

VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
d/b/a VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:00 P.M.  
Thursday, June 13, 2013  
Town of Vail, Council Chambers  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. May 30, 2013
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Update on Driving Range Mat Project – Mike Ortiz
5. Executive Director Input
6. Board Member Input
7. Executive Session for the purpose(s):  
§24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., “Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.”
8. Adjournment

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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### **Minutes of the Special Meeting Of the Board of Directors**

#### **Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District May 30, 2013**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 30, 2013 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. Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Billy Suarez
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
  - 2.1. Jeff Wiles, Rick Sackbauer
3. STAFF PRESENT
  - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Alice Plain, Scott Todd, Scott O'Connell
4. OTHERS PRESENT
  - 4.1. None
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
  - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.
6. CALL TO ORDER
  - 6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order. 5:05 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
  - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - 8.1. None
9. APRIL 2013 FINANCIAL UPDATE
  - 9.1. Mr. Weaver provided an overview of financials through April. Most departments are pacing on track for the year. The Vail Golf Club is down in punch card sales and guest play; some of this is due to a later start from inclement weather. Dobson is over on expenses for maintenance costs to fix various items and

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improve the concessions area. He said that May financials will begin to provide a clearer outlook of where the VRD is tracking for the year as programs ramp up.

#### 10. UPDATE ON VRD FINANCIAL FUTURE

10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that studies are underway to review the assessed valuation of Vail properties by the Eagle County Assessors Office. The Dobson Debt Service is also being evaluated as an opportunity to expand the debt service to increase funding for capital. He explained that by expanding the Dobson Bonds, there would be no need to increase the mill levy for VRD taxpayers. Staff will continue to evaluate the best options for the VRD moving forward.

10.2. Director Wilson questioned the drop-dead date to certify a ballot measure should the VRD move forward with either a mill levy increase or to refinance the Dobson debt.

10.2.1. Mr. Weaver explained to be on the ballot the decision must be made in August.

#### 11. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DRIVING RANGE NET PROJECT

11.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed potential solutions for the driving range mat project. The goal is to move the mats as far back as feasible to assist with the ball flight safety issues. Staff has determined they can install 16 stations in the back of the range. Trays are ideal as you can pull out pieces of turf when they are worn, as well as have adjustable tees. The cons of the subgrade installation include being subject to frost-heave and weather issues; when the temporary building structures are installed, the subgrade stations would have to be removed and re-installed at a cost of approximately \$30,000 per installation; and location issues. Staff is recommending continuing with a mat system because of the quality and flexibility to move stations around. This will be important during the installation of the temporary structures should the golf clubhouse remodel move forward. They can also be stored and protected from the weather during the off season. Mats are also the least expensive option and will cost approximately \$20,000 for 16 mats.

11.2. Director Suarez questioned where golfers would hit on the mats.

11.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained golfers would stand in the middle and be able to hit off the ends of the mat, depending on if they are right or left handed.

11.3. Director Suarez also asked when the project would take place.

11.3.1. Mr. Ortiz explained it would take place this summer. Staff will determine when golfers will be required to hit off the mats vs. natural grass. The mats would be permanent. Mats provide flexibility during youth programs and other events as needed. They will be used a solution until the baffled netting system project is complete. The mats will also be used when the natural turf needs to heal and during frost delays. The driving range will be managed.

11.4. Director Wilson questioned if the mats will be contiguous?

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- 11.4.1. Mr. Ortiz said they won't be contiguous and include use of adjustable tees.
- 11.5. Director Wilson asked if the far north edge could be designated for the professional staff to give lessons and for programming.
  - 11.5.1. Mr. Scott O'Connell said he would have to work with Century Link to see if the phone pedestal can be moved to provide the far north edge for the professional staff.
- 11.6. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve a fiber-built individual hitting system be installed at the Vail Golf Club driving range.

#### 12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reported that the golf course is in excellent shape, the course is playing well and the ball is rolling well. Golf course staff training is underway with a new fresh group and some previous staff ready for the summer. Turf from the chipping green is being removed and will be installed on the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. This turf will be replaced.
- 12.2. The Vail Tennis Center is open for play. Construction at Ford Park is moving at a quick pace to complete the restrooms within the next few weeks. The concession stand should be open soon as well.
- 12.3. Youth summer day camps will begin in mid-June and training will begin next week.
- 12.4. The first mountain bike race took place last night with 260 racers on course from Eagle and Summit counties, as well as Front Range riders. There are 20 divisions in the race series.
- 12.5. Director Wilson questioned what is taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> tee.
  - 12.5.1. Mr. Ortiz explained maintenance crews are cleaning the tee up and preparing it for play.

