
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District February 25, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 25, 2016 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, Kim Newbury, Kevin Foley, Bill Suarez, Jeff Wiles
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, April Heredia, Jessie Klehfoth, Beth Pappas
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Brian Rodine, Lee Rimel
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to unanimously approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. Mr. Brian Rodine wished to introduce himself and state that he is running for the VRD Board of Directors this year. He also wanted to thank the current board for their service.
9. REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF ADOPT-A-RANGER
 - 9.1. Mr. Lee Rimel reviewed the Adopt-A-Ranger program to fund a seasonal ranger specifically to work on trails in the Eagle County area. The Vail Valley Mountain

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Bike Association has been working to train trail crew leaders over the past few years and are proposing to hire a National Forest Service Ranger Supervisor to oversee their trail crew on NFS land. The program is asking for \$50,000 from the community, and have so far raised \$29,000. Mr. Rimel asked the Rec District for \$5,000 to upgrade, maintain and support creating new trails around the area.

- 9.2. After some discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to donate \$5,000 to the Adopt-A-Trail program through the Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz highlighted that the Nordic trails are still in great shape with daily maintenance, and we are about 5% above average snowpack for the Colorado River Basin.
- 10.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that last week Scott Todd and Justin Gompf attended the PGA Golf Industry Show, focusing on equipment and services to improve cart paths and lake sediment removal companies. They are looking at new yardage accessory options for fairways and tee boxes.
- 10.3. Mr. Ortiz highlighted that the position of Assistant Golf Professional has been posted on the PGA website. He stated that we currently have three six-month PGM Interns committed for the summer, two from UNLV and one from Campbell University.
- 10.4. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that Mrs. Pappas has been working with Vail Resorts and they have approved a revised 10 @10 and 5@10 courses for 8/21 on Vail Mountain and has approved the Hill Climb for July 10th. We are working on crafting the messaging with Vail Resorts to let people know about the change of date for the Hill Climb. Mrs. Pappas and Mr. Rabinowitz timed the Vail Mountain Uphill Race on 2/2, run by Jen Mason.
- 10.5. Mr. Ortiz highlighted that the VRD was featured numerous times in the Vail Daily recently including articles on the upcoming Board election and call for nominations, the Shamrock Shuffle, and a front page photo of the AcroYoga program, in addition to daily calendar items. He also mentioned that Mrs. Klehfoth and Mrs. Pappas continue to do weekly chats on air at KZYR.
- 10.6. Mr. Ortiz also mentioned that Mrs. Klehfoth is working on a brand new VRD website that will be more mobile friendly. The goal to launch this is the first week of April along with the new MaxGalaxy registration system.
- 10.7. Mr. Ortiz then stated that we had a very successful Parent's Night Out program on Saturday 2/13 with 20 participants. There was also a Cocktails & Canvas chocolate-making workshop on 2/12 that was full with 20 participants.
- 10.7.1. Director Foley questioned if the HillClimb date has been moved.
- 10.7.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that it will now be on July 10th, and that the half marathon course has been moved to Camp Hale and we are excited to work with the Forest Service to create new races in different parts of the county.

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10.7.3. Director Suarez questioned if we received any feedback from the PEC on the pickleball courts.

10.7.4. Mr. Ortiz stated that the project has been approved and that Mr. Oppenheimer will work on getting a contractor for the project. There was some concern from the council about drainage and that has been improved by 94%. The PEC has asked us not to put up the sound barrier yet, but it is in the budget. There will be a new bathroom building on the site along with a drinking fountain.

11. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

11.1. Director Newbury wanted to thank Mrs. Klehfoth on the great press coverage of the VRD in recent newspaper stories and radio ads.

11.2. Director Wiles stated that he enjoyed the Nordic track today and is excited about having a new Nordic facility. He was impressed with the track condition and encourages everyone to check it out. He also encouraged the community to attend the upcoming ski patrol vs. ski school hockey game at Dobson Ice Arena.

11.3. Director Foley mentioned that the Vail Trail plan will be discussed this upcoming Monday, February 29 at the Grand View Room and encourages people to come and learn about it and the I-70 underpass project. He also said that the sports department did a great job timing the Vail Uphill, which he participated in.

11.4. Director Suarez said that Mr. Seward requested a new squeegee for the tennis courts, and Mr. Ortiz confirmed that it is already in the budget. Director Suarez also talked about a new boxing program that's been helping Parkinson patients and wondered if this would be a good fit for the VRD and Community Programming Room. He also asked about the feasibility of covering the bridge at the Nordic center with a tent to keep the snow from melting on the bridge.

11.5. Director Wiles said hockey players have asked if a water bottle filling station could be added at Dobson Ice Arena.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1. 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