
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District September 26, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 26, 2013 at 5:30 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. Billy Suarez, Jeff Wiles, Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Rick Sackbauer

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Tony Giroux, Scott Todd

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. None

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver- Robertson & Marchetti, P.C

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m, noting that the Board had just concluded a site visit to the Vail Nature Center as shown on the agenda.

7. FORD PARK RENOVATIONS

7.1. Mr. Tony Giroux, Parks Department Supervisor for the District, presented an overview of the Ford Park field renovation. The renovation will add additional space to allow two soccer fields, but will also improve issues of poor drainage, aging irrigation, and uneven playing surfaces. The three infields for softball will be artificial turf, which will be a better surface for transitioning to during soccer and other sports and will also be better for softball in that the infields will not be as susceptible to rainout conditions and will be more consistent.

7.2. Mr. Giroux reviewed the construction timeline as well as some of the key steps including additional topsoil and drainage that will be installed to make the fields much better than the previous conditions.

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7.3. The Board thanked Mr. Giroux for the presentation and noted that it would be great to have this published in the Vail Daily to let the community know what all is happening.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regular Meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

9.1. None

9.2. The Board discussed moving the meetings back to 5:00 since moving the meetings to 5:30 does not appear to have generated any additional public attendance. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve moving the regular meeting times back to 5:00 p.m.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1. Mr. Weaver presented the August financial report, noting that operations continue to be running favorable to budget.

10.2. Mr. Weaver reported that staff has started working through the 2014 budgeting process. Directors Wiles and Suarez reported some of the topics discussed during the budget committee meeting, including staffing levels and compensation, storage issues, and capital projects.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

11.1. Mr. Ortiz reported that there have been recent developments related to the driving range net and based on the engineering requirements for the baffle system, it now appears that a straight line design will be the best structure.

11.2. After discussion and by motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to recommend that the Town move forward with the straight line system, subject to review by Zehren & Associates.

11.3. Director Sackbauer left the meeting.

11.4. Director Hanlon discussed options for the black tee on #18 to slightly relocate the tee from the plans. The Board discussed options and agreed that the revised location would be better. The Board also discussed concerns that the blue tees may be too short and would like to explore options to extend the tee into the pond.

11.5. The Board also discussed replacing an iconic tree that used to be located on hole #8. After discussion, it was determined that since bunkers were subsequently installed it would create a pace of play issues and not to pursue replacement of the tree.

12. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

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- 12.1. Director Suarez noted that the Town has determined a preferred site on the lower west side of Ford Park for a building for the Alpine Gardens and since the VRD does not feel that the Tennis Center would be an appropriate location that it should be removed for possible locations. Tennis had a great year, best of luck to Bobby during the off season. The District should investigate operating the food and beverage operations at the golf course and also have a formal end of season review with the lessee.
- 12.2. Director Wilson reported that there are several dead or dying trees between #13 and #14 that need to be removed. Also, the signage saying "little to no impact" should be revised as there is substantial impacts due to the construction. Also, since the course has lost substantial distance while the 19th hole is utilized during #18 construction, the District should consider returning money to pass holders for the decrease in playability and let the Town know about the loss in revenues suffered due to the construction. Staff will come back at the next meeting with options.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- 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,



Eric Weaver
Secretary to the Meeting