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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District October 22, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 22, 2015 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. Jeff Wiles, Tom Saalfeld, Billy Suarez, Kevin Foley
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Kim Newbury
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, April Heredia
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 5:00 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 22, 2015 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. ENGAGEMENT OF SHERMAN & HOWARD AS PENSION PLAN LEGAL COUNSEL
 - 9.1 Mr. Weaver explained that the VRD pension plan is separate from the Town of Vail plan but we run both plans similarly. Due to TOV frustration with their prior pension plan legal counsel they recently did some investigation and found new

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counsel for their pension plan with Sherman & Howard and are currently using attorney Kathleen Odle.

9.2 Vail Recreation District has been faced with the same frustration and Mr. Weaver recommends that we also make a change to Sherman & Howard.

9.3 By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to retain Sherman & Howard as the new firm for the pension plan.

10. SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1. Mr. Weaver gave some highlights from this month's financials. The most notable is that Golf Operations which was behind budget due to bad weather in the spring has had a great fall and has been able to make up the deficit and are now on budget.

10.2. Expenses for operations are 5% favorable and he predicts that we will finish favorable in both income and expenses for the year.

10.3. All capital will be reviewed and prioritized and brought back to the board.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

11.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the following items:

11.2. He gave a brief history of pickleball and how the district started out with two courts and have slowly progressed to the four courts that we currently have. During the four years that we have had this program we have not had one noise complaint. The District began charging for play in 2015. The number of contacted users this summer was 119 including 25 Vail residents. There have been many concerns voiced recently and these concerns prompted the Vail Town Council to see and hear the game for themselves. The VRD feels like we have gauged the need of the district residents and that we are supporting this need.

11.2.1. Director Suarez reiterated what Mr. Ortiz had stated with the history. He also feels that the District has listened to all sides and has proceeded slowly enough and made the decisions it has to better serve our whole recreation community.

11.2.2. Directory Wiles asked what the Town Council thought.

Mr. Ortiz stated that no statements were made at this time. The council wants more time before they take on public input on this issues.

11.3 Mr. Ortiz gave an update on the Golf Course. The closing day is October 24, 2015. Currently they are paving ½ of the parking lot, so parking is available on the east side of the lot. Staff is there and available to help greet and assist with gear to the first tee.

11.3.1 Director Saalfeld asked if the end of October is still a good date to close the golf course or if it should be changed.

11.3.2 Directory Suarez stated that he believes a hard start and close date is a better choice for employees.

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- 11.3.3 Director Foley wanted to recognize the staff at the golf course. They have done a great job during construction. They have done an outstanding job of greeting and assisting the public.
- 11.3.4 Mr. Ortiz explained that tee times were spaced 20 minutes apart instead of the usual ten to accommodate the parking challenges of the site. He explained that there was not enough time to get golfers in and out. He also explained that by May 15, 2016 90% of the spaces will be available and by June 15 we should be back to 100% which will be 127 spaces.
- 11.3.5 Director Foley encouraged golfers to car pool during this paving time.
- 11.3.6 Director Saalfeld asked about the Nordic trailer and how this affects the driving range.
- 11.3.7 Mr. Ortiz advised that the size of the driving range will be limited next summer. Also, that the trailer will be moved out next fall.
- 11.3.8 Director Saalfeld advised that we should get information out about what to expect early so that golfers are well informed.
- 11.3.9 Mr. Ortiz also explained that the chipping green is moving due to the two new lift stations that are being put in. There will be no effect to the putting green. The old 18th will be the new practice chipping green.
- 11.3.10 Directory Wiles inquired what kind of maintenance was going to be required to repair driving range.
- 11.3.11 Mr. Ortiz stated there will be proposals to take out west walls and re-do the range. He also stated that this and all other projects are what will need to be addressed when there are talks about a mill levy increase.

12. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 12.1. Director Foley shared with the board that he is currently running for the Vail Town Council and that he is currently speaking to the town attorney to see what his options are as far as staying on both boards. He also shared how great the new skate park is in the Lionshead parking structure. He encouraged all to go visit and wanted to say thanks to Chad for his participation in making this a reality.
- 12.2. Director Saalfeld wished Director Foley luck and stated that this board would hate to lose him. Director Saalfeld also inquired on how the last event at Dobson went.
 - 12.2.1 Mr. Ortiz stated that it was a success overall. He also stated that if the Town of Vail is looking at how to add more events at Dobson that we would have to learn how to turn events over quicker.
 - 12.2.2 Director Saalfeld also wanted to say what a great job Alice and all of her staff have done this year.
 - 12.2.3 Directory Saalfeld also inquired if perhaps an airlock may be needed on the temporary trailer out at the golf course.

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- 12.2.4 Mr. Ortiz stated he wasn't sure if one could be added. It did not make it into the original budget. Mr. Ortiz also added that there will be no public skier parking at the golf course this winter.
- 12.3 Director Wiles stated what a benefit it was to have the Vail Soccer Club tournament in October. The event brought many families into Vail for the weekend. He would like to have what is available to do in Vail sent to families prior to their visit to help them enjoy all that Vail has to offer.
- 12.3.1 Mr. Ortiz wanted to recognize both Joel and Jim for the great job they did getting the fields ready for this tournament.
- 12.3.2 Director Suarez thought it would be nice to try and quantify the revenues that this tournament brings to Vail.
- 12.3.3 Mr. Ortiz stated that Kelly McDonald should have this data.
- 12.3.4 Director Wiles encouraged all to go vote.
- 12.3.5 Director Wiles also inquired about the new person to replace Jamie Gunion.
- 12.3.6 Mr. Ortiz stated that Jessie Klehfoth will be replacing Jamie. She comes to us with a wide variety of skills one being bilingual. Her start date will be November 3, 2015.
- 12.3.7 Director Wiles said that he reached out to Skate Club of Vail to have an open house. He stated that he spoke to Alicia Davis and that she and Jared are working to firm up a date.
13. ADJOURNAMENT
- 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,

April Heredia
Secretary to the Meeting