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Minutes of the Special Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
November 16, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on November 16, 2017 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 Rediker, Kevin Foley, Roland Kjesbo, Bill Suarez (via phone)

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, April Heredia, Emmy Cardoza, Joel Rabinowitz, Scott O'Connell, Jared Biniecki, Alice Plain, Jerry Stevens, Dan Timm, Chad Young

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Battle Mountain High School Cross Country Team

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

- 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. The update on election results was moved before the Battle Mountain High School Cross Country team's request for funding while the team assembled.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

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9.1. Scott O'Connell, VRD Director of Operations, read a wedding review to the Board from a recent bride and groom who praised the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse as a wedding venue and the excellent staff. Mr. O'Connell wanted to recognize and thank Mrs. Emmy Cardoza for her outstanding work as the Event Coordinator at the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse.

10. UPDATE ON ELECTION RESULTS

10.1. Mr. Ortiz spoke about the recent election on Ballot Issue A, and shared the results that it passed by a margin of 827 yes votes to 595 no votes. Mr. Ortiz said this was a good confirmation of the hard work put in by the Board and the staff, and shows that the public value the high quality of programming produced by the VRD. Mr. Ortiz thanked Directors Saalfeld and Suarez for sitting on the election committee. He also thanked the Board, VRD staff and Mrs. Klehfoth for all their work.

11. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – BATTLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY NIKE NATIONALS

- 11.1. Members of the Battle Mountain High School Cross Country team addressed the Board and talked about how they were flying the next day to Arizona for the Nike Regional meet, in the hopes of qualifying for the Nike Nationals in Oregon in a few weeks. They said that over the summer the team donated about 600 volunteer hours to the VRD La Sportiva Vail Trail Running Series races, with over 65 volunteers. While they are in Arizona, they will also be touring college campuses. They spoke about how they were a very young team this year, and for many of them this is their first time going to the meet. They stated it is a really fun time for the team and a good team building opportunity.
- 11.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve \$1,000 in funding to support the team's trip.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2017 AMENDED BUDGET

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver asked the Board to amend the 2017 budget for two reasons: the first because of additional revenue and expenses due to the VRD taking over Vail Nordic Center operations, and second to replace a snowcat one year earlier than originally planned.
- 12.2. Mr. Weaver stated that this meeting was published in the paper as the public hearing on the amended budget.
- 12.2.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to open the public hearing for the adoption of the 2017 amended budget.

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- 12.2.2. Hearing no public comment, upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to close the public hearing for the adoption of the 2017 amended budget.
- 12.2.3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to amend the budget for fiscal year 2017.

13. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2018 PROGRAM FEES

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that because of the election and the passage of Ballot Issue A, the Board had directed the staff to keep most fees as is, with a few exceptions. Sports camps fees are set by the camp contractors, the VRD rents them the facility and gets a percentage of the profits, so these fees are set by them. For hockey, expenses are going up in programs because those fees haven't gone up in a while. Mr. Ortiz explained the athletic field fees are also going up, and explained that this doesn't impact many VRD residents, as the fields are rented mostly by entities and groups outside of the community. Mr. Weaver explained that they amount of mill levy needed and passed was calculated based on fees still rising with a regular CPI, so we will need to adjust slightly each year in the future, but it's nice to not have to do the 35% increase since the election passed.
- 13.2. After some discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the 2018 program fees as presented.

14. PUBLIC HEADING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

- 14.1. Mr. Weaver explained that on the revenue side, the assessed value of the District will increase about 8.4%, despite the change in residential assessments, due to dramatic changes to commercial properties in Vail. Mr. Weaver does expect this number to come back down based on protests. With the passage of the mill levy increase, the operating mill levy will increase by 2.76 to 3.76 mills and the Dobson mill levy will decrease slightly.
- 14.2. In the 2018 budget, Mr. Weaver explained that community programming will see changes due to the Red Sandstone Elementary School construction and expanding operations at the Imagination Station. Mr. Weaver stated that the Nordic budget is unique because the season is split in two between different years, and they are doing their best to estimate based on numbers provided by the previous operators. Mr. Weaver talked about how tennis and pickleball saw dramatic increase in both revenues and expenses and the 2018 budget reflects this trend to continue. The Dobson budget will remain relatively flat, with an uptick in events. Mr. Weaver said the golf F&B and banquet room have seen good forward momentum, and they are budgeting for this to continue into 2018.
- 14.3. On the expense side, the VRD had trouble recruiting and maintaining quality seasonal staff, and on an average hoping to increase hourly wages 10-15%

