# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

# Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District April 24, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 24, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Vail, Council Chambers Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT
- 1.1. Scott Proper, Michelle Hall, Joe Hanlon
- 1.2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
- 1.3. Rick Sackbauer, Ken Wilson
  - 2. STAFF PRESENT
- 2.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Lori Gordon, Scott O'Connell, Alice Plain
  - 3. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT
- 3.1. Mark Gordon, Dick Cleveland
  - 4. OTHERS PRESENT
- 4.1. Jeff Wiles, Ross Davis Jr., Kristin Kenny Williams, Steve Simonett, Ed Stoner
  - 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
- 5.1. Eric Weaver, Ken Marchetti, Robertson & Marchetti P.C.
  - 6. CALL TO ORDER
- 6.1. Scott Proper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
  - 7. APPROVAL OF 3/27/08 MEETING MINUTES
- 7.1. Approval of the meeting minutes was tabled until the May 8, 2008 Board meeting.

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### 8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

#### 8.1. None

- 9. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH MAY 2008 CANIDATES
- 9.1. Ms. Kristin Kenny Williams, as moderator on behalf of the District, asked each of the candidates, Mr. Ross Davis Jr., Ms. Michelle Hall, Mr. Jeff Wiles, for their opinion on a series of identical questions to allow the public to learn more about each of the candidates.
- 9.2. Director Proper thanked all of the Candidates for running. It is significant commitment to be on the VRD board and it is real testament to ones civic spirit to seek election to a board like the VRD.

#### 10. RECREATION MASTER PLAN

10.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that he is continuing to work with Mr. Stan Zemler and Mr. Matt Mire on the contracts for the leases. This will be discussed at the meeting after the election on May 8, 2008.

### 11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz reported that Mr. Scott O'Connell is working really hard preparing for the summer season. He is working on all of the facilities making sure that they look their best.
- 11.2. Mr. Ortiz stated we are getting new lights at Dobson Arena, which are energy efficient and will pay for themselves through reduced energy costs in the next 3 years; they also have better coverage on the ice and do not require time to warm up, therefore providing instant light in the arena.
- 11.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that the sports and youth registrations are going well and we still have a few spaces left for the ECO camp. We are still looking for a few employees for the summer.
- 11.4. Mr. Ortiz stated that the Golf course still has 2-3 feet of snow in sections and there is some minor ice damage and wildlife damage in a few areas but not major concerns at this point. We are sending turf samples down to Colorado State University for analysis and we will go

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from there on what the recommendations will be for repair. It is really to early to say when we are going to open. We are waiting for the snow to melt. Our plan is first to get the driving range open, and then the back 9.

- 11.5. Mr. Ortiz stated that this is Chairman Proper's last meeting and wanted to thank Chairman Proper for his dedicated service the last 4 years. He and the rest of the Board have done a lot for us, particularly bringing us out of dire financial straight and restored relationships with the TOV. Thank you for leading that cause, you will be dearly missed, and we appreciate all of your efforts.
- 11.6. Director Proper responded that he is flattered and the staff has made it very easy and a pleasant experience.
- 11.7. Director Hall requested a synopsis of the Travel symposium. Mr. Ortiz responded that for the VRD it went very well, was well attended, and was very important for Vail to hold. It is mostly showing the Ski industry and what it is about, and with Vail trying to lead the way, is why it is so important to have the World Class facilities.
- 11.8. Director Hall questioned about the numbers for the Gymnastics meet in June. Mr. Ortiz answered that we should have 500-600 competitors, which does not include parents and families. We are all excited about this and we have volunteer's lines up to assist with the event. Ms. Jamie Gunion is working with the Vail Valley Partnership for lodging.

#### 12. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 12.1. Director Hanlon stated that he would like to Thank Mr. Davis Jr., Ms. Hall, and Mr. Wiles for their forum this evening, we are lucky as a town and a district to have such candidates. I would encourage everyone at home to come out and vote on May 6, 2008, exercise your right. Director Hanlon would like to thank Director Proper, it has been a pleasure to work with him.
- 12.2. Director Hall wanted to thank Mr. Wiles and Mr. Davis Jr for coming and wish everyone Good luck on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Director Hall also wanted to remind everyone that the mail-in ballots are due at the end of the day on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and walk in voting ends May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Director Hall wanted to Welcome Ms. Gunion back to the VRD, and wanted to thank Director Proper.

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12.3. Director Proper responded that he is very flattered by the appreciation and that the staff that has made it so easy. The board makes the policy related direction decisions, and provides staff with guidance but the most qualified people to run the Recreation District are the staff who spend all their time doing it. He is very grateful for the candidates who are running for the board. Thank you to the staff.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1. Director Hanlon motioned to adjourn at 5:50 PM. Director Hall seconded. Approved unanimously.

| Michelle Hall, Secretary | Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director |
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