

SILVER CITY ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Silver City Schoolhouse Community Center
385 High St., Silver City, NV 89428

1. Call to Order:

Vice Chair Kathryn Ataman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Roll Call: Introduction of members/determination of quorum

Present: Vice Chair Kathryn Ataman, Secretary Jonathan Byrnside, new member Erich Obermayr

3. Public Comment:

There was none.

4. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda.

Jonathan Byrnside moved to adopt the agenda as written, Erich Obermayr seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

5. For Possible Action: Election of officers; appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Kathryn Ataman moved to elect Erich Obermayr as Chair, Jonathan Byrnside seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Kathryn Ataman moved to elect Jonathan Byrnside as Secretary, Erich Obermayr seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Jonathan Byrnside moved to elect Kathryn Ataman as Vice Chair, Erich Obermayr seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

6. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of meetings of November 29, 2022 and December 20, 2022

Kathryn Ataman moved to approve the minutes of both meetings, Erich Obermayr seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

7. Correspondence:

Kathryn Ataman relayed correspondence from the County about a board member training on March 4th, the declared State of Emergency, Open Meeting Law posting requirements compliance, and monthly Citizen Advisory Board trainings.

8. Reports:

A. Lyon County Board openings

Kathryn Ataman reported that there are still two open on the Parks and Recreation board.

B. Commissioners/County officials

Erich Obermayr reported that the County Commissioners are going to make three recommendations to the Governor to fill Ken Gray's seat on the Commission.

C. Lyon County Planning Commission

There were none given.

D. Lyon County Sheriff's Dept.

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There were none given.

E. Lyon County Parks & Recreation

Kathryn Ataman reported on the possibility of pickle ball courts being constructed in the county and Judge Smith is pricing options. Judge Smith reported the Silver City park trees and fence projects are still in the works.

F. Silver City Volunteer Fire Dept.

Noel Chounet reported that the Silver City Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party was a success and that meetings are held every Monday at 6 PM.

G. Silver City Arts Group

Kathryn Ataman reported that Pi Day events are being planned.

G. Cemetery Committee

Erich Obermayr reported that plans are in the work for the cemetery expansion but that sources of revenue need to be identified such as a rummage sale or Pi Day proceeds. The Cemetery Committee will meet and develop a proposal and Erich Obermayr will contact the EPA to solicit their input.

H. Lyon County Buildings and Grounds

Judge Smith reported that the Schoolhouse HVAC system has been optimized, a timer was installed for the exterior lights, interior lights were replaced, the thermostats were set to allow for temperature adjustments and will automatically return to a baseline setting. Noel Chounet will look into sharing the Preservation Society's calendar of events so the temperatures can be adjusted ahead of time.

- 9. For Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion on need for a step and/or ramp from the schoolhouse porch to the park. A recommendation may be made to the County Commission to address safety and access issues. Since a decision may be made at the meeting, we encourage residents to attend or make your opinion known to board members by email or text or to the town board email (listed below). Kathryn Ataman, Jonathan Byrnside, and Erich Obermayr are the current board members.**

Erich Obermayr presented the current options being considered including taking no action, the placement of a railing to restrict access, raising the level of the grassy area to the level of the porch, the construction of steps, the construction of a wheelchair ramp. Kathryn Ataman also voiced the possibility of adding a hand rail to the pillar or a portable ramp and read excerpts of comments from various town residents. Jonathan Byrnside moved that the board recommend to Judge Smith that the county install a handicapped access ramp from the porch to the sidewalk, made of concrete with wooden railings, Erich Obermayr seconded, and the motion passed 2-1 with Kathryn Ataman voting against the motion.

- 10. For Discussion and Possible Action: Consider request by residents to reach out to USPS for clarification on status of Silver City Post Office.**

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Kathryn Ataman spoke with William Macia, the Post Master in Virginia City, and he agreed to come to the next meeting to address community concerns.

11. For Discussion Only: Creation of a Silver City Archive

Erich Obermayr voiced his desire for the creation of a Silver City Archive but decided this is a topic better left to the Silver City Preservation Society.

12. Chair/Member Comments:

There were none given.

13. Public Comment:

There were none given.

14. Adjournment:

Chair Erich Obermayr adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.