# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

# Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District February 26, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 26, 2015 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. Jeff Wiles, Tom Saalfeld, Kim Newbury, Bill Suarez
- 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
  - 2.1. Kevin Foley
- 3. STAFF PRESENT
  - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion
- 4. OTHERS PRESENT
  - 4.1. None
- 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
  - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
- 6. CALL TO ORDER
  - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 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 February 12, 2015 meeting.
- 8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - 8.1. None
- 9. RECREATION SUBCOMITTEE UPDATE
  - 9.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the Town is currently planning for a mountain bike trail system from Golden Peak to the Memorial Park near East Vail, with some trails being considered in the area where the proposed disc golf course has been researched. During the Town's trail system planning process, it was discovered

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- that area is zoned as a natural preservation area. Disc golf is considered active recreation and is not allowed in such an area. Mountain bike trails are approved as part of the natural preservation area. Staff will continue to look for other locations for disc golf.
- 9.2. Ford Park summer parking was also discussed and there was a user group meeting that took place on Feb. 25. Town staff is going to take a summer parking plan for Ford Park to the town council during their second meeting in March. As part of the plan, town staff is recommending the parking on the north side of the Tennis Courts be used for Bravo! on event nights, paid parking won't begin until 4 p.m. for event nights and a third party operator will operate valet parking. Any other organization is allowed to rent a specific number of spots on the north side of the tennis courts, but it must be managed parking. The Athletic Field can be rented as an option and be mixed use to include valet or public parking, but it will be paid parking. The Golden Peak Children's Center parking lot will be public parking, but will be managed. This will be helpful for camp programs taking place until 5:30 p.m. at the Children's Center. The town staff is also recommending an extra bus stop at the Athletic Field for Nature Center users. There will be no two-hour free parking as had been previously discussed.

#### 10. VAIL GOLF CLUBHOUSE AND NORDIC CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the design team is moving forward simultaneously with the lawsuits on the Vail Golf Clubhouse and Nordic Center renovation. A kitchen consultant has been selected strictly for design. The consultant will not be involved with operations of the facility.
  - 10.1.1. Director Saalfeld questioned if there are consultants for design of the pro shop and related areas. Mr. Ortiz explained part of the reason Zehrin was chosen is their experience with golf course clubhouse designs.

#### 11. JANUARY 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver said January only accounts for about 2 percent of revenues collected. Overall, the VRD is about \$12,000 favorable on operations and \$33,000 favorable for expenses. The VRD started off the year roughly \$150,000 ahead of forecast in 2014, which leads to a head start in the 2015 year.
- 11.2. Staff is working on long-range financial plans that will allow the board to take a fresh look at needs for capital and operations. The board will review the plans, as well as the Borne report within the next two months as they consider alternate funding options for capital needs.

## 12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the following items;
  - 12.1.1. Sports timed the Vail Mountain Uphill with 180 runners. New Belgium is back on board as the official beverage partner for the mountain bike and

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- whitewater series. KEEN will be the title sponsor of the Mud Run during the Kids Adventure Games. Sports Authority has preliminary signed as a partner for youth sports, adult leagues and the trail running races.
- 12.1.2. Regarding Gymnastics, the entire girl's competitive team and three boy's team members qualified for state. The Gymnastics Center will host the University of Georgia Gymnastics Gym Dogs who will coach and meet with gymnasts during their visit.
  - 12.1.2.1. Director Saalfeld questioned whether the VRD hosts gymnastic meets in Vail.
    - 12.1.2.1.1. Mr. Ortiz explained staff is researching hosting an event at Dobson Ice Arena because the Gymnastics Center facility is too small. The last meet hosted was in 2008 at Dobson.
- 12.1.3. The 2015 Pin Giveaway for the World Championships was a great success. The School's Out Camp was full during mid-winter break.

#### 13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Saalfeld questioned a timetable for the retreat. Mr. Ortiz explained a date would be set once the long-range plans and Borne report are ready for review.
- 13.2. Director Newbury said a constituent stopped her and gave kudos to the sports department for the organization of the adult basketball league. She explained her excitement about the Gym Dogs from University of Georgia Gymnastics Team. She explained the Gym Dogs is the most successful gymnastics team in the nation. They are the dominating team in women's gymnastics.
- 13.3. Director Suarez encouraged the board keep discussion open about continued planning for alternate funding for capital needs. He questioned if the Ford Park playing fields will be ready.
  - 13.3.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there are some adjustments that will be made to the park this spring, but it is ready for use.
- 13.4. Director Suarez also asked whether the concession stands would be operated this summer at the field.
  - 13.4.1. Mr. Weaver explained concessions were not the right fit for league play, but they will be open for events.
  - 13.4.2. Director Suarez questioned whether the clubhouse could be looked at as an amenity that is needed to make the golf course the best course it can be vs. as a moneymaker.
    - 13.4.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained staff doesn't anticipate the clubhouse will reduce the subsidy on the costs of the facility, but it will not necessarily be a moneymaker.
- 13.5. Director Wiles questioned upcoming events at Dobson.
  - 13.5.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there are several events taking place in the next two months, in addition to regular programming.

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- 13.6. Director Wiles said he would touch base with Vail Resorts about incorporating a disc golf location at the base of Vail Mountain.
  - 13.6.1. Mr. Ortiz said Vail Resorts is a terrific partner. They do a lot for the town and Vail Recreation District.

## 14. ADJOURNAMENT

14.1. 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,

Jamie Gunion Secretary to the Meeting