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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
February 9, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 9, 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, Scott Todd

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Pete Seibert, Michelle Wolffe, members of the Battle Mountain High School cross country team

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting as amended.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. Members of the Battle Mountain High School cross country team gave public input to thank the Board for donating money to sponsor their trip to the Nike Cross Nationals Southwest Regional meet in Arizona in November. They spoke about how the teams performed very well, with the boys taking first place

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overall in the small school division and the girls taking fifth in the overall team championship among all school sizes. They spoke about how they did some college tours while in Arizona, and the team presented the Board with a signed team photo.

10. REQUEST FOR FUNDING-VAIL VALLEY MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION; ADOPT A TRAIL PROGRAM

- 10.1. Mr. Pete Siebert and Mrs. Michelle Wolffe presented to the board on the background of the Adopt-A-Trail program, and how successful last year was with over 30 community groups adopting trails, including the VRD who adopted and worked on a section of the North Trail in Vail. They would like to continue the program for 2017 and plan to again fund a National Forest Service Ranger Supervisor to oversee the trail crews and a program coordinator. For 2017, the program will again be focusing on trail maintenance and are looking to add another 10 or 11 trails to the program, with the possibility of constructing new trails as well. This year the program will be adding town trails to the program, in addition to forest service trails. The program asked if the VRD would again be willing to donate to the program to support the ranger and program coordinator's salaries and to purchase tools and equipment.
- 10.2. After some discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to donate \$5,000 to the Adopt-A-Trail program through the Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association.

11. REQUEST FOR RATE APPROVAL FOR 2017 AFFILIATES CUP AT VAIL GOLF CLUB ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- 11.1. Mr. Scott Todd, Vail Golf Club Superintendent, presented to the Board a request to host the 2017 Affiliates Cup at the Vail Golf Club on Friday, August 25, 2017 for a rate of \$85 per player. The Rocky Mountain Golf Superintendent Association has repeatedly solicited Mr. Todd and the Vail Golf Club to host an Affiliates Cup. The association desired to come to Vail because of the great course and valley ambiance, and requested a Monday or Friday tournament so that families could come and make a long weekend in Vail. Mr. Todd proposed a maximum rate of \$85 per golfer, and stated that there may be event sponsorship opportunities from distributors. The fee for non-associated members would be \$100. The tournament will be a shotgun format in the morning followed by lunch and awards, and expects that \$60 of the fee will go to golf operations while \$25 will go to the food and beverage department. There will also be a cash bar. Mr. Todd explained that this is an excellent opportunity to welcome this association back to Vail and host many industry professionals to the course and new clubhouse.
- 11.2. After some discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve an \$85 rate per golfer for the 2017

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Affiliates Cup tournament at the Vail Golf Club on August 25.

12. APPROVAL OF CONDITIONS OF USE POLICY FOR NON-ATHLETIC EVENTS AT FORD PARK SPORTS FACILITIES

12.1. Mr. Ortiz spoke about the conditions of use policy that was first presented to the Board at the January 12th meeting. Since then he has worked with the Town to refine this document, which culminated in the addition of one paragraph to the end of the policy, stating that the Town and VRD would work closely on all events to provide the best experience for event promoters and attendees. The purpose of this policy is to create a guideline for evaluating non-athletic event requests at Ford Park on a case-by-case basis to determine the displacement and impact on constituents. Mr. Ortiz spoke about how the Ford Park fields are fully programmed for the summer, and how the Board needs to be careful and selective of the events on the fields, as the rental fees for the fields don't offset the budget spent on parks maintenance. Mr. Ortiz stated that the VRD appreciates the important impact that events have on the Town and sales tax and the VRD hopes to keep great events coming to town. Mr. Ortiz encouraged the Board to adopt this policy and continue to develop it.

12.1.1. Director Rediker stated that this is a very important document to protect the fields but also allow the Board to have a process for evaluating non-athletic events.

12.2. By motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the conditions of use policy for non-athletic events at Ford Park sports facilities as presented.

13. GALLAGHER AMENDMENT – REDUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2018 BUDGET

13.1. Mr. Weaver spoke regarding the process of preparing the 2018 budget and reminded the Board that this is a re-valuation year for the county for property values. Mr. Weaver and his team have been comparing the assessor's values of properties to the actual sales prices and expects to see a 14% increase in residential valuations. Mr. Weaver then informed the Board about the Gallagher Amendment, which will force the residential assessment rate throughout the State to be lowered from the current rate of 7.96% to a projected rate of 6.56%, meaning that property taxes for Districts across the state will be reduced dramatically. For VRD, instead of a roughly \$250,000 increase in property taxes from the new valuation, the District is expected to see a \$100,000 decrease in 2018 property tax revenues. He stated that the county will send out actual preliminary information in May at which time the VRD will know more, but wanted to alert the Board to the projected impact of the amendment on the 2018 budget.

