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Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District  
dba Vail Recreation District  
January 12, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 12, 2017 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, Bill Suarez, Kevin Foley, Roland Kjesbo, Kim Newbury Rediker

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Stephen Connolly

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. None

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. Director Foley asked that the December 8, 2016 minutes be amended to reflect that he was not present in the room for the part of the executive session regarding the negotiations for proposed lease with Town of Vail for the Vail Golf Club. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting as amended.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. Mr. Stephen Connolly spoke regarding concerns that he feels are unresolved.

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- 9.1.1. Director Saalfeld replied that Mr. Connolly's allegations were investigated by the Vail Police Department and there was no evidence of wrongdoing found.
  - 9.1.2. Director Suarez urged Mr. Connolly that if he does have evidence of a crime, that he should report it to the Vail Police Department directly.
10. 2017 MEETING DATES AND MEETING NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS
- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz asked the Board to set the regular meeting dates and meeting notice posting locations for 2017 Vail Recreation District Board of Directors' meetings.
  - 10.2. Director Foley reminded the public that these meeting notices are also posted on the VRD website at vailrec.com.
  - 10.3. Mr. Connolly gave public input and asked the board to move the meetings to a later time. He also asked the Board how many meetings were canceled last year.
    - 10.3.1. Mr. Ortiz responded that nine meetings were canceled last year.
    - 10.3.2. Director Suarez stated that a few years ago the Board moved the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. and there was no difference in public attendance. He also stated that Board meetings are most often canceled in the off season when directors are out of town.
    - 10.3.3. Director Saalfeld stated that the meeting times at 5 p.m. work better for families due to the meetings falling between after school and dinnertime.
    - 10.3.4. Director Rediker stated that the VRD does more to promote what is happening than any other recreation district in the state of Colorado.
    - 10.3.5. Director Saalfeld stated that the VRD is the only local recreation district that films Board meetings.
  - 10.4. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve and set VRD Board meeting dates for 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month and to approve the meeting posting locations at the Town of Vail Municipal Building, Vail Golf Club, the Vail Recreation District Administrative Offices, with a courtesy notice also posted at Dobson Ice Arena.
11. FORD PARK CONDITIONS OF USE POLICY
- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that the VRD recently met with the Town of Vail special events staff, Kelli McDonald, Laura Waniuk and Ernest Saeger and that they talked about having the VRD be more involved with the Commission on Special Events process and be included in production meetings for events. The town staff asked if VRD would come up with guidelines for event producers to better understand how to operate in the different VRD facilities. The VRD has drafted a Conditions of Use Policy to give event promoters a broad guideline of what they will need to do to operate a non-sporting event on the Ford Park fields. Mr. Ortiz explained that it outlines the considerations for approval of event use and when a public process will be needed to approve events. This will become an

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evolving document and will be helpful for a joint meeting with the VRD Board and CSE in February. Mr. Ortiz stated the policy does not include all the specific rules, these will be put into the individual contracts. The town also has a special event permit process that will cover more of the specifics. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Board that there are very few days during the summer season that the Ford Park fields aren't already programmed. After some questions, the Board had no feedback on the document and accepted Mr. Ortiz sharing this document with the Town of Vail event staff and continuing this discussion with them.

- 11.2. Mr. Connolly gave public input that he felt the charging of studies to event promoters was onerous. He stated that the special event business has proven a great value to the community.

#### 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 12.1. None

#### 13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. Eric Weaver is off on personal business and will be back for the next meeting. Mr. Ortiz felt the ribbon cutting was a very nice ceremony today with some prominent Vail locals in attendance along with VRD and Town Board members and staff. He stated that he is very proud of the facility and the VRD staff that has been hired to run it. The VRD has already booked a number of events in the room and thanked Mrs. Klehfoth and Ms. Nell Davis for the great new clubhouse marketing collateral.

- 13.1.1. Director Saalfeld commented that the marketing collateral was very professional and thanked Mrs. Klehfoth.

- 13.2. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Board that Director Rediker was correct in that the VRD is the only recreation district on Colorado's western slope that televises their meetings in addition to posting all agendas and minutes online. He stated that the Board should be proud to be one of the most transparent recreation districts in the state. Also, he reminded the Board that Kaaboo didn't happen because VRD constituents told the Board that it shouldn't.

- 13.2.1. Director Kjesbo stated that he appreciated that the Conditions of Use Policy was very broad and isn't discouraging to event producers – he felt it was just the opposite since the policy does not put any outright restrictions on field usage.

- 13.3. Director Rediker stated that she's shared the clubhouse rental rates with various community members and that all the feedback is that the rates seem really fair and the community is pleased with the VRD's strategy for event rentals. She thanked Mr. Scott O'Connell, Mrs. Emmy Cardoza, Mr. Ortiz and Mrs. Klehfoth for all their work setting the rates and putting together the marketing.

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#### 14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Foley thanked everyone at VRD Community Programming for the lantern making event that was extremely well attended. He talked about how fun the lantern walk was. He also attended the Skating Club of Vail holiday show at Dobson Ice Arena and said it was amazing to watch the kids year over year get more and more proficient at their sport and to see the little ones who are starting out. He thanked the Dobson staff and skating coaches for a great show. He then asked about the status of completing the employee review for Mr. Ortiz. Director Saalfeld said he is working with Chris Moffet on getting this done. Director Foley thanked the past VRD board members who came out to the clubhouse opening. He thanked Mr. Ortiz and Mrs. Klehfoth for their hard work on the opening and clubhouse promotion. He then asked if Feb. 21 would work for a working lunch with VRD board and town council to educate the town council on the history of the VRD and start a dialogue on the Golf Club lease. Director Foley reminded the public that our mission is to provide recreation and he would need a strong case for approving the Ford Park fields to be used for anything other than recreation. He then wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- 14.2. Director Suarez seconded that the skating show was phenomenal. He thought it was great to see the kids growing up in the program, and said it was a great show with great music. He stated the Nordic track is skiing beautifully and he was overwhelming impressed with the VRD banquet staff at a recent event. He stated Chef Sanchez's food was wonderful and it was a very professionally produced event.
- 14.3. Director Rediker asked if Mrs. Cardoza could put on an event for concierge and local lodging partners to learn about the clubhouse facility.
  - 14.3.1. Mrs. Klehfoth told the Board about a recent clubhouse tour with the Vail Valley Partnership sales team, and how Mrs. Cardoza has been doing one-on-one tours with local vendors and partners.
- 14.4. Director Saalfeld thanked Mr. Ortiz and Mr. O'Connell and the entire VRD golf staff for coming through a challenging year at the clubhouse with flying colors. He felt the ribbon cutting was very exciting and said it was great to see the old Board members out there who did the work to get the facility approved. He thanked the Town of Vail and the partnership with them for allowing the VRD to operate this beautiful building for the community to enjoy.

#### 15. SITE VISIT TO VAIL GYMNASTICS CENTER

- 15.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to travel to the Vail Gymnastics Center for a site tour and adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors and to adjourn thereafter.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessie Klehfoth  
Secretary to the Meeting