go forth with those decisions and resolve issues. We have gone through two professionals at the Mountain Golf Course and she doesn't want to go through the current professional. The people of the community are both old and young and we need to have their best interests in mind.

Chairwoman Wong: Serve for the year – what is the one thing you would like to impact and be your legacy for that one year. Ms. Gotelli said she would have to review what is going on for the first year and weigh the facts and issues. See what the community things and what are the capital projects. I can't specifically say one without a list in

front of her and she needs to see what the issues are to see what is really a priority there.

Ms. Gotelli gave her three minute closing statement.

At 6:00 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

### **Candidate Jeffrey Sheldon**

Mr. Sheldon gave his two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts or affiliated with Jim Clark. Mr. Sheldon said no and that he has never met Mr. Clark.

Trustee Dent: What do you believe is the most important challenge or issues facing the District. Mr. Sheldon said infrastructure and it has got to be fixed. How good is our cost accounting and what needs to be fixed. Are we efficient, accounting for costs, making the right decisions, and do we have financial information. Long term – Diamond Peak and global warming.

Trustee Dent: Are you in favor of purchasing the DWR building. Mr. Sheldon said based on the facts as he currently knows them, no.

Trustee Dent: Will you run in the next election. Mr. Sheldon said he didn't know, maybe, if he enjoys this, he doesn't believe in just doing, answer is yes, but no decision made one way or another. Trustee Dent said it is a lot of fun sitting up here. Mr. Sheldon said he didn't want to be on the receiving end of Mr. Wright's comments.

Trustee Dent: If you are not appointed, will you run in the spring. Mr. Sheldon said he didn't know. If there are other good candidates, I tell it like I see it. Trustee Dent said he is kind of like him which is great.

Trustee Dent: Do you think the Board can hire and fire Staff. Mr. Sheldon said he doesn't know the legal answer to that question and it is probably the managers' decision except for the attorney. Before someone got fired, I always went through the due diligence to always make sure there was a basis.

Trustee Dent: Why do you want to be a Trustee. Mr. Sheldon said that it is not right passing this onto the county. There is a qualified candidate, Sara, and she did run with Trustee Callicrate. He too is a viable candidate and he doesn't want to see it go to the county.

Trustee Morris: He knows that you are still figuring out about standing for the next election, and his question is around that, he believes that candidates need to submit in March so you could be in the seat for three months and then have to decide if you want to stand, what would you hope to accomplish on day one and what is your approach. Mr. Sheldon said that he would be a bridge between the Board members and come up with a definite plan to straighten it out.

Trustee Morris: Converse challenge for whoever joins us, day one, month one. Mr. Sheldon said to be a bridge and working with the Interim District General Manager to get those positions filled as he needs the support staff around him.

Chairwoman Wong: How do you envision fulfilling the role of Trustee and lasting legacy. Mr. Sheldon said he has the ability to listen and that when people come to talk to the Board it is like talking to a teenage daughter. Some lady questioned the attorney fees and the response should be an e-mail. People come and talk to the Board and the Board does not interact. He would like to raise the three minutes to five minutes and have them feel welcome and acknowledge that they are making points.

Mr. Sheldon gave his three minute closing statement.

At 6:15 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

### **Candidate Michaela Tonking**

Ms. Tonking gave her two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts or affiliated with Jim Clark. Ms. Tonking said no.



Trustee Callicrate: I am bowled over by your involvement at State and what you bring to the table. Amount of involvement with so many organizations, how do you see being able to allocate the time and your other commitments. Ms. Tonking said that she works remotely and has flexible hours. I thought about the time commitment and pulling all of your resources in and not do something partially.

Trustee Morris: It is really encouraging having some younger generation wanting to get involved. In reading your resume, which is pretty detailed, you have done a lot of different stuff. How long have you been back? Ms. Tonking said almost a year and a half. Trustee Morris: What is your knowledge of all things IVGID regarding BOT since you have been back; what did you get acquainted. Ms. Tonking said she attended and watched the Board of Trustees meetings which were interesting to watch. She read the Board of Trustees minutes and found them interesting. It is part of our day to day conversation as it affects her family, friends and her community. Trustee Morris: You went to high school here – were you part of “We The People”. Ms. Tonking said yes, class of 2010. Trustee Morris: Area of specialty. Ms. Tonking said current event and policy perception today. Trustee Morris: What do you see as the most critical for the IVGID Board over this term. Ms. Tonking said there are two issues – balance in growth and capital improvements. We have invested in infrastructure so let’s maintain them and grow them. Also, there is room for growth and we need to grow so how can we budget for both of those things. Also maintain and improve the master plans. There is a public perception, that it is hard for people her age because they don’t understand how to enter. It has harder for young families so that perception around that is one of her many goals and having that different perspective to the community. Trustee Morris: Regarding your ability to reach a younger generation, what do you think we can do most for your generation. Ms. Tonking said that programming stopped for them as they have everything when they were growing up. Once in high school, it was harder. The younger population is moving so finding out what space IVGID can provide that area would be interesting.

Trustee Dent: As you in favor of acquiring the DWR building. Ms. Tonking said no, not as currently handled. We need the input of the entire community and an understanding of the all the needs.

Trustee Dent: If appointed, will you run in the next election. Ms. Tonking said yes. Trustee Dent: If not appointed, will you run in the next election. Ms. Tonking said yes.

Trustee Dent: Do you believe that the Board can hire and fire Staff. Ms. Tonking said only those they contract with as you do not have the responsibility as IVGID as whole and that is why you hire a General Manager.