#### 13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Suarez questioned if there is a way to provide courts 1 and 2 at the tennis center with a higher net at the far end of the courts to help prevent balls from flying over the courts and down the hill.
- 13.2. Director Hanlon said he was excited to see the progress at Ford Park and thanked the community for understanding the challenges with construction around Ford Park.

#### 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 14.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to enter into executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(B), C.R.S., "CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS."

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15. ADJOURNAMENT

- 15.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Gunion  
Secretary to the Meeting

**VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT**  
**June 13, 2013**

**GOLF MAINTENANCE**

- Hole #12 Tee Complex/19 Tee and Green project completed as of Tuesday, 6/4. Landscapes Unlimited completed their contract work on Sunday the 2nd, sod was laid on the 19th green on Friday and Saturday, May 30th and 1st of June, and then the bluegrass was laid on the 3rd and 4th. The Chipping green was sodded with bentgrass on the 4th. All of these newly grassed areas will need a minimum of 2-3 weeks and maybe as much as 4 weeks depending on weather, to root, get healthy, and be playable. Obviously the goal is to do everything possible to accelerate the process and be 100% open by June 28th, high-season rate initiation.
- Cart restrictions lifted on holes 2 and 18 as of 6/7, with the approach areas the exception due to thin turf remaining in those areas. Other weak turf bands of several fairways still have directional signage to avoid damaged areas resulting from Nordic operations. I will be looking into options to route Nordic next winter that would avoid fairways as much as possible and limit damage to roughs.
- Greens cover still remains on 15 green as turf still not acceptable. Play and removing the cover would only make it take a step backwards in its recovery. This green will be opened by 6/18, the date of the PGM play test event, if not sooner. Once the green is opened, I will begin steps to improve the "old 15 green" that serves as the temporary green, so that in future years it can provide a much better, actual putting surface. Of course the 19th hole will be an option as well.
- Gore Creek has come up quite a bit in this first week of June, with consistent warmer temperatures. Fortunately, it's still flowing at a level around or slightly below the average for the date. Hopefully that trend will continue to avoid flooding issues, and/or watering restrictions mid-Summer.

**GOLF OPERATIONS**

- Hosted the Battle Mountain Huskies Tournament on June 7. A shotgun with 100 plus participants. Discounted rate of \$45 per person.
- Group lessons are underway. The club offered free lessons this week.
- Free Lesson Day is scheduled for June 11. Sign up in the Golf Shop
- Training for staff is ongoing. Our Starter Concierge Volunteers will begin next week.
- Junior Golf Classes start next week for First Tee of Eagle County
- We have 12 new rental sets in the mix. These are the new Nike COVERT Clubs
- Our Taylor Made R1 and RBZ Drivers are \$100 off through June. Compliments of Taylor Made
- We have 16 bikes arriving soon for the bike program starting the end of June 6, 2013
- Men's League is going well. We had 44 participants this past week.
- Met with Mikki Futernick and Jill Huddleston about Senior Club. Chris Johnson will be their liaison
- We will have the golf operations fully staffed next week.
- Conducted a lengthy interview with Golf Colorado Magazine. The magazine is distributed nationally. Vail Golf Club should have a nice PR piece in the July issue.
- Starting girls program June 21 for 13-17 years old. 3 p.m. Fridays. A unique program to valley.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

- First Mountain Bike Race was very successful, no issues with weather or course conditions. We received great feedback from riders. Next race will be June 12 at Berry Creek.
- We have been hired by the Vail Valley Foundation to be the specialists for the Trail Run and Mud Run during the Go Pro Mountain Games
- First couple camps of the summer went well. It is always great to have such quality coaches as Tom Hilbert, from CSU Volleyball program.
- Sand Volleyball co-ed adult league starts next Thursday at the sand courts
- We start tournament mode with King of the Mountain Volleyball, Father's Day weekend, followed immediately by (2) lacrosse tournaments
- We have a window display at Christy Sports in Vail promoting the Trail Running Series.