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14. DECEMBER 2016 FINANCIALS

- 14.1. Mr. Weaver stated that the preliminary year-end financials show the VRD finishing the year on a positive note. Overall, Mr. Weaver projects to start off 2017 approximately \$250,000 ahead of amounts forecasted at the time the 2018 budget was adopted. He stated that staff did a great job coming in favorable to budget, but reminded the Board that there are still a lot of unfunded capital projects that need attention and the Gallagher adjustment will only compound the issue. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Weaver for his work and insight.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that Ms. Alice Plain has again been nominated for three PGA West awards. This is significant because she's nominated by her peers for these awards. Mr. Ortiz also share Ms. Plain's praise of the Grill on the Gore staff and quality of the food at the clubhouse restaurant.
- 15.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that 58 inches of snow in January has been measured at the golf course and there are some concerns about the quality of snow and the impact to the greens underneath the snowpack. The golf maintenance department will be monitoring the turf health closely.
- 15.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that the sports department has been busy timing Nordic races for local schools. The Vail Mountain Winter Uphill Race and Hike is on Feb. 19 at 7 a.m. in Lionshead. The event is a benefit for the U.S. Mountain Running Team and Trail Running Association. This was Ellen Miller's race and is now being produced by the VRD. This race will be followed by the EagleVail Dereail snow bike race on March 4 and the March 18 Krueger Family Shamrock Shuffle, which are all part of the new Vail Grail winter race series.
- 15.4. Mr. Ortiz shared that Dobson Ice Arena will be hosting several upcoming events including Hispanic dances, Project Funway, the Mountain Melee roller derby event and annual FBLA conference.
- 15.5. Mr. Ortiz spoke about the community programming department being very busy with many families dropping in to Imagination Station, and how there's a Cocktails and Canvas chocolate-making event tonight in partnership with the Town of Vail library. They will also be hosting a wildlife painting class on the Feb. 28. KidZone schools' out camps start on Monday, and there is still a little room left.
- 15.6. Mr. Ortiz stated that VRD staff are also working with the Eagle County School District on plans for the Red Sandstone Elementary School renovation that may start this summer. The goal would be to create a programming document for the gym area to give input on how that space can be improved.
- 15.7. Director Foley asked about goose mitigation on the golf course. Mr. Ortiz responded that Mr. Todd is considering options, which may include using a

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specialty-trained dog.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Suarez wanted to reiterate how impressed he was with the Vail Gymnastics Center tour at the last Board meeting, and the coaches and the talent of the kids in the program. He also encouraged everyone to try out the Grill at the Gore restaurant inside the new Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse.
- 16.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that a site visit to the pickleball program would be good for an upcoming meeting. He commended Mr. Jerry Stevens on creating a great program that attracts all ages of players. He talked about how there is so much interest now that they've broken the open gym time into two-hour session to ensure a better experience and more playing time. Mr. Ortiz reminded the public that open gym pickleball runs on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Saturdays from 9-11 a.m., and 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Red Sandstone Elementary School. He also stated that he is really excited about the new Golden Peak courts for the summer.
- 16.3. Director Kjesbo asked about clearing the pickleball courts, and Mr. Ortiz stated that the VRD won't clear them off down to the base early to prevent damage to the courts but will look into removal of the upper layers of snow.
- 16.4. Director Foley stated that he also enjoyed the trip to the Vail Gymnastics Center. Director Foley wanted to thank Mr. Chad Young, Ms. Jerrica Miller and Mrs. Sara Eaton for the great KidZone after-school program that they produce at Red Sandstone Elementary School. Director Foley will be attending a meeting with the Town next week regarding the renovation at the school and thinks the VRD should be involved in that discussion. He reminded the Board that there will be a joint lunch between VRD and Town Council on Feb. 21.
- 16.5. Director Saalfeld stated that he has had several parents contact him about the Maloit Park Nordic race and wondered if we would hold a race at the Vail Nordic Center. Mr. Ortiz stated that we wouldn't want to step on their toes as these are fundraising events. Director Saalfeld said the parents were very complimentary of the sports department staff for timing the race.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- 17.1. 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