Trustee Dent: Why do you want to be a Trustee. Ms. Tonking said that she has a great background in finance and policy, she can explain the budget, and she wants to give back to the community that raised her. She also thinks it will be fun and to bring a different voice forward for her community.

Ms. Tonking gave her three minute closing statement.

At 6:33 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

### **Candidate Mike Hess**

Mr. Hess gave his two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts or affiliated with Jim Clark. Mr. Hess said no and just to be clear, he did facilitate a meeting between Mr. Clark and Ms. Schmitz and that their website was taken down because of that meeting.

Trustee Callicrate: So you are not working with Washoe County about succeeding. Mr. Hess said he attended a meeting on that topic. Trustee Callicrate: So you have had some dialogue with Mr. Clark. Mr. Hess said he also talked to Mr. Wright and that the role of a Trustee is to talk to everyone. Trustee Callicrate: Mr. Clark created division in the community so that's why he asked. Mr. Hess said that is why the website is down.

Trustee Dent: What do you believe is the most important challenge. Mr. Hess said the Effluent Pipeline phase 2 and the wastewater storage pond and that he is looking forward to the meeting being held

in January as he would like to know about floating a bond to finance the whole project and what the cost is on the whole alignment as it needs to become a priority. On financial reporting, while progress is being made, it is hard to understand what our business is. For a business, you put together a profit and loss statement and then add a cash flow statement. There are only two issues that we have to deal with so we can see the subsidy. That information needs to get to all members of the community. We need to finish the popular report for capital. The last thing is short term rentals and what is that impact so we can consider that impact for rates for services. He is presently working with the committee on regulations. He has met with the realtors and property managers so we can take a position to work with Washoe County.

Trustee Dent: On the effluent pipeline, we have been overspending and under collecting so he agrees that is an important issue; are you in favor of acquiring the DWR building. Mr. Hess said no. Renting some space from them might be possible and the way it was presented was incorrect. A whole different approach is needed as it was not appropriate.

Trustee Dent: If appointed, will you run for election. Mr. Hess said yes.  
Trustee Dent: If not appointed, will you run for election. Mr. Hess said yes.

Trustee Dent: Can the Board hire and fire Staff. Mr. Hess said no as that would make it hard on Staff and the General Manager has that control; the Board can hire and fire the General Manager.

Trustee Dent: Why do you want to be a Trustee. Mr. Hess said we have reached a stage where we need to resolve our issues and move beyond personal attacks; this should be a non-partisan position. He remembers going to the Bonanza meeting and then having a friendly Board meeting.

Trustee Dent: Are you part of the interview panel that is hiring the Director of Finance. Mr. Hess said yes. Trustee Dent: Are you enjoying that process. Mr. Hess said yes and that the top two candidates were a majority and that there was a clear winner in that group. Trustee Dent: Have you spoken to any members of the public

that were privy to that information outside that group. Mr. Hess said no.

Trustee Morris: He appreciates the attention that you showed when you dove into the fund balance stuff and the time you spent looking at that. What else do you know about the Community Services side as you mentioned utilities and general financial reporting so can you expand on other aspects. Mr. Hess said he uses the beaches and loves the beaches as he launches his boat from Ski Beach. He also has used the Recreation Center. He finds the community services to be extraordinary and available for us. We will be stressed to keep that quality and service by taking other actions. Trustee Morris: Do you have specific thoughts on that. Mr. Hess said we need to look at our assets because some are only good for four or five months and that they are probably unable to bring to fruition but that they may grow a little bit as well as recognizing that a large part of our population is second homeowners and transitory. We need to structure it that way and do creative things to make it work. He is on a non-profit board that helps the disabled get employed and that they couldn't make money and keep the donations coming in so he convinced the Board to change and it is now totally self-funded. Sometimes, you have to go through that thought process. Trustee Morris: Regarding Diamond Peak, are you in favor of summer operations. Mr. Hess said turning it into things that people can use, there is no reason why that can't be considered.

Chairwoman Wong: If you were given this appointment for a year, what would you like to be your biggest impact or legacy. Mr. Hess said he wants to accomplish two things – resolve the pipeline and what to do about it and making and financial information usable for people. Those changes can be simple and done without Staff work such that we can report it in a more readable format.

Mr. Hess gave his three minute closing statement.

At 6:55 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

### **Candidate Tony Lillios**

Mr. Lillios gave his two minute opening statement.

Trustee Callicrate: Are you now or have you ever been a member of TruBlueFacts or affiliated with Jim Clark. Mr. Lillios said no.

Trustee Morris: Appreciate that you do participate in all that IVGID offers. As you look at IVGID, the Board, and Senior Staff, what are the major problems that you could assist with. Mr. Lillios said he sees more opportunities than problems and was shocked that all of you are more aligned than you let on. Opportunity wise, we have such incredible natural resources, he would like to build on that and use that as it is an incredible opportunity. We are kind of stalled a bit so let's ride out that work and continue to evolve and maintain and expand our amenities in a reasonable way that serves the community.

Trustee Morris: There are different opinions out there about the financial operations of IVGID; can you talk about how you have researched up to this point and your opinion of where we are at. Mr. Lillios said he appreciated a third party look at our financials. The role of our Board is to manage the General Manager and push and get the information. The role of a Board member is not a Chief Executive Officer as that is the General Manager but rather to get enough information and be confident in that information and staying at that level especially as the public is pushing. You are visionary and looking at the much bigger picture and not brought down to the fine details; he was surprised that during financial conversation how the Board was into the details.

Trustee Dent: What is the most important issue facing the District. Mr. Lillios said that the venues are shoring up the subsidizes like golf. Some amenities, we expect a subsidy as it is a benefit for all of us such as the Recreation Center. Golf, would like to see them receive less and work with them to shore that up so they are not taking as strong a subsidy. A little more financial acumen could go a long way.

