

VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
d/b/a VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:30 P.M.
Thursday, September 12, 2013
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 22, 2013
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Executive Session for the purpose(s):
§24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., “Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions”-Town of Vail Lease
5. Executive Director Input
6. Board Member Input
7. Adjournment

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 22, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 22, 2013 at 5:30 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. Billy Suarez, Jeff Wiles, Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Rick Sackbauer
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. None
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. FINANCIAL REPOT
 - 9.1. Mr. Eric Weaver reviewed the July financial report, noting that most departments are favorable to budget in both revenues and expenditures. Dobson and Gymnastics are having very good years and golf is on track with overall budget,

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although down from 2012. Capital expenditures continue to be authorized on a must need basis.

- 9.2. Mr. Weaver also explained that he received the preliminary assessed valuation for use in preparing the preliminary 2014 budget. The preliminary valuation shows a roughly 7% increase in assessed value, largely as a result of dramatic increases in values for large commercial properties within the District. Mr. Weaver will be working with the assessor's office to better understand the extent of appeals that remain outstanding to get a better idea of what the actual collections will be by the District.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed highlights that have taken or will take place at the VRD.

10.1.1. The KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race was a huge success with 120 teams on Saturday and 100 teams on Sunday, which is an 87% increase in participation. Participants, spectators, and sponsors are all very happy with the outcome.

10.1.2. Dobson will be hosting NHL players again this year.

10.1.3. Gymnastics is having a great year and the new coaches have really helped to bring the program to a new level.

10.1.4. Community Programming has made the quick transition from Camp Vail to the KidZone Afterschool Program.

10.1.5. The parks department painted a mural on the field for the upcoming bike race and also hosted collegiate soccer teams on the athletic field with great success.

10.1.6. The Nature Center's has new signage and benches that look great.

10.1.7. Staff has worked hard to communicate the parking and traffic changes required by the US Pro Cycling Challenge and Mr. Ortiz gave an overview of the options for program participants during the event.

11. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

11.1. Director Suarez noted that the tennis tournament was great success and he got a lot of comments on how well the courts played. Holding the tournament later helped with parking but it can still be improved upon.

11.2. Director Sackbauer had a parent from Eagle who drives to Vail for her daughter to do gymnastics in the VRD program that gave him great compliments on the level of programming and coaching offered by the VRD.

11.3. Director Hanlon played the Vail Golf Club and noted that the course continues to be in excellent condition.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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12.1. The Board determined that there was no need for an executive session. Director Wilson expressed his concern that the agenda needs to be more specific as to the matters that are to be discussed in future executive sessions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1. 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,

Eric Weaver
Secretary to the Meeting

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

February 28, 2013

GOLF MAINTENANCE

- Working on a comprehensive safety concerns/liabilities list to include the maintenance facility, the golf course and all of our operations. Will be complete by next report.
- Coordinating with Scott O'Connell on placement of multiple transplant trees from Ford Park. Will locate trees for screening priority first and replacement of a tree behind 12 tees transplanted last fall that has died.
- Gore Creek was flowing 20 cfs on 8/20, we went into irrigation restrictions for 24 hours and then promptly began receiving regular rains that have kept flows in the low 30's. We haven't been restricted since and have been able to cut back irrigation thanks to the rains.
- The rains have also allowed us to return to our practice of filling the ponds on 1, 2, 8, and 9 from the 4" fill valve by #9 tees.
- August weather wrap-up: The first two weeks of the month were unseasonably cooler, with an average high of only 72 degrees and five rain events, between .07" and .12", moderate amounts but significant with the cooler temperatures and lower irrigation requirements. We experienced consecutive frosts on Aug 14-15, with delays of 50 minutes required on the first tee times. The second half of the month saw more typical weather, with highs returning to the mid and upper 70's. The final stats for the month were:
High: 81 Average low: 42 Low: 35 Precipitation: 1.38"
- We instituted a hand raking only procedure in bunkers to better identify traps with too little sand in the bottoms. The machine we had utilized all season tends to re-distribute the sand in the traps unevenly over time, and doesn't allow the operator the ability to ID these low sand areas since they aren't physically in contact with the bunkers while machine raking them.
- We were able to fertilize the course this season with only 2 in-growing-season applications of granular fertilizer, and only a total Nitrogen input of 1.75 lbs Nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. This is a reduction from last year and was enabled by the increased use of fertigation, as well as the later start to the growing season this year over last year.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Labor Day Weekend was busy with full tee sheets each day. Vail GC participated in Patriot Golf Day again this year over the Holiday. The Folds of Honor Foundation (Patriot Day) raises money for children's college scholarships who have lost a parent serving in the military. Our goal for this year was \$600 for the weekend. We exceeded our goal and raised \$1,483 for the foundation!
- Vail GC hosted the Vail Mountain School Boy's Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 3 with 64 players from six schools with both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. The winner was Basalt. The individual winner shot a 69 from the Black tees.
- We had 11 Veterans play Vail Golf Club last week. Cheryl Jensen called me one day in advance to set up play for three Veterans. The word spread quickly and we were able to accommodate 11 Veterans at the last minute. They had a great time.
- Ski Club Vail's Tournament is Friday, Sept. 6 with 100 plus participants
- We have several small corporate groups in Sept and early October. Groups are from 16-28 players. Saturday Sept. 7 will be our last shotgun of the summer.

