Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District June 26, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on June 26, 2008, 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. Ken Wilson, Michelle Hall, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Jeff Wiles

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Lori Gordon, Scott O'Connell, Tom Gaylord, Bob Seward

4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT

4.1. None

5. OTHERS PRESENT

5.1. None

6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

6.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.

7. CALL TO ORDER

7.1. Director Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. Director Hall moved to approve the May 8, 2008 Regular Board meeting minutes, Director Sackbauer seconded. Approved unanimously
- 8.2. Director Hall moved to approve the May 21, 2008 Special Board meeting minutes, Director Sackbauer seconded. Approved unanimously

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9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. NATURE CENTER PRESENTATION

10.1. Mr. Tom Gaylord updated the board on the Nature Center's operational strengths and weaknesses, facility strengths and weaknesses and plans for the future.

11. TENNIS CENTER PRESENTATION

11.1. Mr. Bob Seward updated the board on the Tennis Center's operational strengths and weaknesses, facility strengths and weaknesses and plans for the future.

12. MAY FINANCIAL REPORT- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 12.1. Mr. Eric Weaver stated until the end of June, the VRD will not know its financial standing as we need to take into consideration the late start of the golf season. Golf pass sales are down and punch card sales are up. The Camp Eco Fun fees to Nature Center have not been transferred yet. The Yellow Stone trip will not happen this year. Tennis also had a slow start opening two to three weeks later than scheduled. Dobson is holding more special events. With the new lights, we are hoping to cut costs at Dobson. At the end of May, the VRD was down about \$100,000 and may continue to remain at this level through the end of the year.
- 12.2. Director Sackbauer would like Mr. Scott O'Connell to make a presentation of completed capital projects at the next board meeting.
- 12.3. There was a mutual agreement between all of the Directors that a master plan for the golf course was needed. There was also a consensus that the retaining wall needed to be completed this year for life safety issues. The directors question what the retaining wall will look like. Mr. O'Connell would be looking and is going through the design review process with the Town of Vail. The Directors agreed that upgrades, such as the retaining wall improvements, should mesh with the rest of the golf course.

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13. RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that the signing of the Golf Course Lease is scheduled to be signed at the Vail Town Council's July 15 meeting. The lease is being reviewed by Mr. James Mock and should be in the Council packet on the 10th of July.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that on July 3rd the Vail Golf Club will go to the high season rates, if the course warrants it. Mr. Ortiz is very proud of Ms. Alice Plain with the H2B Visa Program and partnering up with Vail Resorts on this program.
- 14.2. Sports- The all girls Soccer Academy is underway and there are 70 participants for the first year. The bike races are going well. The Beaver Creek Running race went very well, congratulations to Mr. Joel Rabinowitz for doing such a great job with changing the course three times within two days. It was a successful fundraiser.
- 14.3. Youth- Budget is going strong, great work. They have a great staff. Mr. Ortiz suggested the Directors go check out some of the youth camps taking place.
- 14.4. Mr. Mark Jero and staff have done an incredible job on the fields. Lacrosse starts next week.
- 14.5. Dobson-Booked all summer. Skating show, "High School Musical on Ice" will be on Saturday, July 5th. The Gymnastics Championships event that was held at Dobson was a success.
- 14.6. Meeting with WECMRD went well and resulting many tasks to be worked on. The group created sub-committees so that we can continue to work together.
- 14.7. Tennis- Mr. Seward does not give himself enough credit, he does an incredible job leveling the courts each year for a quarter of the cost it would if we were to hire an outside vendor. Mr. Seward's dedication goes above and beyond. Thank you.
- 14.8. Nature- Programs are going well and will only improve as the weather improves.
- 14.9. Golf Course playing well, Mr. Steve Sarro and staff are doing a great job. I am proud of the staff.

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- 14.10. Director Sackbauer questioned what kind economic of impact did the gymnastics championships have on the Town of Vail? Mr. Ortiz responded that we are waiting for the results from the Vail Valley Partnership for the lodging. Mr. Ortiz also responded that the state and the national board were pleased with the location, surroundings and the arena. They have spoken with Mr. David Ward to discuss future plans of hosting another championship meet in Vail. Mr. Ortiz also thanked all the volunteers, parents and athletes who helped with the championships.
- 14.11. Mr. Ortiz would like to introduce Mr. Guillaume Lyonnaz, he will be with us for the summer. Mr. Lyonnaz is from France and interning with the VRD for the summer. Welcome to Vail.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Sackbauer questioned Mr. Ortiz on the update for the landscaping on along the recreation path that runs adjacent to the golf course. The Town of Vail had reconstructed the path and it has been left with little to no vegetation. Mr. Ortiz said he would check with the town regarding re-vegetation of the area.
- 15.2. Director Wiles stated that the meeting with WECMRD went well and it was a stepping stone and very positive for Eagle County Recreation Districts.
- 15.3. Director Hanlon welcomed Mr. Lyonnaz to Vail and to the VRD and thanked Mr. Seward and Mr. Gaylord for their presentations. The Tom Whitehead junior golf tournament went great, everyone was very happy.
- 15.4. Director Hall thanked Mr. Seward and Mr. Gaylord for their presentations. Regarding the gymnastics championships, she received positive feedback regarding the location of Dobson including having the library across the street, the in-town bus accessible and flow of traffic in and out of Dobson. It was very impressive. Director Hall was also impressed with the customer service. Director Hall thanked staff and the volunteers of the championships.
- 15.5. Director Wilson stated the WECMRD meeting was extremely productive and a great start. Director Wilson would like everyone at the golf course knowing it takes time after back-to-back tough winters and cold springs. Mr. Wilson wants everyone to remain patient with the golf course.
- 15.6. Mr. Ortiz wanted everyone to remember that Mr. Sarro has been such a component with his ability to get the course open at Vail's elevation and with incremental weather. It's consistently the last one to close as well.

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16. Director Hanlon made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of: §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., "Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators." -TOV Lease negotiations. Director Wiles seconded. Approved unanimously

17. ADJOURNMENT

17.1. Director Hanlon motioned to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Director Wiles seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michelle Hall, Secretary	Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director

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