Trustee Dent: Are you in favor of acquiring the DWR building. Mr. Lillios said that ties into the bigger question, with the Administration building, that it has a useful life span so what is the bigger plan. It should be considered but he hasn't seen enough options but it is an option because something has to happen.

Trustee Dent: If appointed, will you run. Mr. Lillios said he can't answer that right now and that he sees himself as a bridge to the next election

and to fill in and get us to the next election and learn. He just doesn't know and while he would like to say yes and have that impact, it is too early to call. Trustee Dent: So if you aren't appointed, is it too soon to decide if you will run. Mr. Lillios said absolutely but now he has been engaged. Prior to three years ago, a large part of majority has been sleepwalking because great things were going on. Things could be better as there is so many possibilities. It's like the Wizard of Oz and that the curtain has been pulled back and so we have gotten to see and now we can get involved because there is a lot we can do. Yes, he will put his name in if not appointed. Trustee Dent: So if you are appointed, you are not sure if you will run and if you are not appointed, you will put your name in to run. Mr. Lillios said he does intend to put his name in, yes, as he is engaged now. If he was put on the Board, it is too early to make a decision on continuation as he doesn't like empty promises.

Trustee Dent: Do you believe Trustees can hire and fire Staff. Mr. Lillios said the Board manages the General Manager and Counsel. Trustee Dent: What about creating a new position, can we fire someone. Mr. Lillios said that is the General Manager's role however perhaps we could guide in that direction but he wouldn't want to circumvent the process so he would work with the General Manager and then he works with that team. Trustee Dent: So your answer is yes you could but go through the General Manager. Mr. Lillios said no, advocate but that it is the General Manager's role.

Trustee Dent: Why do you want to be a Trustee. Mr. Lillios said he now feels compelled to step forward because he has the skills, has the time, has a family that is growing, and he wants to lay out the carpet for his children's childhood and have an impact. He knows how to make a cultural impact and be another platform to make impact and change. IVGID is unique and it feels much more familiar and distinct from running a private company.

Trustee Dent: Given that you believe that we should maintain and possibly expand, should Diamond Peak have summer operations. Mr. Lillios said that the first thing that comes to mind is Disneyland or Heavenly so in looking at the revenue projections, yes, he is for summer operations. The vision is much more limited; with the canopy tour, being able to have access to that as an amenity would mean access to a view and access to summer operations at Snowflake.

These are assets that sit dormant so let's use them. If the numbers add up, let's do so and be more in the black.

Trustee Dent: Expanding Diamond Peak operations to summer and putting in potentially new operations would they have to break even or make money. Mr. Lillios said as a general question, and without specifics, we are not going to make money on parks, the Recreation Center is a town amenity so he is not expecting that to run in the black. As to opportunities with existing facilities and running them much more profitably, the answer comes from hashing it out honestly and seeing if the opportunity is there. Other low hanging fruit, like the beach house, we can run it better, serve the community, and run it profitably.

Mr. Lillios gave his three minute closing statement.

At 7:23 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a five minute break; the Board reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

### **Candidate Alec Flores**

Mr. Flores said he is no longer interested in applying for the position of Trustee.

### III. Discussion of Candidates by the Board of Trustees

Chairwoman Wong thanked all the candidates and encouraged them all to run. The Board has received a lot of e-mails and they appreciate that input and they all do listen to public comment. Chairwoman Wong said that she wanted to follow the method that we have used the last time there was a vacancy on our Board and asked the Board members to list their top three candidates. She would like to offer a recess and asked how long the Board would like. Trustee Morris said he would appreciate a few moments to gather his thoughts but that it doesn't need to be very long – ten minutes.

At 7:31 p.m., Chairwoman Wong called for a ten minute break; the Board reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Trustee Dent said that he would like to thank all the candidates for putting their name in as he knows what it is like. You think everyone will think your ideas are great and that doesn't change when you get up here. Thank you for preparing and

taking it seriously and getting vulnerable. For those candidates in March, he looks forward to being on the campaign trail with them and welcomes the new faces and new names. He is looking forward to campaign season as all are great candidates. He wants to go back to doing what the community wants. We could get most up to speed and who has been attending meeting and who we can work with. When putting his list together, he took that into account as well as who has the organization and priority mindset, project management, similar way of thinking to his, ability to cut through an issue and move on. Trustee Dent then said that his three candidates were:

Sara Schmitz  
Sara Schmitz  
Sara Schmitz

Chairwoman Wong asked for candidates beyond Ms. Schmitz. Trustee Dent said that is all he is willing to do. He has one hundred e-mails from this community and the top thing is to do what community wants. Ms. Schmitz has been vetted by the community and she received 2400 votes in the last election so Ms. Schmitz is his first, second and third choices.

Trustee Callicrate said thank you to Trustee Dent for stealing all of his thunder. Thanked all for watching this evening and taking time away from your busy schedule. To all the candidates, thank you for putting your names in. He has both won and lost and has been in your position right after the election. Thank you for bearing your soul to God and country. There is one individual that he was honored to campaign with and that is Sara Schmitz. She came in fourteen votes behind him and he respects her integrity and knows her to be an honest person. She brings to the table organization skills, she is pragmatic and willing to listen. She can be a consensus builder in small groups and in the public's eye. For her to have started the Community First organization, it has been an invaluable source to get information out to our communities of Crystal Bay and Incline Village. Ms. Schmitz could have slinked away. She didn't contest the election even though there were some opportunities. She felt it was a time of healing so she started the organization with other folks and to build on her name thus showing that she is a person of integrity and upstanding merit. She was a top executive and did what she said and opened up communications. She has reached out to our employees. Employees that have been concerned or have felt off put or misconstrued, must answer to the community. In hiring a General Manager, who deals with the employees, we, as a Board, answer to the community that has elected us and Ms. Schmitz came in fourteen votes behind him. It is fair for her to be the appointed individual and she has to prove herself. She will run in next year's elections and it is tough but she is



up to that. If one is unable to fulfill campaign promises, then they won't be elected and the decision will be made by them. Hope other candidates will put their name in as it was a rough election. Thank the community for the last election. Sara Schmitz is the only candidate that he would like to proffer forward. He appreciates everyone being here this evening and he hopes to get to know everyone better. Thank you Michaela for putting in. This is not an affront to others rather it is the right and just thing to do and listen to the community.

