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### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors**

#### **Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District February 11, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 11, 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, Scott O'Connell
4. OTHERS PRESENT
  - 4.1. Stephen Connolly, Joe Langereis, Shelley Bellm
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
  - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
  - 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 January 14, 2016 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - 8.1. Mr. Stephen Connolly spoke regarding past concerns that he felt were unresolved.
  - 8.2. Mr. Joe Langereis questioned the Board if there were tennis courts in the Vail area that would be suitable for covering during winter use now that the Cascade courts may be going away.

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- 8.2.1. Director Suarez responded that we are looking into options, but we are not in a position to construct or create new courts or coverings, however the VRD would consider running them.
- 8.3. Ms. Shelley Bellm wanted to thank the VRD, the Board and Mr. Ortiz for providing such a phenomenal gymnastics program.
9. DISCUSSION OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN BY PHELPS-ATKINSON FOR OLD #18 GREEN AND DRIVING RANGE
- 9.1. Mr. O'Connell reviewed the proposed driving range tee area conceptual design and answered multiple questions from the Board.
- 9.2. Mr. O'Connell then reviewed the proposed old #18 green conceptual design to propose an expansion of the green area into more putting area both for the benefit of players and local educational opportunities. The conceptual design also includes a redesigned area for a sitting space, and the addition of more landscaping to act as a buffer between the area and the parking lot. Mr. O'Connell gave an overview of the designs and answered multiple questions from the Board.
- 9.3. Mr. O'Connell explained that these are just preliminary ideas and the basis for a discussion to begin. For a timeline, he stated that at the earliest, some restoration of the driving range tee will be done in the spring, but will not be able to be completed until the pro shop is removed, so the full timeline is still to be determined. There is no timeline for the old #18 design.
- 9.4. The Board directed Mr. O'Connell to continue with exploration of these concepts and to start work on a budget for these projects.
10. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED FORD PARK PARKING CALENDAR
- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the calendar for proposed paid parking dates at Ford Park, stating that the schedule is very similar to last year with six additional days in the middle of the summer being added at the recommendation of the Town of Vail staff.
- 10.1.1. Director Suarez asked about the start time for days when there are Bravo events.
- 10.1.2. Mr. Ortiz confirmed that paid parking would start at 3 p.m.
- 10.1.3. Mr. O'Connell stated that the Town is willing to work with the VRD and understands the impact that paid parking has on the Tennis Center.
- 10.1.4. Director Newbury noted that some of the times had been moved back.
- 10.1.5. Director Suarez asked to have more time to review and present to Town Council, and was concerned about having the six additional managed days.
- 10.1.6. Director Foley iterated that this is managed parking and is a joint effort between many stakeholders.
- 10.1.7. Director Saalfeld asked if Mr. O'Connell would relay Director Suarez's concerns to the town.

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10.1.8. Mr. O'Connell agreed.

#### 11. APPROVAL OF THE 2016 ELECTION RESOLUTION

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver presented the standard election resolution to the Board. The resolution states that an election for the two directors seats will be held as a polling place election in conjunction with Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, and that absentee ballot will need to be requested directly from VRD. Self-nomination forms for interested candidates are also available and due by February 26 to April Heredia who is appointed as the Designated Election Official. The election will be canceled if there are two or fewer nominees. Last Thursday a call for nominations was published in the newspaper.
- 11.2. The Board directed the VRD to run more advertising requesting nominations for the available Board seats.
- 11.3. Mr. Connolly made public comment to ask about the timing of the resolution and the deadlines for nomination filing.
- 11.4. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to unanimously approve the election resolution and to appoint Ms. April Heredia as the designated election official.

#### 12. 2015 PRELIMINARY DECEMBER FINANCIALS

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver presented the preliminary December financials and stated that on a preliminary basis the year end results are positive to what was forecasted meaning that the VRD will start off 2016 better than expected.
- 12.2. Director Saalfeld commended the staff and Mr. Weaver for their work.

#### 13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz highlighted an article in an upcoming issue of Golf Course Management Magazine, highlighting the Vail Golf Club recertification by the Audubon International Cooperative Golf Course Sanctuary program.
- 13.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that a number of staff attended the Actively Green training that was recently held, and it is the intent of the VRD to become an Actively Green certified organization.
- 13.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. Ed Wisneski recently passed away and wished to send his condolences to the Wisneski family.
- 13.4. Mr. Ortiz expressed excitement at the work the staff is doing to implement a new VRD-wide registration system to help consolidate logins, registrations and marketing. He commended Mr. Joel Rabinowitz for his project management leadership.
- 13.5. Mr. Ortiz stated that the sports staff is working with Jen Mason to promote the upcoming Vail Uphill Race, and the annual Kreuger Family Shamrock Shuffle is coming up in March.
- 13.6. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that marketing has been working hard on press relations, a

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new website, and had a great spread recently in the Vail Valley Home Magazine on the new Nordic Center.

- 13.7. Mr. Ortiz commended George and Robin at the Dobson Ice Arena who recently took a pairs team to the national finals where the team took second place. He also expressed excitement about having 114 under-8 kids in our hockey program.
- 13.8. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that Community Programming will be hosting a School's Out Camp over the February break. He also stated that they are working hard with the Youth Foundation on the PwrHrs program.
- 13.9. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that Gymnastics has started a new preschool program and had 16 participants in the first week.
- 13.10. Mr. Ortiz shared that there is framing going on at the golf course clubhouse and the VRD has been promised that the cart barn will be ready by June 1. He also stated that there may be a delay in starting on the parking lot due to cold temperatures and the large snowpack.
  - 13.10.1. Director Foley mentioned that Ford Park may be an option for parking in the spring.

#### 14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Foley stated that he had received a call questioning if the Vail HillClimb date has been moved and if we can work with Vail Resorts to ensure that it stays on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
  - 14.1.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that Vail Resorts is concerned with safety due to Epic Discovery and reminded the Board that we use VR staff for medical support during the race. He stated that the date may have to move but conversations with VR are ongoing.
  - 14.1.2. Mr. Foley asked what time Epic Discovery starts.
  - 14.1.3. Mr. Ortiz responded that the gondola will open at 9 a.m., but that it comes down to what the VR staff feels comfortable supporting.
  - 14.1.4. Director Wiles stated that there was no need to hit the panic button yet.
- 14.2. Director Foley questioned when the next rec subcommittee meeting would be.
  - 14.2.1. Mr. Ortiz responded that it will be on Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Vail Town conference room with Tom and Bill representing the VRD and Dick Cleveland and Greg Moffet from the town council.
- 14.3. Director Suarez stated that we are looking for solutions for indoor tennis, but that we are not in a position to build or purchase land for a facility. VRD would be interested in running a facility were one to come available.
- 14.4. Director Wiles thanked Mr. Ortiz for meeting with Vail Resorts to discuss plans for the races and that he is confident that it will work out somehow.
- 14.5. Director Wiles also stated that he would like the VRD to donate \$5,000 to the Adopt-A-Ranger fundraiser to hire another trail ranger at the Forest Service for the benefit of hiking and biking trail maintenance.
- 14.6. After some discussion, it was agreed to add this to the February 25 meeting

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agenda and invite a representative from the Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association to the next Board meeting to answer questions.

14.7. Director Saalfeld commended Mrs. Klehfoth for the write-up in the Vail Valley Home magazine.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1. 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