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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District January 24, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 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, Rick Sackbauer (via conference call), Ken Wilson

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Scott O'Connell, Jeanne Sutherland, Alice Plain, Joel Rabinowitz, Chad Young

4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT

- 4.1. None

5. OTHERS PRESENT

- 5.1. Michael Nees

6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 6.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.

7. CALL TO ORDER

- 7.1. Scott Proper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

8. APPROVAL OF 1/24/08 MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. Director Hall made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes but requested that the minutes include information contained in the presentation on European recreation which was presented at the prior meeting by Mr. Mike Ortiz.

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Director Wilson seconded the motion subject to the inclusion of this information. Approved unanimously.

9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. LEGAL MATTERS

10.1. NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSIONS- After motion duly made and seconded the Board adopted the following resolution:

10.2. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that regular meetings of the Board of Directors of Vail Park and Recreation District d/b/a Vail Recreation District, Eagle County, Colorado, will be held at the Vail Town Council Chambers 75 S. Frontage Road West, Vail, Colorado on the second Thursdays of each month at 5:00 p.m.; at which meeting the Board will take up regular business of the District and any other matters as may come before the Board. Anyone wishing items to be put on the agenda should contact Mike Ortiz at 479-2461. This meeting is open to the public.

10.3. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Special Meeting/Work Sessions of the Board of Directors of the Vail Park and Recreation District d/b/a Vail Recreation District, Eagle County, Colorado, will be held at the Vail Town Council Chambers 75 S. Frontage Road West, Vail, Colorado on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.; at which meeting the Board will take up any matters as may come before the Board. This meeting is open to the public.

10.4. The Board also set the three required posting locations within the District boundaries as:
-Town of Vail Clerk's office
-Vail Golf Course Clubhouse
-Vail Recreation District Administration Office

11. RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

11.1. Vail Recreation District staff met with Town of Vail Staff on Wednesday January 23, 2008 to discuss the recreation master plan, specifically the finalization of the non-golf course lease and preliminary discussions of the golf course lease. The non-golf course lease will be reviewed by Town Council in their worksession held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Mr. Ortiz stated that he and Mr Eric Weaver would be present and asked any Board

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members that would be available to attend. Mr. Ortiz stated that the Town Council would like to sign leases as soon as possible, good news for both entities.

- 11.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that he would update the Board on the lease agreements, proposals and outcome from the Master Plan subcommittee meeting next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008.
- 11.3. VAIL GOLF CLUB LEAGUES UPDATE – MS. ALICE PLAIN
 - 11.3.1. Ms. Alice Plain described the plan and management for next season's golf leagues. She stated that last year was the first year the Vail Golf Club managed the leagues and stated there were some issues and concerns from league participants, but stated overall that it was a successful managed league. She said staff and management learned from their mistakes last year and with this said the issues will be addressed for this next golf season. The four main areas that staff feel are important to have in the league are as follows:
 - 11.3.2. Implement VRD philosophy into leagues
 - 11.3.3. Standard operating procedures through community involvement.
 - 11.3.4. Scheduling is centralized
 - 11.3.5. Accountability
 - 11.4. Ms. Plain stated that with these policies in place the Vail Golf Club is sure to have a well organized golf league. She went onto state that in addition the Vail Golf Club staff produced a survey to distribute to all community members to get their input on how they would like to see the league managed and other Vail Golf Course concerns. She stated that the surveys have been printed and are scheduled to be sent out next week. This survey will give us the information we need in making the Vail Golf Club the best golf course to play at in the Vail Valley. The information and results will be available for viewing on the VRD website.
 - 11.5. Director Ken Wilson stated that with change controversy will come and to please be aware of that. His hope is to work through these challenges making it a better league overall.
 - 11.6. Director Hanlon agrees with the changes and improvements being made to the golf league, especially the statement describing accountability.