Trustee Morris said he finds it very concerning that his two colleagues have said that everyone is good but that they can't work with them and that is the implication because of no number two or number three and that is a tragedy. Our public has commented that the Board members never negotiate, compromise or talk to each other and they have asked us to change that dynamic and not have a no, no, no at every vote. Now you have to get behind the community when we have to do something that is good for all of the community. Thank everyone for putting their name in and he too has gone through an election. Thinks there are some good candidates and it was very illuminating tonight to hear the responses to the questions and one thing he was interested in was rather than talking, it was performing. Met with any members of Staff, it was interesting to hear some that haven't and that he was actually surprised as he didn't expect that response as he thought they would have been engaged. It is really important to have a good cross representation, not just the electorate, but represents all of Incline Village and Crystal Bay and those that didn't vote for us and have differing opinions which is why we have debates and come up with the decisions that are good for the community. If one only talks to others of like mind, and he has seen a demonstration of that, he has three candidates that he could work with and move forward with on this Board whether it is for fulfilling out the vacated term or to run in the next elections and they are listed in alphabetical order by first name:

Michaela Tonking  
Mike Hess  
Tony Lillios

Chairwoman Wong said that in going through this process, her top candidates have been fluid throughout these interviews. She had top candidates when reading through packages, had different top candidates based on conversations with individuals that reached out before I get to the interview so I know what I am in for, and now her top three has changed as we have gone through the interview process. We have great candidates willing to work with and whom she would be pleased to call a colleague – hers are the same as Trustee Morris':

Michaela Tonking  
Tony Lillios  
Mike Hess

Chairwoman Wong continued that she is disappointed that two of her colleagues aren't willing to participate in this process because there are some great people who have put their name in the hat and are what we need. We need somebody with some fresh eyes to help us to build consensus because we are at an impasse right now.

Trustee Callicrate said that he takes offense with the comment about not working with any of these candidates as he could certainly work with anybody who is on the Board. He has tried to work with his colleagues and he worked with former Trustee Horan and we came to some good decisions so don't put words in his mouth. The reason why he is choosing Ms. Schmitz is because he was one of the two thousand three hundred individuals who voted for her in the last election. He is all for her for one data point and that is that she went out and campaigned and allowed the community to ask probing questions. She went through the debates and he feels that the community spoke loudly and clearly for one of the seven candidates. That doesn't mean he won't work with whomever, this is about an appointment for who has been at the meetings. Regarding Ms. Schmitz's response that she didn't meet with any of the Staff, she didn't want to take up their time so that was misconstrued. We knew this was going to be an impasse.

Trustee Morris said he didn't know that.

Chairwoman Wong said she didn't know that.

Trustee Callicrate said that the community did and you can spin it anyway you want. If anyone from the Washoe County Commissioners is watching, you will be choosing. Having been a thirty five year member of the community, he hasn't seen a more raucous Board. He has tried to reach out but he is unwilling to choose a two or a three as he is choosing Ms. Schmitz and that is where he stands.

Trustee Morris said that he wants the community to really understand where so much of the rancor has come from over the period of time and that it has just been explained, he is not willing to work with anyone or compromise, and that is his opinion. He would be willing to accept x or y or z and that that doesn't come forward, demonstrates no spirit of compromise. If you knew this outcome then he would have wished that you had said something earlier and that you were not willing to compromise to move this community forward. If these candidates knew

that they had to put their name forward nine months ago, that is one thing but this is not a community election rather this a Board of Trustees appointment. That there was only one person who stood in the election last year is irrelevant. Regarding the number of people who contacted us, he would like to understand that more from Trustee Dent because he was impressed with all the input that we received i.e. e-mails, verbal input, etc. and we have got to compromise. It is really unfortunate that we have two Trustees who want to abdicate their responsibilities to down the hills because we will get our candidate that way; it is diabolical.

Trustee Dent said what he hears Trustee Morris saying is that compromise is by working this way. Trustee Morris said that you are saying do it this way or do nothing. Trustee Dent said that Trustee Morris is talking to us like we are not compromising and that it would turn it around and say the same about you. Sixty three percent of the people voted for Ms. Schmitz and he is the top vote getting in Incline Village so let's do something for the electorate. He is trying to do what the community wants and he has no ego and he doesn't care except to fight for what the community wants. The community sent over one hundred e-mails. This has been going on way too long, it gets marked as spam, and it doesn't get to him. He got nearly one hundred e-mails for Ms. Schmitz and there is nothing to do by belittling her much less the other candidates. You can turn this around on yourself. It is disappointing not to do what they wanted almost a year ago and what one hundred e-mails asked for. As to the top three, we should have discussed the rules prior to creating the rules on the spot.

