
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
September 24, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

- 1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Jason Plante, Kim Newbury Rediker, Kirk Hansen, Roland Kjesbo (joined during executive session)

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Dan Timm, Jared Biniecki, Alice Plain, Jerry Stevens, Beth Pappas, Joel Rabinowitz

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Brian Stockmar

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

- 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. Mr. Weaver noted that the agenda stated the 2021 budget and 2021 program fees would be reviewed and adopted during this meeting, however they will not be adopted until the October meeting, the September meeting will be for review and discussion only.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

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9.1. None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to move into executive session for the purpose(s):

1. §24-6-402(4) (a), C.R.S., Concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest. – 1300 Westhaven Dr, Vail, CO

10.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to move out of executive session.

11. REVIEW OF 2021 PROGRAM FEES

11.1. Programs fees were reviewed department by department as presented in the board packet. After some discussion, the Board thanked all the directors who participated in the discussion and for putting these fees together. A second review and adoption of the 2021 program fees will take place during the October regular meeting.

12. GALLAGHER AMENDMENT B RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

12.1. Mr. Weaver explained how the Gallagher Amendment has put a financial strain on many special districts across the state of Colorado. When VRD asked for the mill levy increase a few years ago, the ballot questions also de-Gallagherized the VRD so the district is no longer affected by the amendment. On the state ballot this year is a question, Amendment B, that freezes the residential assessment rate. While VRD is no longer affected, it is still affecting many other special districts in the area and state. Mr. Weaver asked the board to consider adopting a resolution of support for Amendment B.

12.2. After some discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Repeal of the Gallagher Amendment of 1982 as presented in the board packet.

13. AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

13.1. Mr. Weaver wanted to start the discussion on the 2021 budget. He said the main philosophy is assuming that COVID-19 will still be present throughout next year and will drive business decisions. Over the past month, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Heredia sat with each department to review 2021 proposed budgets and that's how the budget in the packet was created. For many of the budgets, they stayed similar to what we are seeing in 2020.

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- 13.2. Mr. Weaver did say the main change to what is in the packet is the capital budget didn't account for the second half of green renovation in the fall of 2021, the budget that will be reviewed in October will include an additional \$255,000 in capital expenses for the fall greens renovation project.
- 13.3. Mr. Weaver said he has also gotten word from the county assessor that the hotel appeals that have been backlogged and planned for have mostly been settled, so he believes that the \$300-\$400K contingency that had been built in will no longer be needed.
- 13.4. Mr. Weaver explained that he'll be giving the Board a much more detailed memo going into the October meeting that they will be able to study once the budget is more concrete with one more month of planning and revisions.
- 13.5. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Weaver for all the work. Mr. Weaver thanked the staff this year for moving the timeline up one month and for all their hard work getting the proposed budgets done.
- 13.6. The public hearing and adoption of the proposed 2021 budget will take place at the October regular board meeting.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz thanked staff for all they've done throughout the whole year. The admin team is planning an end-of-summer party to thank the staff for all their hard work and ability to adapt to the COVID-19 business era. Mr. Ortiz encouraged the Board to go and visit each of the facilities and take in the various programs that the District puts on, to give each director a whole new perspective when talking to the community about everything the VRD does.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Rediker thanked staff for how well the Businesses, Bogeys & Bragging Rights charity golf tournament went today. She thanked Mrs. Klehfoth and Mrs. Wadey for all their work and said everyone had a great time.
- 15.2. Director Hansen thanked the Board for the creative discussion today, and complimented Mr. Ortiz for being a strong leader and having a great team.
- 15.3. Director Kjesbo reiterated that the tournament was fun and was thankful that it had been delayed due to weather as it turned out to be a great day. He also added that he thinks we should be taking credit cards in advance for golf and pickleball and charging for no shows. He feels this is becoming an industry standard and thinks it will get people to be better about calling in to cancel. He thought the new intervals at the golf course were working well, and thanked Mr. Weaver for all the education on the Gallagher Amendment. He also said the food and service at the Grill on the Gore restaurant have been great. He also asked about the plan for the greens renovation this fall.

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- 15.3.1. Mr. Ortiz said that yes, the plan is to start the renovation on number 7 one week before the course closes. It will mean closing hole 7 for the final week of play, but we will open hole 19 at that time, so there will still be 18 holes in play for the final week of the season.
- 15.4. Director Plante thanked the whole staff for the amazing job done this year with all the difficulties and challenges and increased business. He also agreed with Director Kjesbo that VRD should start taking advance payments for golf and pickleball to discourage no shows. He also thanked Mr. Weaver for the great budgeting help and said he's proud to be on this Board.
- 15.5. Director Saalfeld asked if the greens closure could be communicated to golfers. He said he's volunteered for a couple of the races and witnessed firsthand how hard all the staff works. He said it's great to see all the other departments chipping in and how it runs like a well-oiled machine.
16. ADJOURNMENT
- 16.1. 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,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting