
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
January 28, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Jason Plante, Kim Rediker, Roland Kjesbo, Kirk Hansen

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Dan Timm, Jared Biniecki, April Childress,
Jerry Stevens, Scott O'Connell

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Laurie Assmussen

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. Mr. Ortiz requested a change to the order of presentations and Director Hansen asked for a pickleball update.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. INTRODUCTION OF APRIL CHILDRESS

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- 10.1. Mr. Scott O’Connell introduced Ms. April Childress to the Board. Ms. Childress has been hired as the new Food and Beverage General Manager for the District. After some discussion, the Board welcomed Ms. Childress to the District.

11. DOBSON ICE ARENA UPDATE

- 11.1. Mr. Jared Biniecki gave an update on programming at Dobson Ice Arena. He recapped the months of December and January and also talked about some upcoming programming. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Biniecki and his staff for the hard work.

12. GORE RANGE ROOM EVENT FEES

- 12.1. Mr. O’Connell gave the Board an overview of event business at the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse and proposed new room rental fees for weddings in years 2022 and 2023.
- 12.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the fees for years 2022 and 2023 with flexibility given to staff to consider implementation of several changes discussed by the Board.

13. NORDIC UPDATE

- 13.1. Mr. Dan Timm gave an update on how business is going very well at the Vail Nordic Center. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Timm and his staff for the hard work this winter.

14. 2021 MEETING DATES

- 14.1. Mr. Eric Weaver directed the Board to the proposed 2021 meeting dates as listed in the Board packet. The proposed meeting dates for 2021 are the fourth Thursday of every month, with the exception of November and December when the Board will meet on the second Thursday due to the holidays.
- 14.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the 2021 proposed meeting schedule as presented.

15. 2021 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POSTING LOCATIONS

- 15.1. Mr. Weaver informed the Board that the proposed posting location for 2021 Board meeting agendas would be on the District’s website - www.vailrec.com.
- 15.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the 2021 resolution designating posting locations as presented.

16. AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

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- 16.1. Mr. Weaver asked the Board to consider the audit engagement letter as presented in the Board packet from McMahan and Associates. McMahan and Associates has done the District's audit for a number of years now and is a local company that specializes in auditing government entities.
 - 16.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to again engage McMahan and Associates for the annual District audit.
17. OUTDOOR ICE SKATING PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR WINTER SEASON 2021-22
- 17.1. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Timm presented an idea to the Board to add an outdoor ice skating rink and skate rental service to the Vail Nordic Center for the winter of 2021-22. The rink would be located on a portion of the driving range. They proposed not charging for users to ice skate and offering skate rentals for a small fee.
 - 17.2. After some discussion, the Board gave their thumbs up to proceed with this plan.
18. UPDATE ON COST SHARING WITH THE TOWN OF VAIL – GREENS RENOVATIONS AT THE VAIL GOLF CLUB
- 18.1. Mr. Ortiz updated the Board that on February 2 the Vail Town Council would be presented a proposal to share the cost of the golf greens renovations at the Vail Golf Club over the next three years. In the proposal, the Town's share of the costs would not exceed \$216K per year or \$650K total.
 - 18.2. The Board thanked Mr. Ortiz for working with council on this item and encouraged him to proceed.
19. DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIALS
- 19.1. Mr. Weaver told the Board that the District finished the year remarkably well, especially with all things considering. The District came out \$1 million dollars ahead of forecast, due in part to Nordic and golf course exceeding their revenue budgets and all departments finding savings on expenses. The District also didn't need to use \$300K in contingency that had been set aside and, thanks to the hard work of April Heredia, received a grant to reimburse COVID-related expenses.
 - 19.2. The Board thanked Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Heredia for their work on the financials and all staff for being budget conscious all year.
20. PICKLEBALL UPDATE
- 20.1. Director Hansen asked to bring back the pickleball tournament in 2022.
21. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

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- 21.1. Mr. Ortiz gave highlights from the directors reports as presented in the Board packet.

22. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 22.1. Director Plante thanked the VRD staff for their adaptability and great attitudes. He thanked Mr. Ortiz for working with the Town on the greens cost sharing and also commented that it was great Dobson is open. He thanked Mrs. April Heredia for her legwork on the COVID-19 expense reimbursement grant and said he's proud of the job the whole staff is doing.
- 22.2. Director Kjesbo echoed Director Plante's comments and commended Mr. Ortiz on a wonderful team during both good and bad times. He also said he recently enjoyed a good meal at the Grill on the Gore restaurant in the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse and asked if there were any issues with non-Nordic users parking out there. Mr. Ortiz said there have not been issues and the Nordic staff are monitoring the parking lot to prevent this from happening.
- 22.3. Director Hansen stated even in the midst of a pandemic he's amazed and surprised at how lively, active and vital this community remains. He also said he spoke to the broker of the Aria Club last week and they are still interested in working with the Town. Director Hansen said he'd like to hear from the Town if they are interested in pursuing this idea further.
- 22.4. Director Rediker stated how she received some great thank you letters from the staff. She observed that everything in the District was going swimmingly and thanked Mike for his leadership. She said all the staff make it fun to be a Board member.
- 22.5. Director Saalfeld also thanked the staff for all the good work and said he's proud to be a part of the organization.

23. ADJOURNMENT

- 23.1. 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