Trustee Morris said he is always willing to compromise and debate is part of compromise and understanding where everyone comes from and whatever works for the majority of the community. We make decisions for the community and it isn't about who was elected by the largest or smallest percentages. We are now Trustees of IVGID and we are supposed to make decisions as the community looks to us, after debate, and be in the best interest of the community. As strong as he is for some point, he either doesn't get his position accepted or determines that there is another position that he can accept. This is the challenge that we have as a Board of Trustees. We agree on so many issues but we don't act together and he does take issue with the statement about well if only you three would actually do what we want to do. We wouldn't have submitted a budget because the two of you vote no to submit it to the State and then you state that you might agree if our priorities got in there. We are required by law to have these reports go to the State and if we go along with the two of you, it wouldn't have gotten submitted and then do we just sit back and see what happens to our District. We have to compromise and he is willing to compromise and he has said here are his three candidates. Ms. Schmitz is not qualified to be on this Board as she is an activist and an agitator

who won't meet with our Senior Staff so what will it be. Trustee Callicrate said it will be better because since you have been on the Board, you have been work along with the others instead of going on what you campaigned upon on and that you said you could never support bonding unless the community wanted it. You did a one eighty and have done it on several occasions. While you have been in the majority, you have rarely voted on anything that he and Trustee Dent have voted on. We had four budgets floating around only to have it remanded back to us. We have valid concerns and the way the minority has been treated is inconsolable. Unfortunate but that is what has been going on. He is looking to put a third person on the Board and the reason he is supporting Ms. Schmitz is because he has seen her interact. Regarding your comments, she created Community First which is a wonderful group and there are eleven hundred people that read their newsletter. The reason he pulled himself off social media is because it was ugly. We can turn this around and he said way back that he would like to appoint the next person in line to elevate all the drama, etc. To the candidates who are looking to be appointed, this is normal, welcome to the Board. He can work with any and all. He wants to go with the last election as it was a general election that was thirteen months ago and it is pretty close to where we are now. It is unfortunate that we can't come to what the community wants but the community isn't surprised. We are at an impasse and at each other's throats and we have more commonalities than not but when we sit at this table we devolve into emotional outbursts. He is speaking for himself, he is not willing to compromise, he is going to support Ms. Schmitz because she deserves to be appointed and he is going to maintain that tack. He knows it is tough to hear their names but this is part of the process and he thanks everyone. His position doesn't mean that he doesn't care and he hopes that this is all he is going to say because we have all said how we feel and where we stand and he doesn't want to get into another back and forth and he apologizes for blasting out as that is not a good way to act.

Chairwoman Wong said she is going do something for the first time in four years and that is to cut off this conversation as it is clear that we need someone who doesn't bring deviousness and that she is disappointed and embarrassed that this is not going to be our decision. Chairwoman Wong said that she would like to take a ten minute break to have a discussion with the Interim District General Manager and District Clerk.

At 8:17 p.m., the Board took a break; the Board reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Chairwoman Wong thanked everyone for the break as she needed to talk through all the options in the process. This Board has thirty days to appoint which ends on

January 8, 2020. The question she would pose to each Board member is do you think anything could change before that time frame.

Trustee Callicrate said he doesn't know. Chairwoman Wong rephrased her question and asked if waiting and having another discussion was something this Board wanted to do or do they want to send it to the Washoe County Commissioners now.

Trustee Callicrate said he made his comments and he stands by who he supports for his choice. If Trustee Dent does too then coming back in thirty days is a waste of time. He doesn't see a change but he could be completely off base. He does respect your opinions and you have your opinions on your decisions and he has his and Trustee Dent has his. It doesn't look like that is the case right now.

Trustee Morris said this is unfortunate and that he does want to say that he is extremely sorry to the seven other candidates who were lead on in this process and he thinks that his fellow Trustees Dent and Callicrate has been extremely disingenuous going through this charade and going through the interview process when there was never anything to do because they had already decided what they were going to do. He would like the Board to debate but rather we huff and make statements but we don't often debate the issues and that he thinks that the art of debate is missing in society in general and that it is certainly mission on this IVGID Board. We need to debate the pros and the cons and ask have you thought about this or that or have you considered that – we don't do that and he is just really sad for the community that the Board of Trustees who are relegated to make decisions on behalf of the community are abdicating. If we aren't all open to debate, then we will just go around and around. He would like to express his sorrow, sadness, and disappointment to the candidates who came forward because they should have been told there is no hope for you.

Trustee Dent said that the question was do we need more time and if we debated this in thirty days would that make a difference; he would say no. He represents the community and this community has spoken. By not voting for Ms. Schmitz, we are not listening and he is not about to piss off this community and not listen to them especially going into a campaign season. He wants to stay consistent and he sees no other option because she is up to speed which takes a year to a year and half. If he gets re-elected in the fall, he wants to move forward as we will be talking about Ordinance 7 and he wants to do that next year. Voting for Ms. Schmitz is the only vote that represents the people of this community and that is why he stand behind Ms. Schmitz. The question to Chairwoman Wong and Trustee Morris – is this a possibility that we could save face and one of you be in favor being that

all of us have been sent an e-mail by Washoe County Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler saying that Ms. Schmitz is the right choice. Washoe County Commissioner Berkbigler is basically telling us or kind of telling us what her move could be. So let's save face as a Board and reach compromise to support a candidate that has been vetted in the community and is active in this community; is there any way to save face and support Ms. Schmitz.

Trustee Morris said it is not about saving face at all and the art of compromise is not do it my way or to heck with it rather his idea is let's find out if there is way to work with somebody. Trustee Dent just commented that in his opinion there is no one more prepared than Ms. Schmitz. It is his opinion nobody is more prepared than Mr. Hess because of the detailed work he has done so to him Mr. Hess could be the most prepared candidate. There is no face saving needed here. He would ask Trustee Dent the same and about the charade of having these other candidates. Why didn't you go on the record with your support of Ms. Schmitz at the start of this meeting? It is not a compromise to say save face or go to heck.