## **DOBSON**

- We have 24 adult hockey teams. All game slots are filled for the summer.
- We had lots of compliments on the concession area. The way it looked, the fact that the beer was cold, etc. we made \$821 this week in 4 nights of service.
- BJHS is over sold once again. We have 110 skaters registered. We have a wait list going as well.

## **MARKETING**

- Summer is underway with information going out daily to announce and share the variety of programming the VRD offers. Working on ads, finishing up summer rack cards, releases, media buys, etc.
- Working with Colorado Golf and Avid Golfer to feature the Vail Golf Club. Alice is being interviewed for both.
- KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race was featured in the Houston Chronicle as a top place to visit and participate for an adventure vacation.
- TV8 has filmed Tom Gaylord for a feature on the Vail Nature Center and hiking in Vail. TV8 will film the Vail Golf Club June 19 with Alice to promote golf in Vail and the Vail Valley. The spots are being coordinated between the VRD and VLMDAC in a partnership. They are 2 minutes long and will be aired on TV8 all summer.
- Website is nearly ready for Phase I launch. Fixing broken links and looking over for typos. All relevant information has been added and incorporated. Phase II will include addition of photos, videos and making the site visually where we want to be. Currently updating both sites until we transfer over.
- Kat Jahnigen is back on for the summer at 15 hours per week with her primary role to work on social media and updating all video and photography libraries. She is out and about in the field taking photos and we're excited for some new photography for our marketing materials and website.

## **GYMNASTICS**

- Just finished up school year programming and are gearing up for the summer beginning next week.
- Heather is away at a national gymnastics conference to learn the new routines that they will keep until 2021.
- Camp enrollment looks good with the first camp full.

## **YOUTH SERVICES**

### Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station is slow as traffic in town is slow. We have moved to weekday hours; closed Saturday and Sunday.

### KidZone

- We hosted School's Out Camp for 5 days during the week of 6/3 as we trained all of our summer staff. Many thanks to returning staff, Mary Beth, Mandy, Timmy & Ashley for helping keep this smooth. Hats off to Jerrica for balancing training responsibilities with heading up School's Out Camp all week. Thank you for the long hours.

### Summer

- Summer staff is hired and hiring paperwork is complete. Thanks April.
- Thanks to Jamie (All VRD departments), Scott (Driver Training) for helping with training.

### Other

- We coordinated with VRI and VVF to make GPCC available to Go Pro volunteers for the weekend.
- The state has given us preliminary approval on moving Pre Kamp Vail across the hall. VRI is building the temporary, enclosed playground as required by licensing regulations. Our licensing agent is likely to come by to view the site.
- The skatepark is complete and ready for skaters as of Friday, 5/17.
- We are working in conjunction with the Town of Vail to determine the feasibility of building a permanent skatepark. We have two potential sites, and the VRD met with important neighbors (e.g. RSES and School District, VMS). We are now ready for the next steps. Mike spoke with Stan to help guide the process.

## **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

### Vail Golf Course

- Hole 19 material storage
  - PEC was delayed and will now be in April
  - Final designs now complete including specs for completion
  - Project to be completed in Spring 2013 including: sod, cart path repair, monument
  - Landscapes Unlimited has scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May for mobilization
- #7 Stream bank stabilization
  - Revegetation and final clean up scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> week May
  - Asphalt cart repair will occur as soon as plant opens (anticipated for mid-May)

### Vail Golf & Nordic Club House

- Spring punch underway
- Carpet cleaning for pro shop and restaurant scheduled
- New time clocks installed included golf maintenance

### Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- Park Center building drywall installed, installing kitchen equipment (hoods and Walk in)
- Utility work for Ford Park improvements ongoing (access to VRD admin is a challenge)
- West facility sub roofing complete, plantings will be installed mid-June
- Kitchen equipment ordered for mid-May delivery
- Food vendors set up for purchasing
- F&B staffing requirements being evaluated and hiring will take place in early May



- Summer promoters are calling to ensure that F&B will be available for events

### **Dobson**

- Cooling tower to be refurbished, contracted by VRD and paid for by TOV.
- PRV continues to struggle with contaminants entering the bldg., working with PSI plumbing and ERW&SD to resolve.
- Dobson concessions renovation planning underway. Pierce Architects hired for plan set.
  - Conceptual layout available for review
  - Structural plans being drafted for ceiling
  - Equipment package under review
  - MEP work being evaluated for costs

