
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
February 27, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 27, 2020 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. Bill Suarez, Jason Plante, Kim Newbury Rediker

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. Tom Saalfeld, Roland Kjesbo

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Dan Timm, April Heredia, Molly Moffet, Jerrica Miller, Sara Eaton

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Dave Chapin

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

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

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. The game ball awards presentation was moved to later in the agenda to give the recipients time to arrive from the after-school program.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

- 9.1. Mayor Dave Chapin gave public input and said he really liked the recent 9 News piece on the Vail Nordic Center, he thought it really highlighted the

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world-class quality of the Nordic Center and staff.

10. INTRODUCTION OF MOLLY MOFFET

- 10.1. Mrs. April Heredia introduced Miss Molly Moffet, a longtime local who recently started in the position of Human Resources Specialist. Miss Moffet said she is excited to be back in her hometown and working with VRD.

11. NORDIC CENTER MEDIA COVERAGE CHANNEL 9 NEWS

- 11.1. Mr. Dan Timm talked about a recent visit to the Nordic Center by Channel 9 News and showed a clip from the broadcast. Thank you to 9 News for covering the Vail Nordic Center as an alternative winter recreation area and for the great segments during a recent morning news broadcast.

12. REPORT ON NETTING PROJECT AT THE VAIL ATHLETIC FIELD

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz talked about a new netting project between hole six on the golf course and the athletic field. He updated the Board that the poles to support the net are now installed and the remainder of the project will be finished in spring, including putting the net up. The net goes from the restroom facilities to the Nordic gate in the field fence and is intended to add a barrier between errant golf balls and field users and spectators. Mr. Ortiz said the netting project will be completed in the spring. There was some discussion and questions from the Board regarding the height of the poles, and whether the net will come down each winter.

13. REPORT ON VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz referenced a recent Vail Homeowners Association (VHA) newsletter that included pickleball information. He explained that the information included in the newsletter was given to the VHA by an enthusiastic citizens group who met to discuss the future of pickleball and racquet sports in Vail. Mr. Ortiz clarified that while staff was present at the meeting to hear the ideas, these meetings are not being run by the VRD. He also stated that there were inaccuracies in the newsletter and the VHA has committed to issuing a correction. Mr. Ortiz brought this up to the Board and on the record to be clear that the Town of Vail and VRD are not supporting any specific direction toward the future of pickleball or any new facilities. From now on, any information coming out of those citizen meetings will be communicated through official channels only.
- 13.2. Mayor Chapin gave public input on this topic and echoed what Mr. Ortiz said. Mayor Chapin spoke briefly about the history of the VHA and relationship with the Town of Vail and said he believes the group is well intended but they have a tendency to get in front of themselves now and then. He also clarified a number of the financial figures mentioned in the article.

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He did want to assure the community that the Town of Vail is interested in knowing if this is a community need, and they are interested in seeing benefits for all of the community. He said town council has an open mind about the possibilities and asked the public to stay tuned for more to come on this topic.

14. JANUARY 2020 FINANCIALS

- 14.1. Mr. Weaver directed the board to the financials that were sent separately from the package. He stated that because it is still early in 2020 any discrepancies are mostly due to timing. He said Nordic revenues are doing well and Dobson is ahead of budget due to one of their summer camps selling out sooner than ever before. He's looking into some questions with the food and beverage department revenues. Mr. Weaver stated that the expense budget is looking good and there were already some savings on annual workers compensation insurance fees. There were also some savings with Miss Moffet being hired in February instead of January. Overall, he said the year is off to a good start.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz gave highlights from the director reports as presented in the packet.
- 15.2. Mr. Ortiz also gave an update on the community programming Camp Vail campus presentation from the previous Board meeting and said they are looking into some of the ideas Mr. Young had presented. He said VRD won't be able to do all of them do to budget and logistical constraints, but they are working on a plan for some additions for this summer. They are also talking to the town about use of the third floor of the parking structure.
- 15.3. Director Plante asked how the ice bumper cars were working out. Mayor Chapin gave input that they are a blast, he said the town council recently tried them out during a retreat.
- 15.4. Director Plante also asked how fat bike rentals were working out at the Nordic Center. Mr. Timm said the rental numbers have been up year over year and people love renting them. He said they are considering adding a few electric bikes in the future.

16. GAME BALL AWARDS

- 16.1. Mr. Ortiz awarded game balls to Mrs. Sara Eaton and Miss Jerrica Miller. He said they are amazing employees who have a hard job working with children and do it with patience, focus and fun. During the recent state inspection, the VRD Community Programming staff received a perfect score on their compliance, only the second time the state licensing agent has ever given a perfect score in her career. He thanked Mrs. Eaton and Miss Miller for their hard work and dedication to make this possible.

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- 16.2. Miss Miller thanked the Board and Mr. Ortiz for the award and support, and also mentioned how it wouldn't be possible without the support from Community Programming Director Mr. Chad Young.

17. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 17.1. Director Rediker recalled a recent conversation with someone who was lamenting how sedentary children are nowadays. She was proud of all that the VRD does to buck the trend of most of America by offering active after-school programs and myriad activities including futsal, ice skating, gymnastics and more. She thanked VRD staff for all that they do for children.
- 17.2. Director Plante congratulated the community programming staff on the perfect inspection and said they all do a wonderful job. He stated he was glad we're investing more money into Camp Vail activities to help that program and make it top notch.
- 17.3. Director Suarez reflected back on his past eight years on the VRD Board and said it has been such a joy to have his position and work with such wonderful people. He said that everyone in the community is so positive about the job VRD is doing. He also talked about taking his first Nordic lesson and encouraged the public to give it a try. He said the Grill on the Gore restaurant is getting rave reviews, the only criticism he hears is that people want it to be open longer hours.
- 17.3.1. Mr. Ortiz responded that the food service at the Nordic Center is ancillary and complimentary to the Nordic programs and that VRD is trying to run it responsibly and not subsidize the operation too much. VRD also doesn't want to compete with restaurants in town. VRD's mission is recreation, however the addition of food service does make the Vail Nordic Center stand out from competition.

18. ADJOURNMENT

- 18.1. 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