Chairwoman Wong said that she stands by the fact that Ms. Schmitz is a polarizing candidate and that she can't go there right now. Obviously, if she is appointed by the Washoe County Commissioners, she will work with her. We have other candidates that are knowledgeable and bring a fresh perspective as well as that will be consensus builders; this is really sad.

Chairwoman Wong made a motion to send this decision to Washoe County and have them consider the four candidates that have risen to the top and ask them to choose from one of those four candidates. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Chairwoman Wong made a motion to send the decision to Washoe County Commissioners tomorrow. Trustee Callicrate second. Trustee Morris said he will not support this motion. Trustees Wong, Callicrate, and Dent voted in favor of the motion. Trustee Morris voted in opposition. The motion passes.

IV. Recommendation of Candidate (Motion) by the Board of Trustees

Not applicable.

V. Appointment of Individual Selected to fill vacancy (Motion)

Not applicable.

**F. OATH OF OFFICE – APPOINTED TRUSTEE (performed by Deputy Washoe County Clerk Ms. Susan Herron)**

Not applicable.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Abel said that Chairwoman Wong came to this meeting and developed an artificial concept of selecting three candidates that was not discussed with the others. Trustee Morris' nasty accusations are a reflection of his poor attitude of doing anything. Ms. Schmitz got over two thousand votes and over one hundred e-mails have been sent endorsing her. This has been a feckless Board for four years and the only project we have done is the culvert. There have been no major projects and no movement on the effluent export pipeline or on the pond. To say that this is not an election, you are wrong bro, absolutely wrong. Do you think that Washoe County Commissioner Berkbigler is going against twenty two hundred people – we are going to support Ms. Schmitz and you are going to look like a fool.

Leo Alston said that it kinds of seems like half of the people had their minds made up before they came to this meeting so why did you have these people go through this process.

Kerry Tonking said that we can tell that there is a bias and that she has been back in town for two years and in full disclosure she does work for IVGID. She has been extremely involved in following what is going on with this Board. She would complement Ms. Schmitz as she has gotten to know her and she does great work. She has gone to many of her Community First meetings and she would complement her for the work she has done. Unfortunately, as much respect as she has, she might be a polarizing candidate when you look at what we need. No one comes to these meetings or who watches them leaves without a sour taste in their mouths. She doesn't think any of her friends have felt good when they left either. What they want is to have a Board that can work together and then when the election comes, they will decide. What the community needs is a Board that can work together.

Tony Lillios said he is disappointed and that Ms. Tonking nailed it. This is not about whether we do or don't want Ms. Schmitz rather it is that we want to move on. It is a new day and we were so hopeful that you could let the past go and go forward from this point. All four of us are so different and that was a crazy discussion. There

are four wildly different candidates that you couldn't even talk about. We want a Board that represents the community and none of us were present at the election and Ms. Schmitz lost. If the process said, and if that was the real way to do that, then the process would have said that. This is not process rather it is the process that you put us through and then you have no discussion; he is super disappointed. Further, we have a Washoe County Commissioner who is already stating who she would vote for. You need to come together and get out of this rut and by saying she ran with me or she agrees with me then this becomes a partisan Board and you need to work towards non-partisan and get out of this rut. This was disappointing.

Margaret Martini said that she really takes offense that it was a preconceived notion that Ms. Schmitz would be polarizing. She has presented a lot of different views, she looks at things, she is well versed in almost everything that has to do with IVGID and she has come forth and said things whether she agrees or disagrees but she makes up her mind. The pre-conceived notion that she is polarizing is a gross error by two members that wouldn't even consider it. Ms. Martini continued by stating that she has been in the community for thirty years and there were things said by two members about zero based budgeting. Ran on venues being breakeven or making money or they would be gone. There were campaign promises that were made just as campaign promises with no intention of being kept which is offensive. Ms. Schmitz didn't make idle campaign promises like zero based budgeting, accounting, etc. She looked at everything, read the documents, and it is a big mistake to have not voted Ms. Schmitz in. This is a no brainer and this is an appointment on who has the best knowledge to make the decisions that are on the plate and now we are where we are which is nowhere. Three top candidate thing was a power play.

Frank Wright said oh my god Trustee Morris you made a statement that doesn't matter – the electorate doesn't matter – what is wrong with you. There is an extremely qualified candidate, you are involved in a judgement where you have forty six people that you didn't pay them their salary nor their overtime and you are insane. You, Chairwoman Wong, you have a qualified candidate yet you are sending it to Washoe County because you won't compromise. You are saying it was pre-determined by this two is unbelievable. He is embarrassed for this community for not doing this. You are deathly afraid of him getting on this Board. Jim Clark has been neutralized and so those days are over. People lied tonight about their association with Mr. Clark and that is going to come out. You were asked at the Republican Women's luncheon and you lied and you have been lying. To Trustee Morris, you going after fellow Board members for having their idea about who they wanted, well, I had that idea but I still applied. People in this



community are going to figure out, when this goes to the Washoe County Commissioners, that it is sad that it went this way as we asked you to do the right thing but you weren't born that way.

Brad Johnson said that the Board has made your decision and the Washoe County Commissioners will appoint and you will get a new Board member and you will move on. As a body, you have to find way to do the business of the District. You have to make the sausage. You don't have a General Manager, you don't have a Chief Financial Officer, you are shopping, he knows because he has hired some of them. You have to come together and govern. You are going to get a fifth Board member so you must find ways to work collaboratively and move this District forward.

