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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
March 28, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 28, 2019 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. Tom Saalfeld, Bill Suarez, Jason Plante, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Kim Newbury Rediker

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Jessie Klehfoth, Mike Ortiz, Dan Timm, Scott Todd, Jerry Stevens, Scott O'Connell

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Margaret Rogers and Dr. Kathy Kimmel

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. Mr. Ortiz requested that Mr. O'Connell's presentation be moved up before Mr. Ortiz's new business in the agenda. This will now become item 5.c.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. Ms. Margaret Rogers spoke to the Board and urged them to make pickleball a priority within Vail civic area plan discussions with the Town of Vail. She said pickleball is a great amenity and economic driver for the town and thinks

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there's an opportunity for indoor pickleball facilities within the Vail civic area plan. She feels this could be achieved by expanding the Dobson Ice Arena into a multi-use recreational facility or putting a new recreational facility up, perhaps on the Vail Municipal Building site.

9.1.1. After some discussion, Mr. Ortiz asked the Board to nominate directors to liaison with the pickleball players. Director Saalfeld volunteered to be this liaison in addition to Mr. Ortiz. Director Saalfeld said the Board is in support of pickleball in Vail.

9.2. Dr. Kathy Kimmel also addressed the Board during public comment and reiterated Ms. Rogers' thoughts on including pickleball in the Vail civic area plan. Dr. Kimmel said pickleball is a multi-generational sport that appeals to all ages. She believes an indoor facility would expand opportunities for in-town recreation and make it easier for younger players to join in the evening after work hours.

9.3. Director Saalfeld stated the Board had also received a letter from Kirk and Julie Hansen supporting pickleball in the civic area plan.

10. RECAP OF 2018-19 NORDIC SEASON

10.1. Mr. Timm gave a recap of the 2018-19 winter season at the Vail Nordic Center. Mr. Timm highlighted events and successes at the Nordic Center over the winter, including statistics that over 900 season passes were sold, approximately 7,000 day passes were purchased and over 5,000 daily rentals were transacted. He also shared some positive comments the Nordic Center received from satisfied customers.

11. REVIEW OF SPRING 2019 GOLF COURSE CONDITIONS

11.1. Mr. Scott Todd gave an overview of golf course conditions he has observed so far this spring. Mr. Todd and the golf course maintenance staff have been hard at work monitoring the course conditions, uncovering putting greens on each hole and re-applying fungicide to the greens. Mr. Todd is very optimistic about the condition and health of the turf he is seeing around the golf course.

12. GOLF COURSE PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

12.1. Mr. O'Connell gave a brief recap of the capital construction projects continuing at the Vail Golf Club. He spoke about progress on the Vail Golf Club starter building, golf maintenance storage building and the golf course bridge installation projects.

13. BOARD ACTION ITEM – GOLF COURSE DRESS CODE

13.1. Mr. Ortiz asked the Board to consider relaxing the dress code at the Vail Golf Club to allow patrons to wear denim on the driving range and golf course, allow shirts without a collar for play and allow patrons to wear T-shirts on the driving range. He thinks that as a recreational district we should not be turning

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people away because of what they are wearing and VRD must keep up with the changing golf industry. Mr. Ortiz noted that the District will not encourage this type of attire, but will not turn away customers who do not come dressed according to the old dress code.

- 13.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the changes to the Vail Golf Club dress code as presented.

14. UPDATE ON RED SANDSTONE ELEMENTARY

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz updated the Board on construction progress at Red Sandstone Elementary School and told them that VRD has not yet moved into their programming areas in the school due to ongoing construction. Mr. Young and staff are currently operating after-school programming out of other classrooms and the cafeteria until the construction on their room is complete. Mr. Ortiz stated that the new after-school area and the gym are much improved, with more work still to be done. The gymnasium now features restrooms accessible from inside the gym, so open gym users will no longer have to exit the gym. He said there are a lot of nice improvements, including enhanced storage and accessibility, and new basketball rims and backboards will retract and lower. There will also be new padding around the gym. He asked guests and patrons to be patient with the construction as there is still a lot to do, so open gyms will not be moved back to the school for a while yet. He reminded the Board and public that VRD is a guest of the school, and their needs come first.

15. BOARD ACTION ITEM - TOURNAMENT AWARD FOR 2019 SUMMER

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz directed the Board to the packet for a list of non-profit applications asking for a donation of the Vail Golf Course this summer. The VRD annually awards a tournament day to a non-profit, wherein the staff and golf course costs are donated to the non-profit so they can raise money for their organization. This donation does not include food and beverage and banquet space charges. This year, staff recommends awarding the donated tournament day to the Battle Mountain Touchdown Club. The club's tournament is an annual event at the course, including last year during the poor course conditions. The money raised at the tournament goes to buy equipment for the local high school football team. The tournament is also unique in that it brings up active duty soldiers and veterans from Fort Carson to play, and hosts them with comped lodging and comped golf fees. Mr. Ortiz stated the touchdown club doesn't ask for comped tournament fees every year, and staff appreciate the club's loyalty and allegiance to the Vail Golf Club.
- 15.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to award the 2019 Vail Golf Club tournament

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donation to the Battle Mountain Touchdown Club as presented.

16. FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIALS

- 16.1. Mr. Weaver went through financial highlights from the Board packet. He stated that operating revenues are \$32K favorable to budget. Mr. Weaver pointed out that the Nordic budget was still favorable through January and February, even with such a good November and December on the books. Mr. Weaver explained that VRD expenses were \$38K favorable to budget and the capital budget was looking good, VRD has not needed to use any construction contingency funds yet. He stated the year is off to a good start with financials, and the annual audit will take place in late April.

17. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 17.1. Director Plante stated he was pleased with the great numbers out at the Nordic Center. He was out there a number of times and said he was always treated with great respect and enjoyed eating at the restaurant and the great conditions of the track all winter. He also appreciated the golf presentation and said it was good to see the golf course on track with greens conditions so far. He thanked Mr. Timm and Mr. Todd for their hard work.
- 17.2. Director Suarez also reiterated the great conditions at the Nordic Center, he enjoyed going out there to say hi to staff. He said the track conditions and Nordic shop looked great and he heard from people who were really happy with the grooming operations. He also said he was very relieved to hear the good prospects for the golf course conditions. He asked if the demo fleet was being sold at the Nordic Center, and learned that the majority of the rental fleet and demo equipment was for sale.
- 17.3. Director Kjesbo expressed that he was glad VRD would continue to keep grooming the Nordic track for another week even with the pro shop closing.
- 17.4. Director Saalfeld thanked VRD staff for coming to the meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT

- 18.1. 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,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting