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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District May 8, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 8, 2014 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. Jeff Wiles, Kim Newbury, Tom Saalfeld, Kevin Foley
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Billy Suarez
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Scott Todd
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Summer Holme
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
7. OATHS OF OFFICE
 - 7.1. Director Wiles administered the oaths of office for the newly elected board members, which included Director Kevin Foley, Director Kim Newbury and Director Tom Saalfeld.
8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 regular meeting subject to any changes or feedback from Director Suarez or previous Director Joe Hanlon.
9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 9.1. None

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10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 10.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED by the VRD Board of Directors to appoint Director Wiles as chairperson, Director Suarez as VP/Secretary/Treasurer, and Directors Foley, Newbury and Saalfeld as VP/Assistant Secretary/Treasurers.

11. ASSISGNMENT OF VAIL TOWN COUNCIL PEERS

- 11.1. Director Foley will work with Councilmembers Dale Bugby and Ludwig Kurz
11.2. Director Wiles will work with Councilmembers Dave Chapin and Andy Daley
11.3. Director Newbury will work with Councilmembers Greg Moffet and Margaret Rodgers
11.4. Director Saalfeld will work Councilmember Jen Bruno

12. WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT VAIL GOLF COURSE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 12.1. Mr. Scott Todd, Superintendent of the Vail Golf Club, reviewed best management practices regarding water quality management at the Vail Golf Club.
- 12.2. Best management practices include:
- 12.2.1. Preventing nutrient and chemical inputs to the creek including creation of buffer zones with native vegetation. These areas are treated with zero or limited fertilization to remove noxious weeds within the zones. The areas act as a barrier and filter for potential impacts to the Gore Creek.
- 12.2.2. Preventing nutrient and pesticide inputs through management of application techniques, rates and timing. This includes:
- 12.2.2.1. Granular fertilizer applications typically only done three times per growing season, providing the turf with no more than it needs .
- 12.2.2.2. Fertilizers used are controlled-release products and don't easily drain or leach through the rootzones.
- 12.2.2.3. Timing of the fertilizer to avoid fertilization during anticipated weather events, such as rain storms.
- 12.2.2.4. Soil testing for necessary nutrients, such as phosphorous.
- 12.2.2.5. Fertigation systems, which allow staff to pump nutrients into the irrigation system and reduce the number of times necessary to fertilize the course.
- 12.2.2.6. Foliar feeding of the greens, tees, fairways to include using minimal amounts of nutrients on targeted areas.
- 12.2.3. Nutrient inputs to creek are monitored by testing for nutrients at upstream and downstream points, east and west of the golf course property lines. This is done by an independent consultant.

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- 12.2.4. A new irrigation system was installed in 2009 allowing for more precise watering and decreases in nutrient and chemical run-off or leaching from over watering.
- 12.2.5. The course has pre-wash stations for course equipment to alleviate washing equipment that would run into the storm water system.
- 12.2.6. Snow removal guidelines to avoid removing cinders, gravel or magnesium chloride that may be in the snowpack.
- 12.2.7. All products, fungicides, herbicides, growth regulators are low-use rate that are approved by the EPA and are non-leachable products that have low toxicity for fish and other aquatic wildlife.
- 12.2.8. Tree spraying for pine beetles and spruce scale includes spraying near the trunk of trees within a certain buffer zone of the creek. Like the rest of the valley, the golf course has been affected by the beetle epidemic and has lost trees. An outside consultant is contracted to spray the trees. There are approximately 800 trees located throughout the golf course property.
- 12.2.8.1. Director Newbury encouraged working with the Town to make sure the VRD is following ordinances and policies.
- 12.2.8.2. Mr. Ortiz explained staff would also be working with town staff to work through these best practices and make sure the VRD is in alignment with town policies and procedures.
- 12.3. The course also manages potential inputs of suspended solids and debris through erosion control. These include creek bank stabilization and vegetation projects at locations prone to erosion from high water flow and boulder wall and bridge installations and improvements. Additionally, staff uses silt fencing, sand bags and other sediment capture systems to prevent erosion.
- 12.4. Plans for the proposed renovation of the Vail Golf Clubhouse also include a new storm water draining plan that would alleviate past flooding and drainage problems.
- 12.4.1. Mr. Ortiz mentioned the course was built in the 1960s when technology and planning was different. It is located within the flood plain. The VRD and town have been partnering on improvements to the course that assist with erosion reduction including bridge and wall improvements. He also mentioned the water table is very high where the clubhouse is located. As planning moves forward, it is important the correct planning occurs for improvement of the drainage and mechanical systems.
- 12.4.2. Director Saalfeld agreed with Mr. Ortiz on incorporating the correct systems. He also questioned whether flooding will be an issue as it was in 2011. Mr. Todd explained it's hard to predict how and when the runoff will occur.
- 12.5. Protection of aquatic life systems includes planting of trees and shrubs to decrease water temperatures, as well as management of inflow at the Gore Creek headgate to include utilizing ponds along the course. Mr. Todd explained in July

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and August, the course takes only what it needs to irrigate to allow water to flow through Gore Creek as part of the course's drought management plan.

- 12.6. Mr. Todd and VRD staff are working with a variety of entities on water quality best management practices, including town governments, the water districts, U.S. Forest Service and area golf courses to name a few. Mr. Ortiz suggested the board review the presentation and bring back questions and suggestions that the VRD staff can discuss with the recreation subcommittee.

13. ASSIGNMENT OF DIRECTOR(S) TO RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE

- 13.1. Directors Foley and Saalfeld volunteered to represent the VRD at the Recreation Subcommittee meetings.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz congratulated the new members and thanked them for taking the time to run and be a part of the organization. He then reviewed information provided in the executive director's report, which included:

- 14.1.1. Currently staff is working to repair winter damage on the golf course, especially greens that were compromised. It is anticipated to open a "short course" by May 16, if not earlier, weather and course conditions permitting.
- 14.1.2. The contractor for the driving range net project has remobilized to complete the project, including irrigation and turf repairs.
- 14.1.3. The Golf in Schools project at Red Sandstone Elementary School is underway with indoor instruction in the gymnasium. The final class will include on course instruction on May 20. They are teaching 4th graders at the school.
- 14.1.4. The Golf Bikes have received ample coverage by the media, including regional and local press.
- 14.1.5. The Women's Golf and Yoga Wellness weekend has eight women signed up. The program is new and taking place in late June.
- 14.1.6. The Sports Department has had three short track races with about 60 racers at each event. There will be one more short track race and then the regular cross country race series begins May 21. There are over 200 teams registered for the Kids Adventure Race. The trail running race series will begin May 17 with the La Sportiva Boneyard Boogie 11k. The sports department will be timing several other races that are not VRD events throughout the summer.
- 14.1.7. Dobson Ice Arena is closed until June 2 for maintenance.
- 14.1.8. Marketing has hired Hannah King, who is also a coach at the gymnastics center, as the new marketing coordinator for the summer.
- 14.1.9. Gymnastics has hired Julie Cotter, an elite national gymnast, as the new head coach. She participated at the Olympic and International level. The spring show will be on May 18.

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- 14.1.10. The Vail Tennis Center is working on relaying clay and lining the courts. The courts will be open as soon as possible. There is a lot of construction at Ford Park and staff will be working with the town and the contractor to implement a parking plan. The nets are up at the Golden Peak courts.
- 14.1.11. Director Saalfeld questioned construction taking place at Ford Park and parking. Mr. Ortiz explained a new bus stop is being constructed for better flow, with a new entrance on the east side for parking. Anticipated completion is scheduled for mid-to-late June.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Foley thanked staff for putting the town logo on Dobson's ice sheet. He also mentioned the nets are up at the sand volleyball courts. He thanked Community Programming staff (Jerrica, Chad and Sara) for all their work at the after school program.
- 15.2. Director Newbury questioned if other board members would like to have a day prior to a meeting to visit all the facilities, meet staff and learn more about programming. Mr. Ortiz explained that could be arranged and also staff will work with the board to schedule a board retreat.
- 15.3. Director Saalfeld applauded Mr. Todd for his efforts with best management practices and water quality for the Gore Creek.
- 15.4. Director Wiles also complimented Mr. Todd and appreciated the presentation. He also encouraged staff review possibilities to bring youth baseball back into the valley once the fields are completed at Ford Park. Mr. Ortiz explained the youth baseball would be a partnership with Three Rivers, a valley-wide youth baseball organization.

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,

Jamie Gunion
Secretary to the Meeting