John Eppolito said thank you for doing through this process, God bless you, and that he didn't want to come up here. There might be some other candidates out there but there is one person who is committed, paying attention, and doing the research. Chairwoman Wong, I find you to be the most divisive as you just closed your eyes and while you can do that, he finds it frustrating to say the least. The only one is Ms. Schmitz as two thousand and some people voted for her. Washoe County Commissioner Berkbigler understands who we voted for and who we want; he is rambling on and is very frustrated.

Sara Schmitz said thank you for your efforts and appreciates all the candidates and getting to know them better. As to her polarizing the community, Ms. Schmitz read the Community First mission statement and said that this is not a polarizing statement rather it is a uniting statement and that after the last election, that was polarizing. We need to unite the community be sharing objective information and that she is proud of the work we have done which she looks forward to continue to do. She was disappointed after having conversations with Trustees Wong and Morris after she shared how she has brought teams together and acquired companies. She is concerned about their jobs and security and through acquiring other companies and integrating one company into other companies, it takes leadership and communication. She hopes that she has shared that with the Trustees as there is an opportunity to do some team building and work with some ideas to present information and be positive and constructive and a fun place to be. She is too concerned with Staff and working together and it is shown with the Community First mission statement and she is sorry that she has an incorrect perception of her.

**H. ADJOURNMENT (for possible action)**

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Herron  
District Clerk

**Attachments\*:**

\*In accordance with NRS 241.035.1(d), the following attachments are included but have neither been fact checked or verified by the District and are solely the thoughts, opinions, statements, etc. of the author as identified below.

Submitted by Aaron Katz (2 pages): Written statement requested to be included in the written minutes of this December 18, 2019 Special IVGID Board Meeting – Agenda Item E – Filling vacancy on IVGID Board of Trustees

Submitted by Gwen Paul (1 page)

Added by Trustee Matthew Dent, by request, at the January 22, 2020 Meeting - Public records request regarding letters of support (3 pages)

**WRITTEN STATEMENT REQUESTED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN MINUTES OF THIS DECEMBER 18, 2019 SPECIAL IVGID BOARD MEETING – AGENDA ITEM E – FILLING VACANCY ON IVGID BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Introduction:** Here the IVGID Board considers filling the vacancy created by former Trustee Phil Horan's resignation, effective December 10, 2019. For the last twenty (20) or more years trustees have in essence been selected (through political support and financial contributions) made by Incline Village's behind the scenes "wizard" or puppet master, Jim Clark, and his merry men. These are this community's "favored collaborators." The "takers" in our community (led by the 250 or so core golfers) who view IVGID as the donor of special privileges and benefits paid by the rest of us. And this explains why we've had as many problems as we have in Incline Village. Unless current members of the Board stand up and put a stop to Mr. Clark and his ways, that will be the case today. And this is the purpose of this written statement.

**If You Don't Believe Me, Look What Mr. Clark Did to Judy Miller When She Ran For IVGID Trustee:** Don't we remember his disingenuous "Holy Matrimonial" signs, direct mailers and other advertising directed against Judy having nothing to do with legitimate local issues?

**If You Don't Believe Me, Look What Mr. Clark Did to Sara Schmitz When She Ran For IVGID Trustee:** Don't we remember his hateful "Tru Blue Facts" signs, direct mailers and other advertising directed against poor Sara having nothing to do with legitimate local issues?

**If You Don't Believe Me, Look What Mr. Clark Did to Jim Smith When He Ran For IVGID Trustee:** Don't we remember his latent coup which ousted poor Jim Smith from his position as IVGID Chairperson? And before then, don't we remember how he hand picked Jim to be part of the "SAAVE" ticket (George Del Carlo, Jim Hammerel and Jim) for trustees? Jim excised himself from the ticket when Jim Clark sat Jim Smith down and told him that support would be withdrawn unless Jim Smith did as Jim Clark directed.

**Kendra Wong is a Jim Clark Disciple:** Don't we remember how Jim Clark supported Kendra and Bruce Simonian during the most recent election for IVGID Trustee?

**Peter Morris is a Jim Clark Disciple:** Here's a guy who nobody knew, who essentially never came to IVGID meetings before his candidacy, and voila he captured enough votes to be elected.

**Watch Who's Jim Clark's Disciple Tonight:** If you want to see who that person is, watch who Mr. Clark's other Board disciples (Kendra Wong and Peter Morris) select to fill Mr. Horan's spot. I think I already know who that person is, however, I will let events play out so the remainder of the Board and the public can see who that person is (hint: he's not a woman).

**It's Important the Public Learn Who This Person is Because He's Not Going to be Selected by the Board as a Whole Tonight, and Come the Next Election For Board Trustee a Year From Now, He's Likely Going to Be Jim Clark's Hand Picked Candidate to Avoid:**

**Conclusion:** A friend of mine once told me that when dealing with an unscrupulous individual like Jim Clark, it's important to turn on the light and watch the cockroaches scatter. Well tonight we're going to turn on the light. And let's see who scatters.

Respectfully, Aaron Katz (Your Community Watchdog), Because Only Now Are Others Beginning to Watch!

Hello Board Members, Interested appointees, and fellow Incline community members,

My name is Gwen Paul, I am an Engineer here in Incline and have been a resident all my life except for my time attending college in New York and I currently reside at 580 N. Dyer circle. I am here to show my support for Michaela Tonking for IVGID board member.

When I returned to Incline from school in 2015 I began paying attention to the Board and IVGID activities in general because I'm an avid golfer, I frequent Incline Beaches as much as my job allows in the summer, and I am certain I have shared a chairlift with a few of you at Diamond Peak... So, it only seemed right for me to learn more about the governing body of my town and the effects it has on the activities and amenities it offers me.