- All soft goods and shoes are on sale in the pro shop.
- We hired a new employee part-time for the Ranger and Starter position this fall. His name is Bill Bank. Bill will be working 3 days a week.
- Vail Golf Club hosted two of the NHL Coaches who were here in Vail for the All Star NHL Camp. Chris and Alice were able to join them for 18 holes of golf. Hopefully, we can have the players play at Vail GC in the future.

SPORTS REPORT

- Adult Flag Football league starts on Sunday.
- Fall adult 8v8 Soccer Leagues starts on Monday.
- Youth Soccer League is underway and going well.
- Adult Sand Volleyball League finished on 8/29.
- The final MTB race of the season was at Beaver Creek on 9/28 and despite a rain delay, had over 200 finishers. At the after party, individual series champions were crowned and the team champion title went to Pedal Power for the 3rd year in a row. They beat out Dusty Boot/Mountain Pedaler by only 15 points. Also at the party, the VRD in conjunction with the Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association and Hard Scrabble Trails Coalition recognized Charlie and Sam Brown for all their hard work doing trail maintenance this summer with the Golden Pick Award.
- The 10@10 trail run on 8/25 was successful with 303 finishers....a 50% increase over 2012. (Not as big of a race as when Mike Ortiz was in charge). The final La Sportiva trail running event is the Evergold on 9/15.
- The VRD Sports department partnered with Cyclocross Champion Jake Wells to host a youth and adult cyclocross clinic at Maloit Park on 8/24. Six kids participated in the youth clinic and 9 adults did the adult session.
- The first cyclocross race of the season was held at Maloit Park in Minturn on 9/4. The race went smoothly and was very well received by local bikers. The second and final VRD cyclocross race of the season will be held at the Eagle County Fairgrounds on 9/11.
- The VRD Sports Department is timing the Battle Mountain HS cross country invitational and Eric Spry Memorial Citizen's Race at Beaver Creek on 9/7.

DOBSON

- Getting the fall in order. Staff has been working on getting all our programs lined up and ready to go.
- We had Sidney Crosby and 17 of his friends from the NHL here this past week. It's always a treat to see them in action up close and personal at Dobson.
- We are having our first draft for adult league tonight. This is an attempt to try something different and have some parody among our adult players.
- Battle Mountain, VEHA, SCV, Twin Peaks, Vail Breakaways, and Violent Femmes are all scheduled for the year. Staff is trying to finalize things with a Senior A Mens Elite team.

MARKETING

- Fall and school year marketing underway.
- Working on winter 2013-14 media buys
- Assisting with sports sponsor recaps
- Planning for Interbike conference next week

GYMNASTICS

- Summer finished great with our best participation ever in our camps (every camp was full)
- Fall classes are doing great with many classes already full
- Girls USA Gymnastics Team is going strong with 8 level 3's, 14 level 4's and 10 level 5's they start competing in early October.
- We have had a number of girls from summit county tryout for our team in the last few weeks. They are interested in getting into a more competitive program.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station has slowed down. We generally have about 5 families visit Imagination Station every day.
- Children's Art and Paint Your Own Pottery have been slow. We have about three families per week between the three days of opportunity to paint or do art.
- Morning fitness classes have slowed down with summer residents moving away now that summer is over: Monday evening yoga has 1 to 3, Tuesday and Thursday morning yoga has 1 to 4. TRX Tuesday has 2 to 4 and Thursday 3 to 5.

Other

- We are offering an after-school skateboard clinic and each of the first two have had the four that committed to the session plus one drop-in.
- We posted for a new F/T hourly position to replace Laura.
- We posted for new Fitness Instructors. We are looking to build our fitness programming to five mornings per week and possibly Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Vail Golf Course

- Hole 18
 - Links golf Construction was selected to complete the work
 - Currently waiting on CO state storm water permit and TOV bldg. Permit
 - Scheduled to mobilize on Sept. 16th
 - Contract is through the TOV
 - Scott Todd is VRD field project manager with Scott O'Connell as liaison for VRD & TOV and admin.
 - Logistics plan being drafted for golf operations during construction
- Driving Range Net Project
 - Engineering for poles underway
 - Bid packets are prepared, waiting for engineering for release
 - VRD staff has been working on a plan to straighten the poles on the northeast side of range to increase width, discussing impacts to #10
- 13 Trees being relocated to golf course from Ford Park

Vail Golf Club House

- Lightning detection system repairs complete on #12 restroom, now working on challenges with system on #6 restrooms.
- Ceiling tiles in ladies room lasted almost two months before kitchen flooded and damaged tile, we will schedule to replace.
- Hot water heater has a small hole however will not be replaced until it fails completely

Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- ACC has mobilized, fences are being removed
- DRB packet being prepared to discuss options for synthetic turf color for the softball infields
- ACC will be ramping up construction over the next week as they wait for CDOT permits

Dobson

- Staff has been investigating the installation of a surveillance system to monitor the ice. Staff is recommending that this be seriously considered due to a number of incidents that have occurred on ice.
- Dobson concessions temporary upgrades complete and concessions is open
- Dobson Concessions Renovation needs to be revisited for “long term” solutions

Tennis Center & Parks

- Staff is looking for additional options to solve the challenge of balls going over the fence on the south side of courts 1 & 2.

VAIL NATURE CENTER

- In August, there were approximately 1,800 visitors to the Nature Center, and an additional 430 program participants.
- The Nature Center is currently seeking volunteers for the annual Eagle River Clean-Up, which takes place on Saturday, September 14. Volunteers will meet at the Nature Center and pick up trash along Gore Creek. Please call 479-2291 to sign up!