## **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

- **Battle Mountain Stadium:** The irrigation has finally been turned on after Eagle County School District has fixed the leak in a major 4 inch main line just off the track. This leak has prevented us from turning on the water on a consistent basis. However, we have since preformed an irrigation audit and we are currently in the process of replacing old and outdated irrigation rotors that water insufficiently. Rugby plays on this field this Saturday and 8v8 soccer is played here every Monday (starting 6/3/13). We have also spread a granular wetting agent on this field (yesterday) to help with keeping moisture in the soil profile.
- **Donovan:** This property is in good condition. We have re-sodded the southern goal crease and have moved/locked down the goals off-set to prevent foot traffic from walking on the new sod. The field is overall in great condition. I am looking to spray for dandelions here at some point in the next week.
- **Red Sandstone:** This property is also in great condition. It has been aerated and overseeded as of last week. Here too, I am looking to spray for dandelions.
- **Ford Park:** Ford Park irrigation has finally been turned on via the new Sport Central building. Last night was the first night I have had pressurized pipe throughout the night, water on a couple of cycles. Dry spots have started to form on the field due to only being able to water during the morning/day time. A wetting agent has been sprayed here (6/3/13) to aid in the watering effectiveness. Softball has begun and is regularly played Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. The fencing around the perimeter of the field has been repaired and buttoned up for the season as well. Temporary fence still remains in the west outfield, as the final irrigation breaks and sod are to be installed early next week (6/10/13). The path leading down alongside to the east softball field leading towards the BF Garden's entrance is to be paved today (6/6/13), leaving the last remainder of the paving just west of the Sport Central building to be completed early next week.
- **Athletic Field:** A new park grill and two picnic tables have been ordered for the east end of this property. They will be installed ASAP. I hope to use a grill mount that can be removed for special events as well as some leftover flagstone from the golf course to lay down to minimize foot traffic damage to the grass. The field is in great condition. Next Thursday we will see King of the Mountain begin to set up for their tournament over the weekend.
- **Golden Peak Tennis Courts:** Crack repair and pickleball court painting is still pending here, however it was scheduled to happen this week. I expect maybe it will be pushed onto Monday 6/10/13.

- **Tennis Center:** Again, we are extremely pleased to have an irrigation source from the building rather than the fire hydrant. We can now run tennis court irrigation overnight. Sod is to be laid around the property here late this week or mid next week. As soon as this happens and we have irrigation to the landscaping consistent we plan on planting the flower beds.

**VAIL NATURE CENTER**

- The Nature Center has been open and busy since Memorial Day weekend, with its hiking season starting early on May 23.
- We recently finished training the Walking Mountains Science Center Naturalists who will be guiding many of the Nature Center’s programs; the Naturalists will begin family activities on June 10.
- We are thrilled to have begun a partnership with SOS Outreach to provide service learning opportunities for the young people the organization works with. Each Monday through August, a new group of volunteers from SOS Outreach will fulfill their service learning requirement by performing trail maintenance, noxious weed removal, and other much-needed work at the Nature Center. We are happy to have the help, and to educate more local people about environmental issues related to their volunteer work. The first group began on June 3, and got an impressive amount of gardening and trail work done.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COST</b>
Monday	11:30am-12:30pm	Wildflower Walk	\$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer
Tuesday	7:00 am-afternoon 8:30 am – 9:30 am	Adult Full Day Hike: Lost Lake Bird Walk	\$50/\$45 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer
Wednesday	11:30am-12:30pm	Wildflower Walk	\$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer
Thursday	7:00 am-afternoon 8:30 am – 9:30 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Adult Full Day Hike: Buck Creek Bird Walk Wildflower walk	\$50/\$45 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer
Friday		Open 9 am – 5 pm	
Saturday		Open 9 am – 5 pm	
Sunday	10 am – 3:30 pm 11 am & 1:30 pm	VNC Booth at Vail Farmer’s Market Creekside Tours from the Market	

**VAIL TENNIS CENTER**

- Early season league play is up over last year.
- Pass sales are tracking positive for the year.
- The center will offer a new Social Team Tennis program beginning this month.
- The patio has new umbrellas and seat cushions and looks sharp.