Minutes of the Special Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District May 30, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 30, 2013 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. Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Billy Suarez
- 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Jeff Wiles, Rick Sackbauer
- 3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Alice Plain, Scott Todd, Scott O'Connell
- 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. 5:05 p.m.
- 7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- 8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
- 9. APRIL 2013 FINANCIAL UPDATE
 - 9.1. Mr. Weaver provided an overview of financials through April. Most departments are pacing on track for the year. The Vail Golf Club is down in punch card sales and guest play; some of this is due to a later start from inclement weather. Dobson is over on expenses for maintenance costs to fix various items and

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improve the concessions area. He said that May financials will begin to provide a clearer outlook of where the VRD is tracking for the year as programs ramp up.

10. UPDATE ON VRD FINANCIAL FUTURE

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that studies are underway to review the assessed valuation of Vail properties by the Eagle County Assessors Office. The Dobson Debt Service is also being evaluated as an opportunity to expand the debt service to increase funding for capital. He explained that by expanding the Dobson Bonds, there would be no need to increase the mill levy for VRD taxpayers. Staff will continue to evaluate the best options for the VRD moving forward.
- 10.2. Director Wilson questioned the drop-dead date to certify a ballot measure should the VRD move forward with either a mill levy increase or to refinance the Dobson debt.
 - 10.2.1. Mr. Weaver explained to be on the ballot the decision must be made in August.

11. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DRIVING RANGE NET PROJECT

- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed potential solutions for the driving range mat project. The goal is to move the mats as far back as feasible to assist with the ball flight safety issues. Staff has determined they can install 16 stations in the back of the range. Trays are ideal as you can pull out pieces of turf when they are worn, as well as have adjustable tees. The cons of the subgrade installation include being subject to frost-heave and weather issues; when the temporary building structures are installed, the subgrade stations would have to be removed and re-installed at a cost of approximately \$30,000 per installation; and location issues. Staff is recommending continuing with a mat system because of the quality and flexibility to move stations around. This will be important during the installation of the temporary structures should the golf clubhouse remodel move forward. They can also be stored and protected from the weather during the off season. Mats are also the least expensive option and will cost approximately \$20,000 for 16 mats.
- 11.2. Director Suarez questioned where golfers would hit on the mats.
 - 11.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained golfers would stand in the middle and be able to hit off the ends of the mat, depending on if they are right or left handed.
- 11.3. Director Suarez also asked when the project would take place.
 - 11.3.1. Mr. Ortiz explained it would take place this summer. Staff will determine when golfers will be required to hit off the mats vs. natural grass. The mats would be permanent. Mats provide flexibility during youth programs and other events as needed. They will be used a solution until the baffled netting system project is complete. The mats will also be used when the natural turf needs to heal and during frost delays. The driving range will be managed.
- 11.4. Director Wilson questioned if the mats will be contiguous?

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- 11.4.1. Mr. Ortiz said they won't be contiguous and include use of adjustable tees.
- 11.5. Director Wilson asked if the far north edge could be designated for the professional staff to give lessons and for programming.
 - 11.5.1. Mr. Scott O'Connell said he would have to work with Century Link to see if the phone pedestal can be moved to provide the far north edge for the professional staff.
- 11.6. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve a fiber-built individual hitting system be installed at the Vail Golf Club driving range.

12. EXECUTIVE DRIECTOR REPORT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reported that the golf course is in excellent shape, the course is playing well and the ball is rolling well. Golf course staff training is underway with a new fresh group and some previous staff ready for the summer. Turf from the chipping green is being removed and will be installed on the 19th hole. This turf will be replaced.
- 12.2. The Vail Tennis Center is open for play. Construction at Ford Park is moving at a quick pace to complete the restrooms within the next few weeks. The concession stand should be open soon as well.
- 12.3. Youth summer day camps will begin in mid-June and training will begin next week.
- 12.4. The first mountain bike race took place last night with 260 racers on course from Eagle and Summit counties, as well as Front Range riders. There are 20 divisions in the race series.
- 12.5. Director Wilson questioned what is taking place on the 12th tee.
 - 12.5.1. Mr. Ortiz explained maintenance crews are cleaning the tee up and preparing it for play.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Suarez questioned if there is a way to provide courts 1 and 2 at the tennis center with a higher net at the far end of the courts to help prevent balls from flying over the courts and down the hill.
- 13.2. Director Hanlon said he was excited to see the progress at Ford Park and thanked the community for understanding the challenges with construction around Ford Park.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to enter into executive session pursuant to \$24-6-402(4)(B), C.R.S., "CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS."

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15. ADJOURNAMENT

15.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Gunion Secretary to the Meeting