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- depending on the department and to be competitive in the market. Year-round staff will see an average 3% increase.
- 14.4. Mr. Weaver also talked about how 2018 will see expenses for a Board member election, and they have added some budget for new HR resources. The community programming and Nordic expansion will also accrue additional expenses.
- 14.5. On the debt service side, Mr. Weaver stated the only remaining is the Dobson bonds, which has a dedicated mill levy to cover such costs.
- 14.6. Mr. Weaver said that with capital expenses, the District has been sitting on reserves due to the unknown future, but now with the passage of the mill levy increase the budget calls for 2.5 million to be used for capital expenses next year, including equipment, vehicles, building remodels, expansion of the recycling program, upgrades to the driving range tees, golf course bridges and starting work on the starter house. Mr. Weaver stated that all costs also include a 15% contingency. He said it was a long list of capital needs, and the Board and staff will really have to evaluate the list to see what can be done in the timeline and within budget.
- 14.7. After some discussion, Mr. Weaver stated that this meeting was published in the paper as the public hearing on the proposed budget.
- 14.7.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to open the public hearing for the adoption of the 2018 proposed budget.
- 14.7.2. Hearing no public comment, upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to close the public hearing for the adoption of the 2018 proposed budget.
- 14.7.3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the resolution to adopt the 2018 budget as presented, to approve the resolution to certify the mill levy at 3.760 mills for operations and 0.261 mills for a special mill levy approved at the 2004 election, and to approve the resolution to appropriate funds for spending in 2018, all of which are subject to minor adjustments which may result from the final certification of assessed values.
15. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that the Vail Nordic Center is opening up. Mr. Dan Timm and his staff are doing a tremendous job outfitting the local school teams. The pro shop has lots of good deals, and the Nordic ski swap will be this weekend.
- 15.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that Ms. Alice Plain is working hard doing golf merchandise orders for next year. She just came back from the PGA show where she got to meet professional Ryder Cup captains. Mr. Ortiz stated the Coal Bucket Classic tournament was yesterday and Mr. Scott Todd and Mr. Scott O'Connell did a great job putting it together for 32 golfers.

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- 15.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that new equipment was purchased to groom the fat bike trail, and that we need snow on the track to get the season going.
- 15.4. Mr. Ortiz stated that Dobson has high school hockey starting next week, and the last sportsmanship tournament is this weekend.
- 15.5. Mr. Ortiz talked about how Mrs. Jessie Klehfoth is putting together all winter marketing collateral, and is already starting on summer guides. Marketing is also working on a branding package for VRD with consistent colors and fonts. Marketing also redesigned the Vail Nordic Center logo.
- 15.6. Mr. Ortiz spoke about pickleball and how it's still being played outside.
- 15.7. Mr. Ortiz also mentioned that Mr. Chad Young is adding virtual reality to the Imagination Station offerings, and the sports department is closing everything up with sponsorship reviews and already getting into programming for 2018 with volleyball, basketball and more.
- 15.8. Mr. Ortiz also met with the town and is hoping to have a recreation subcommittee meeting after Dec 10. He said VRD is still having issues with the clubhouse, but is thankful for the new town manager's help and needs to get the problems solved there. He stated that Mr. O'Connell is excited with getting bids and pricing from architects for the starter shack, storage, golf course bridges, and has a lot going on. Mr. Ortiz would like to come to an upcoming meeting with a proposed list of capital priorities.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Foley thanked Mr. Young and his crew for a great Trick or Treat Trot. He also thanked the directors for coming to the meeting and for all the work they did on the budget. He said he has had people approach him to ask about an outdoor pond hockey. He also stated that one of the best things about volunteering at Red Sandstone Elementary School is watching the number of kids practicing gymnastics out on playground who all go to the Vail Gymnastics Center.
- 16.2. Director Suarez stated that the new logo for the Vail Nordic Center is outstanding.
- 16.3. Director Saalfeld thanked all of the VRD supporters for getting Ballot Issue A approved. He also thanked the staff who put time in after hours on the election, and said the winning margin was remarkable.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- 17.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessie Klehfoth

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Secretary to the Meeting