# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

# Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 25, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 25, 2011, 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. Joe Hanlon, Michelle Hall, Ken Wilson, Jeff Wiles, Rick Sackbauer
- 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
  - 2.1. None
- 3. STAFF PRESENT
  - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Lori Gordon, Alice Plain, Steve Sarro, Dennis Jerger, Beth Pappas
- 4. OTHERS PRESENT
  - 4.1. Erin Vega
- 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
  - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C,
- 6. CALL TO ORDER
  - 6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2011 Regular Board meeting as presented
- 8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - 8.1. None

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#### 9. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARD FOR DENNIS JERGER

9.1. Director Hanlon read the following letter out loud:

Dear Dennis,

The Vail Recreation District Board of Directors would like to recognize you, Dennis Jerger, for your 40 years of service with the Vail Recreation District. Since your employment began on May 1, 1972, as a maintenance supervisor, you have watched the VRD and Vail grow into a world-class destination. Your dedication has contributed to this success with your work at the Vail Golf Club, the old ice arena at Golden Peak, the seasonal ice arena at the Vail Golf Club and, for the past 35 years, as building superintendent at Dobson Ice Arena. You've watched as Vail has grown, venues have been built and visitors and guests have skated over the years, many returning because of your devotion to quality that has kept Dobson and other facilities in top condition. Whether it's being employee of the year in 1980, or arriving each day for 40 plus years to keep the VRD's facilities in working order, we know you'll do great things even in your retirement. We appreciate all you have done for the VRD and Town of Vail and we wish you a wonderful retirement. Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

Best wishes,

The Vail Recreation District Board of Directors Shelley Hall, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Jeff Wiles and Ken Wilson

9.2. Mr. Jerger received a standing ovation from all of the board and the staff present and received many thanks for his years at the VRD.

#### 10. KIDS ADVENTURE RACE WRAP UP- MS. BETH PAPPAS

- 10.1. Ms. Beth Pappas gave a presentation on this year's Kids Adventure Race and showed how the event doubled from the previous year and where the event could lead in the future. There were many photos and Ms. Pappas showed video from Utube that parents had posted. Overall it was a very successful event and we have received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback and are already planning for next year's race.
- 10.2. All of the board thanked Ms. Pappas for her hard work and everyone is looking forward to seeing what is new for next year's race.

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# 11. VAIL GOLF CLUB- PUNCH CARD & PASS ACCESS RESTRICTIONS- MS. ALICE PLAIN

11.1. Ms. Alice Plain stated this year we have had a few challenges with punch card and season pass holders not being able to make a tee time. The board discussed some different ideas and thought it might be better for Ms. Plain and the staff to come up with options that could be presented to the board at a future meeting.

#### 12. BOD RETREAT DISCUSSION

12.1. Director Hanlon stated he would like to schedule time for a retreat in November, after the new council is elected and once we find out if the new clubhouse will be built.

#### 13. JULY 2011 FINANCIALS- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 13.1. Mr. Weaver stated the Golf Course revenues are down about 48k, due to the late opening, the run-off, and the construction. However, all other areas of the District are favorable and overall the District will be able to overcome the shortfall at the golf course.
- 13.2. Mr. Weaver also reviewed the updated 2011 capital projects, which now includes reserving \$750,000 towards the commitment by the District towards the clubhouse renovation if approved by the voters.

#### 14. LETTER OF SUPPORT

14.1. Mr. Ortiz stated the TOV asked the VRD and the VVF to write a letter of support for the upcoming ballot question in November. A draft of the letter was read out loud as follows:

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Dear Vail Town Council,

The Vail Recreation District Board of Directors supports the Vail Town Council in its decision to move forward with a November 8, 2011 ballot initiative, that if approved, would reallocate the \$9.4 million Conference Center Fund to renovate the Vail Golf Clubhouse/Nordic Center including adding a community pavilion to the clubhouse, renovate and expand the field at the Ford Park sports complex and improve the Ford Amphitheater. Specifically, the VRD Board supports the proposed ballot language, or similar language to be approved by the Vail Town Council in August, as follows:

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Without increasing taxes, shall the Town of Vail use the remainder of the one and one-half percent lodging tax revenues and one-half percent sales tax revenues collected from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005 to fund the following projects that will promote recreation, promote tourism and support the economy in the Town of Vail:

- Expansion and improvement of the clubhouse at the Vail Golf Course and Nordic Center, including multi-use community space;
- Field expansion and restroom renovation at the Ford Park Sports Complex; and
- Ford Amphitheater improvements, including outdoor seating and restroom improvements?

VRD Board members and staff have been working with the Vail Town Council and Town of Vail staff to identify potential improvements that could utilize the \$9.4 million Conference Center Fund to drive economic vitality in Vail. The VRD Board and staff are in support of the above projects and if approved by Vail voters in November, the VRD also will support the projects by contributing \$1.15 million in funding for the Vail Golf Clubhouse/Nordic Center renovation.

On behalf of the VRD Board and staff, we are looking forward to a positive outcome this November that will benefit the Vail community, VRD users, frequent visitors and future visitors to Vail. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 970-390-2912 or VRD Executive Director Mike Ortiz at 970-479-2461.

Sincerely,

Joe Hanlon

Vail Recreation District Board of Directors, Chair

14.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the support and accompanying letter for the conference center funds.

#### 15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz stated the following:
  - 15.1.1. Golf Maint: Golf for Rivers tournament to benefit the Eagle River Watershed Council on Sept. 26. Mr. Sarro to be meeting with Mr. Kassmel & Mr. Weaver to discuss flood plain analysis, it will encompass the entire property.

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- 15.1.2. Golf Ops: Will participate in Patriot Day, Club championship for men & woman scheduled for Sept. 7.
- 15.1.3. Sports: Kids Adventure Race was a resounding success, doubled participation, Both DU & Regis Men's Soccer called Vail Athletic Field home for the past week and a half, Youth soccer registration underway.
- 15.1.4. Dobson: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arena Open House on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, Pro Ambitions hockey had 55 skaters.
- 15.1.5. Marketing: Continuing to work with Jack Affleck and Vail Resorts to shoot photography, continuing to look for better online registration programs
- 15.1.6. Gymnastics: Fall registration underway, Boys teams finished with CARA League and 2 of our boys taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the state meet.
- 15.1.7. Youth Services: Camps closed Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Thank you to all the staff, Camp Vail has been operating at full capacity since the last week in June.
- 15.1.8. Building Maint: #7 Power lines.
- 15.1.9. Parks: Lettering for the US Pro Cycling on the fields.
- 15.1.10. Tennis: Will be open through the end of September.

# 16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Wilson stated Kudos to the TOV of the VVF for the job they did with the US Pro Cycling event today in Vail.
- 16.2. Director Sackbauer stated as busy as we are, make sure that we are not too busy to keep up company standards.

#### 17. ADJOURNMENT

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Directors.	
Michelle Hall, Secretary	Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director