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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District November 13, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on November 13, 2014 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. Kevin Foley, Kim Newbury, Jeff Wiles, Bill Suarez
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Tom Saalfeld
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. None
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting with a change of wording from “brides” to “bridges” on page four, item 11.7.1 .
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. CONSIDERATION OF ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE BATTLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TO NIKE NATIONALS
 - 9.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the Battle Mountain High School Cross Country Team has been invited to the Nike Nationals in Arizona. This year, the team is sending 25

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athletes. In addition to competing, during their trip they will visit colleges in the area and tour landmarks such as the Grand Canyon. In previous years, the VRD has funded the team up to \$2,000. The high school does not fund the trip. Ms. Gunion explained the team assists with the trail running and mountain bike races in the summer.

- 9.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve funding of \$2,000 for the Battle Mountain High School Cross Country team to attend the Nike Nationals.

10. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2015 PROGRAM FEES

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the proposed programming fees for 2015, to include:

10.1.1. Vail Nature Center will include fee increases for hiking and activities. The proposed fees are lower than activities at Beaver Creek hiking center. The facility is being operated by Walking Mountains Science Center and the fees are being suggested by the Science Center.

- 10.1.1.1. Director Foley questioned the high increase for the hiking program.

Mr. Ortiz explained the fees haven't been increased in nearly 10 years and there are additional costs to the program, including permitting with the Forest Service.

- 10.1.1.2. Director Foley requested Walking Mountains add a resident fee/discount or discount for programs.

10.1.2. The Vail Nordic Center rates will remain the same compared to the 2014/13 season. The Vail Nordic Center rates are equitable when researching terrain available. The Nordic Center is operated by Mia Stockdale and Shane Sluder.

10.1.3. The Vail Gymnastics Center fees will include minimal increases.

- 10.1.3.1. Director Newbury questioned program fees versus operational costs, as expenses are increasing while fees are not.

- 10.1.3.1.1. Mr. Weaver explained the fees would not increase until August 2015. He also noted that expenses are lower in 2014 as the gym was under staffed.

10.1.4. The majority of the Vail Golf Club rates will stay the same for 2015. Mr. Ortiz explained most fees are not increasing in anticipation of the upcoming Vail Golf Clubhouse renovation in September 2015. Staff is not recommending a decrease in fees as the renovation will not impact operating an 18 hole course. The driving range will remain open until mid-September. There is a change from two days advance reservation to five days advance registration. The range will also offer small, medium and large.

- 10.1.4.1. Director Foley requested adding the bike rental fees. Mr. Ortiz also noted the club will purchase four additional bikes for 2015.

10.1.5. Dobson fees will remain similar to 2014 to stay competitive with other ice arenas in the valley. The fees go into affect August 2015.

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- 10.1.5.1. Director Newbury questioned the last year Dobson rates were increased.
 - 10.1.5.1.1. Mr. Ortiz explained it has been nearly nine years, however the rates are comparable to other rinks in the community and adjacent communities. The valley's population makes it difficult to increase rink fees.
 - 10.1.5.1.2. Director Newbury expressed concern with waiting for a long time to increase fees as to not shock users.
- 10.1.6. Sports Department will have minimal fee increases across all programs. The largest increase will be in the field usage fees with the fields being new and offering a better playing experience and expanded opportunities. Mr. Ortiz explained camps, such as Tetra Brazil, are a 20/80 split with the VRD receiving 20 percent of the fees. He explained the camp rates are very affordable.
- 10.1.7. The Vail Tennis Center includes a pass fee increase for Pickleball from \$15 to \$40. Other fees will remain similar to 2014.
- 10.1.8. Community Programming fees will remain similar to 2014. Director Foley pointed out that Vail residents receive a 25 percent discount in fees.
- 10.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the 2015 programming fees.

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver explained only minor changes had been made to the budget discussed at the October 23 meeting. He discussed staffing levels and salaries. Since 2010, there have been four positions eliminated. Two of these are being added back in 2015, but as hourly positions. For the most part, wages of full time employees have been on a salary hold since 2009.
 - 11.1.1. Director Foley said he appreciated the salary information and believes a salary increase would be justified for 2015.
- 11.2. Mr. Weaver reviewed comparable mill levies with 10 other parks and recreation districts in mountain communities. With the exception of Crown Mountain, the VRD's mill levy is lower than the compared districts. He did explain parks and recreation districts are not apples to apples. The VRD's mill levy is exceptionally low when looking at the facilities and programs are offered. Many recreation and park functions are operated by municipalities.
 - 11.2.1. Director Foley suggested reviewing what other districts operate in comparison to the VRD.
 - 11.2.2. Director Newbury also requested operation budgets of the compared districts.
- 11.3. Mr. Ortiz explained the budget does not include funding for interpretative master plan process for the Nature Center. The process would review land use, educational opportunities and working with valley stakeholders to determine the

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future of the Nature Center. Mr. Ortiz also encouraged this topic to be discussed with the town of Vail during the recreation subcommittee. Mr. Ortiz will share the proposal with the board for further discussion.

11.3.1. Mr. Wiles also encouraged Walking Mountains Science Center research a grant process for the master plan process.

11.4. Director Foley thanked the prior board and staff for their work to put the VRD in the position to move forward.

11.5. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to open the public hearing for the adoption of the 2015 proposed budget.

11.5.1. 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 2015 proposed budget.

11.5.2. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED approve the resolution to adopt the 2015 budget as presented, to approve the resolution to certify the mill levy at 2.760 mills for operations and 0.290 mills for a special mill levy approved at the 2004 election, and to approve the resolution to appropriate funds for spending in 2015, all of which are subject to minor adjustments which may result from the final certification of assessed values.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

12.1. Mr. Ortiz noted the VRD has funded owners representatives for upcoming projects, such as bridge replacement, clubhouse, etc. within the 2015 budget.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

13.1. Director Newbury was pleased to hear the VRD is purchasing four additional golf bikes.

13.2. Director Foley explained his disappointment that the Coal Bucket Classic was not held during the nice weather after the course closed.

13.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the coal bucket is scheduled by the previous year's champion. Once the schedule is set, the VRD helps organize the tournament. He agreed with the timing of the tournament and will encourage the organizer to schedule it earlier than later in 2015.

13.3. Director Suarez questioned what other board members heard about the 18th hole this summer.

13.3.1. Director Foley said there are mixed feelings but it depends on the golfers experience level.

13.3.2. Director Newbury said most people enjoyed the hole.

13.3.3. Director Wiles explained visitors enjoyed the hole more than regular Vail Golf Club golfers.

13.3.4. Director Foley also explained that once the clubhouse renovation is complete, the 18th hole would make for a spectacular finishing hole.

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13.4. Director Wiles said the Trick or Treat Trot took place with hundreds of trotters throughout the villages.

14. ADJOURNAMENT

14.1. 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,

Jamie Gunion
Secretary to the Meeting