As a result, I attended several... the word that comes to mind is contentious but let's call them "passionate" meetings and debates during the 2016 and 2018 election cycles and I was left with such a sour taste for politics in this community that I wasn't sure I wanted to have a voice in local politics at all and I am certain my opinion is shared by some people here. So, when I learned Michaela had interest in running for this position, I became excited about the opportunity to have someone with the integrity, patience, and frankly the strength of a lifelong connection to Incline representing this community.

I mean no disrespect to the current, future, or past board members when I say this... but I believe this vacancy brings with it a huge opportunity for the Board to bring in a candidate that understands this town and has the ability to mend Incline politics so that it becomes more transparent, more unified and more representative of the passionate and caring humans that call this place home. There are a lot of different voices in this town and we will always have our differences, but with the right leadership we can learn to respect each other for them. And I think Michaela can be the person to do just that.

Michaela possess the qualities I look for in a leader. She is pragmatic, caring, and disciplined but beyond all else she loves Incline Village. She jumped at the first chance she received to move back to town and start working for a non-profit trying to change the way education is funded in NV knowing that it was a great opportunity to give back to a community that has given her all the foundation to do so.

There she worked with local state representatives to find resolutions to bipartisan issues involving funding.... An experience that would greatly benefit this Board AND allow her to bring a fresh neutral approach to answering the needs of this enthusiastic community.

Michaela also has the educational background, with 2 master's degrees one specifically in accounting, to understand Incline's unique financial challenges AND the integrity to bring another level of transparency to the Board.

I believe when you couple her unique lifelong connection to Incline, with her impressive educational background and her local political experience, it produces a perfect candidate to represent the concerns of the community and allows her to bring a new perspective to the board that I believe would greatly benefit people of this town.

Thank you for your time and thank you all who have applied for this position I have great respect for anyone who wants to serve this amazing town.

**From:** [Herron, Susan](#)  
**To:** ["Tony Lillios"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Public records request for supporter emails  
**Date:** Friday, December 20, 2019 3:02:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [PRR\\_12202019.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr. Lillios,

This e-mail is IVGID's response to your public records request dated December 20, 2019 which reads as follows:

I would like to make a public records request of all the emails sent to the Trustees in regards to the appointment of the new Trustee. I am interested in seeing the emails of support, dissension or anything about the process itself.

I would like to get any newer emails as they come in as well until a new Trustee is appointed.

I have attached the e-mails that I have as of today. I am leaving on vacation right now and if I should receive more, I will forward those to you upon my return.

Have a wonderful rest of your Friday and joyous holidays!

**Susan A. Herron, CMC**

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**From:** Tony Lillios [mailto:tony.lillios@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** Herron, Susan <Susan\_Herron@ivgid.org>  
**Subject:** Public records request for supporter emails

Susan,

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Respectfully,

-tony

lillios.com

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	TONKING	HESS	LILLIOS	SCHMITZ	SHELDON	Undetermined
1	Kryszak	Brechtel	Edwards	Morley	Barnhart	Nugent*
2	Haggerty	Kincade	Pandola	Klein		
3	Kirschner	Aansari	Karwa	DeCaprio		
4	Paul	Ichandani, Mar	Harris	Randolph-Wall		
5	Wright	Lafrance	Stevenson, Katie	Sheldon, Tad		
6	Thomas	McNellis	Pry	Durfee		
7	Biggers	alchandani, Ata	Donohue	Ashton		
8	Nelson	Clark	Fletcher Hardie	Cardinale		
9	Nelson	Tycer	Harssema	<b>Schmidt (opposing Ms. Schmitz)</b>		
10	Tiras	Enstad	Ravens Soli	Smith, Jim		
11	Hyams	Goff	Watts	Hooper		
12		Trimble	Levy	Flaherty		
13		Kline	Stevenson, Anthony	Lowe		
14			Close	Kuchulis		
15			Hameister	Wood		
16			Harris	Conti		
17			Landfield	Seet		
18			Benediktsson	Carrington		
19				Neubauer		
20				Brockman		
21				Flanzer		
22				Demarest		
23				Labrie		
24				Nolan		
25				Holiday		
26				Barnhart		
27				Morgan		
28				Dudley		
29				Miller		
30				Schmitz		
31				Poindexter, Peggy		
32				Monnier		
33				Bronson		
34				Brothers		
35				Haupt		
36				Briggs		
37				Lyon		
38				Del Carlo		
39				Smith, Joanna		
40				Pizer, Julie		
41				Handley		
42				Lahey		
43				Frei		
44				Daulton		
45				Todd		
46				Simens		
47				Pizer, Ron		
48				Homola		
49				Warren		
50				Martini		
51				Chilinski		
52				Simens		
53				Miller		
54				Poindexter, Jeff		
55				Wood		
56				Patzman		
57				Arnold/Kowallis		
58				Olmer		
59				Trossen		
60				Knaak/Wiehe		
61				McInnis-Martens		
62				Dixon		
63				Krusell		
64				Szerman		
65				Minick		
66				Alexander		
67				Mason		
68				Domino		
69				Newman		
70				Modafferi		
71				Heirshberg		
72				Black		
73				Ford		
74				Tulloch		
75				Labrie		
76				King		
77				Dobler, Cliff		
78				Aaron		
79				Gouveia		
80				Rains		
81				Dobler, Iljosa		
82				Eppolito		
83				Hovorka		
84				Appel		
85				Smith, Paul		
86				Moser-Morris		
87				Waldman		
88				Rossmann		

\*I couldn't open her attachment