
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
September 28, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Vail Town Council Chambers, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Kirk Hansen, Bob Armour, John Rediker, Molly Rabin, Jason Plante

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Nell Davis, April Heredia, Scott O'Connell

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Rick Sackbauer, Greg Hansen, Christine Santucci

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC.

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Armour called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023, regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. Rick Sackbauer shared that he attended a Town Council meeting and applauded the new housing units that have recently been added to the town which in turn will add more taxpayers. His concern is that most Vail Recreation District programs are at full participation capacity, and he

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would like the town to have a plan for expansion. He believes this is a topic that should be added to the agenda of the Rec-Sub Committee.

- 9.2. Christine Santucci wanted to introduce herself and share that she was running for Vail Town Council. She is at the meeting to learn more about the VRD and educate herself as much as possible. She welcomed any questions from the board.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION OF PURCHASING UNITS IN TIMEBER RIDGE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD APARTMENTS

10.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz gave a background of the housing development and how the Vail Recreation District put down deposit money on 1-one bedroom, 3- two bedrooms, and 1- three-bedroom units. The board had an open discussion on the pros and cons of having employee housing and if the district should move forward with the number of units, they have put deposits down on. After much discussion a motion was made to reduce our commitment to purchase 1 studio bedroom and 2 two-bedroom units.

10.2 By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to reduce the commitment to 1 studio and 2 two-bedroom units.

10.3 Director Rediker asked that a financial exercise be done to show the potential of how we make this work financially for the district and our employees. He would also like to see a projection of what the rent and cost of managing the units will be like. He asked that this be shared at the next board meeting.

11. FORD PARK MASTER PLAN LETTER OF SUPPORT

11.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared that he was glad that the Vail Recreation District was asked to be a part of this plan. He shared the main five goals for the master plan. The goals are 1. Provide open space, facilities, and programs within Ford Park to meet the passive and active recreational, educational, social, and cultural needs of residents and guests of Vail. 2. Ensure that any new use or building within the park does not adversely affect the character and quality of the park or the overall experience of park users. 3. Protect the riparian landscape of the gore creek corridor. 4. Provide a safe, enjoyable, accessible, legible, and intuitive pedestrian circulation system within Ford Park and between Ford Park and Vail Village. 5. Continue to strengthen relationships between all venues and all users with Ford Park.

11.2 Mr. Ortiz asked if there were any concerns or questions about the goals and there were no concerns with the goals. There were other concerns about some of the references made in the plan to have no administration offices in the park and some concerns about maintenance duties within the park as well. Mr. Ortiz said this is a ten-year plan and that there are still a lot of things to come and did not feel like any of these things were immediate. Director Rediker shared that

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he was in favor of the letter of support however he would want the wording on moving administrative offices out of the park to be done only when the Town of Vail has an alternative location.

11.3 Mr. Ortiz asked the board's permission to be at the next council meeting so he can share his concerns about the traffic in the park. The next council meeting will be on October 9th, 2023.

12. DOBSON ICE ARENA UPDATE

12.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared with the board that working with Chris Knight has been awesome. He shared they had a meeting with Scott O'Connell, and Jared Biniecki and that Mr. Knight spent two and a half hours with them going through what POPULUS has designed so far. It was a very thorough walk through of the plans.

12.2 Mr. Ortiz shared some highlights from the walk through such as the concourse will now go around the whole arena, there is proposed seating on the south side of the arena and there will also be a mezzanine level that will be above the seating on the south side. Both Scott and Jared worked on a programming document for POPULUS and Chris Knight has done a great job making sure POPULUS is looking at that document. Making sure more storage space is made available for the rink.

12.3 Mr. Ortiz shared that the timeline for construction is two winters. He encouraged the board to keep in contact with council members about the temporary ice down in Eagle. We need to make sure we do not drop the ball on making that happen.

13. AUGUST 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

12.1 Mr. Eric Weaver shared with the board that he was going to keep the report brief this month. He shared that looking at the P & L on the right-hand side shows what happened in the month of August. This month showed a lot of positive numbers. He shared that interest income was still doing great and golf had a good month making up \$56K of their deficit. The Food & Beverage department had a positive month with that coming mainly from the Grill on the Gore. On the expense side financials showed almost every department as being favorable. Overall, August was a really good month.

12.2 Mr. Weaver shared we are into our budget season and have a very packed schedule over the next week. There will be much more to come with more fine tuning of the forecast for 2023. We do plan on sharing with the board the preliminary budget at the October board meeting.

12.3 Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that he did ask all departments to make sure they are raising the non-resident fees for 2024.

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14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

15.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared a few highlights from the director's report that can be found on the website in the board packet. He highlighted a few things from the report, he first wanted to thank all the staff for putting on yet again another successful BBB tournament. He wanted to especially recognize Nell Davis, Ali Wadey and Beth Pappas for all their work and always going above and beyond to make the tournament happen and special every year.

15.2 Mr. Ortiz also wanted to share all the compliments the golf course has gotten this season and how well it is playing. He thanked Jacob and all his staff for their hard work.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

15.1 Director Rabin shared her great experience with gymnastics. She has heard so much positive feedback from parents. She did share the concern of not being able to easily find programs on our website for 5-year-olds and asked if a filter can be added.

15.2 Director Rediker asked if there was a possibility of combining the capital projects for Hole 13 bathrooms and the tennis center or other renovation for the sake of finding a contractor easier. Mr. Ortiz shared that we could not because they are not going to be happening at the same time.

15.3 Director Rediker also recognized the staff for their effort in the BBB tournament and recognized the staff that helped with the breaking down and cleaning up afterwards.

15.3 Director Plante gave a shout out to the sports team. He wanted to recognize what a great job they have done this season with all the bike, running and other races and events that they put on.

15.4 Director Hansen shared that living in Vail, a place of high expectations, that the VRD always steps up to meet those expectations. He also shared that the athletic field should have a name and provided a few suggestions such as the Krueger Field or Slifer Field or something that people could identify with. Mr. Ortiz suggested that this be brought up at the next Rec Sub-Committee meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

17.1 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Heredia
Secretary to the Meeting