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12. 2007 DECEMBER FINANCIALS – ERIC WEAVER

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver presented preliminary year end financials to the Board, including graphs showing revenues, expense, and subsidies by department. He reviewed significant variances and stated that the District has finished the year favorable to budget as previously predicted and the excess funds have been added to fund balance. He commented that staff did extraordinary job managing revenue and expenses in 2007.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. INFORMATION ONLY. NO BOARD ACTION REQUESTED
- 13.2. Introduced Dr. Michael Nees to the Board of Directors. He described his current tasks and activities he wishes to implement onto the VRD Staff, including working with staff on a mission statement and future goals. Goals will be presented at the February 14, 2008 board meeting.
- 13.3. Dr Nees informed the Board of his program and the techniques he uses that allow him to guide Mr. Ortiz and staff into a better future. He stated that he has received many good ideas from staff and was impressed with the quality of the VRD staff. He commented that rather than going from “Good to Great” he is excited to see the VRD go from “Great to Exceptional”. He concluded by stating that he would be meeting with each board member individually to gather additional information.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Hall reported on the following:
 - 14.1.1. Director Hall stated that she and the Board needed to respond to two e-mails sent for board members to respond to:
 - 14.1.2. Vail HOA – received annual report and asked VRD for response since it was mentioned in their annual report.
 - 14.1.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. Lamont shared his concern to Mr. Ortiz regarding the many scheduled executive sessions that follow the regular scheduled Board Meetings. Mr. Ortiz suggested that two Board members meet with Mr. Lamont to discuss the purpose of executive sessions, which primarily centered around personnel issues and lease agreements with the Town of Vail. Mr. Lamont also suggested that the Board and the VRD staff schedule more opportunity for public

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involvement by scheduling more VRD sub-committee meetings which include community and public input on recreation issues and concerns.

- 14.1.4. Director Hall also requested a brief memo, synopsis of why the VRD started collecting fees to ski at the Nordic Center. She would like to distribute information to community members regarding fee collection and Nordic maintenance. Director Ortiz stated that a report was given at the end of the Nordic season last year as to why the VRD began charging a fee to Nordic ski. He stated that he would distribute that information to any interested community members.

14.2. Director Wilson reported on the following:

- 14.2.1. Director Wilson stated that he had met with Ms. Mia Stockdale and Mr. Shane Sluder to discuss Nordic issues and concerns.
- 14.2.2. Issues to be addressed:
- 14.2.3. Nordic parking impacted the most on weekends, Saturday and Sunday. On weekends Nordic competes with TOV Alpine Skier parking overflow and piles of snow built up in the parking lot, which take up many available parking slots. VRD should control parking and should contact the Town of Vail and ask them to remove the snow from the Nordic Lot. If the snow was removed there would be more parking for both Alpine Skiers and Nordic Skiers.
- 14.2.4. Mr. O'Connell stated that he had been at the Nordic center the last two weekends to get an idea of the problems that the Nordic Center faced on the weekends. He also stated that he has been trying to slowly clear snow from the parking lot, but stated that due to the large quantities there is simply not enough room to store all of the buildup. He stated that on the week days there are plenty of spaces available to park. Director Wilson stated that the Nordic parking signs are working very well and thanked Mr. O'Connell for putting those up. Director Sackbauer asked staff to look into a snow melting machine; he feels that would eliminate the snow problem.
- 14.2.5. Director Wilson stated that the old Nordic lesson/teaching agreement with Vail Resorts has caused contention as it does not allow Ms. Stockdale and Mr. Shane Sluder to teach exclusively. He stated that Vail Resorts used to pay a fee for exclusive teaching privileges and was allowed to opt out of the contract this season. However, we allowed them to continue with long-term clients. Director Wilson stated that this agreement was not working well even though Vail Resorts has only given 7 lessons this year. Director Wilson recommends that the Nordic Center lessee get exclusive rights for teaching lessons.

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- 14.2.6. Director Wilson stated that people with snow shoes and walkers on the Nordic Track also had to pay to walk or snowshoe and wondered if this was appropriate. However, he stated that Mr. Shane informed him that 307 people had rented snowshoes for the season and they had paid to use the track which helps offset the maintenance costs of the course. Director Wilson asked Mr. Ortiz to further consider if the District should continue charging for walkers, he stated that it does make it difficult for walkers to use the track.
- 14.2.7. Director Wilson stated that the Nordic Center is working well overall, and that Mr. Ortiz is doing a good job at managing the Nordic Center and keeping problem areas moving forward towards a solution.
- 14.3. Director Sackbauer reported on the following:
- 14.3.1. Thank you Director Wilson for volunteering on the Nordic and Golf sub-committees, and for the informative presentation

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 15.1. Director Wilson made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of: §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., "Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators." Director Sackbauer seconded. Approved unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

- 16.1. After returning from Executive Session, Director Hanlon motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Director Wilson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michelle Hall, Secretary

Amy Ludke, Assistant Finance Manager