
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District March 26, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 26, 2015 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, Tom Saalfeld, Kim Newbury, Bill Suarez, Kevin Foley
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Beth Pappas, Scott Todd
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. None
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 February 26, 2015 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. Mr. Ortiz introduced Beth Pappas, Sports and Event Partnership Manager, explaining her role at the District. Mr. Ortiz recognized Ms. Pappas for her achievements within the VRD including partnership recruitment, Kids Adventure Games, the mountain bike race series, willingness to help other departments and community involvement. He provided Ms. Pappas with tickets to an upcoming Colorado Rockies game.
 - 8.1.1. Ms. Pappas thanked Mr. Ortiz and the Board.

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9. 2015 FORD PARK SUMMER PARKING UPDATE

- 9.1. Mr. Ortiz explained all agencies/businesses involved with parking at Ford Park have been working hard. This summer parking will remain relatively consistent with past summers. Bravo!, Vail Valley Foundation and other organizations will have the opportunity to use/buy the lot area just north of the tennis courts (known as the "Nest") as part of a managed parking plan. These organizations also will be utilizing Golden Peak for managed valet parking. This will alleviate cones in the large parking area east of the tennis courts that were used previous summers to save spaces for evening events. There is still work that needs to be done with planning, but the town and others involved will continue the process in time for peak season. There are 54 days of paid parking this summer for sports and amphitheater events.
- 9.2. Director Foley questioned who made the decision. Mr. Ortiz explained this is a Town of Vail staff decision/recommendation that will be reviewed by the Town Council on April 7.
- 9.3. Director Suarez expressed opinions that the automated system can be adjusted to better plan for two hour free parking. He also noted that as a stakeholder, the District needs to work a little harder for equitable parking.
- 9.4. Director Wiles questioned how many parking spots the District has allocated for staff. Mr. Ortiz explained the District receives five spaces per the original Conditional Use Permit.
- 9.5. Mr. Ortiz encouraged the public and board members speak about their concerns and suggestions, especially as it relates to the future possibility of paid parking all day, every day. Town staff has reviewed a variety of options and the Town Council's April 7 meeting will be an opportunity for the public to provide input on the plan.
- 9.6. Director Saalfeld questioned a bus stop for the Nature Center and Alpine Gardens. Mr. Ortiz explained that will not happen this summer but the town will look at costs and access options for this for next year.

10. FORD PARK CONCESSIONS UPDATE DATE

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz shared information regarding costs to operate during events as they relate to revenues. During softball, the revenues were not as equitable. For the upcoming summer, the concessions will be open again for softball, but if it is not successful it will have to be closed down. Food and beverages operations will be scaled down for softball. There will be full-scale operations during events such as the lacrosse tournament.
- 10.2. Director Suarez expressed concerns about the operations (food and labor) costs.
- 10.3. Director Foley requested staff look into the possibility for a beer garden. Mr. Ortiz cautioned this as it will impact the local league play.

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11. FEBRUARY 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver reported that overall the District is off to a good start but that it is still very early in the year. The audit fieldwork has been completed without any issues and once a draft is received and reviewed it will be presented to the board at a future meeting for acceptance.

12. SELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF GOLF COURSE DONATION APPLICATIONS

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz requested two board members be part of the review of the golf course donation process for the summer. The recommendation will be brought to the board for approval. The District typically provides one “free” day and one at “cost.” Seven agencies have applied for the donations.
- 12.2. Directors Newbury and Suarez volunteered to be part of the subcommittee.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S INPUT

- 13.1. The following items were reviewed:
 - 13.1.1. Director of Golf Maintenance Scott Todd reported the conditions of the golf course. Mr. Todd said the greens are in good condition. Many of the greens melted on their own, and they are all cleared. Early season snow in the fall helped cover them before they went dormant or froze, which has allowed for improved spring conditions. Moving forward, if there isn’t ample precipitation of snow/rain, some greens may need to be covered. The Vail Golf Club and most other mountain courses are seeing an increase in “vole” damage this spring. He explained voles are cyclical and populations ebb and flow. There isn’t any way to treat the voles but staff will keep an eye on damaged areas. Staff will keep the board posted on an early opening of a May loop. There are many factors to consider including water levels and weather.
 - 13.1.2. Mr. Ortiz reported Director Alice Plain was awarded with the Colorado West PGA Chapter Golf Professional of the Year. The District is very proud of Ms. Plain and the official announcement will be made at the end of April. Ms. Plain is hiring three new assistants this summer including the golf club’s youth coordinator.
 - 13.1.2.1. Director Foley questioned the reasoning for previous staff members not returning. Mr. Ortiz explained that the staff members were looking for year-round employment.
 - 13.1.3. The Kreugar Family Shamrock Shuffle took place with over 100 participants. The event was successful, fun and continues to grow. The partnership with Sports Authority has been finalized. They will be a presenting sponsor of the youth sports programs and trail running series.
 - 13.1.4. The Vail Gymnastics Center’s annual spring show will take place on May 2. It’s a fun event to see and allows parents to see all the hard work the

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Gymnastics Center participants have put in throughout the year. All level six and seven girls will participate in the state championships. This is excellent as participants spend 10 less hours per week than most competitive gyms. Kuddos to Gymnastics Director Julie Cotter and staff. Camps are set. The Georgia Gym Dogs coaches, University of Utah and other special coaches will come for the competitive camps.

- 13.1.5. Community Programming renewed its leases with Vail Resorts at the Golden Peak Children's Center for summer camps as well as at Red Sandstone Elementary School.
- 13.1.6. The Nature Center with Walking Mountains had stakeholder meetings to review the future of the Nature Center as part of a master plan study. Information is continuing to be gathered through surveys and phone calls. The study was funded by the Vail Local Marketing District Advisory Council.
- 13.1.7. The large Volvo event will take place at Dobson for four days. According to the town, Volvo will be spending \$7 million in Vail with a buyout of the Sonnenalp and Lodge at Vail. No outside public will be allowed in the event.
- 13.1.8. Director Saalfeld questioned the process about the new floor at Dobson. Mr. Ortiz said all the flooring in the lobby, offices and restrooms will be replaced. It will take place during the arena shut down in May.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Foley participated in the Vail Uphill and the sports department did a great job with timing. He questioned the ripples in the new softball infields. Mr. Ortiz explained that any issues with the new infields will be addressed.
- 14.2. Director Suarez requested reviewing the dress code at the Vail Golf Club and analyzing how difficult it is to enforce. He also requested a Board retreat before the end of the season. He also spoke about review of the mill levy increase. He expressed excitement of the laser leveling of the courts at the Vail Tennis Center.
- 14.3. Director Saalfeld would like rate comparisons for next year regarding the Nordic Center. He also requested a calendar of important decisions that may need to be made or input needed for upcoming projects.
- 14.4. Mr. Ortiz explained the Nordic Center will closed early this year due to minimal snow. Maintenance has been shoveling and farming snow to keep it maintain.
- 14.5. Director Wiles questioned storage at the athletic fields and if there are plans for storage this summer for sports. Mr. Ortiz explained staff will have to go offsite. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 4. He also reported he talked with Vail Resorts staff about Disc Golf at Golden Peak. Vail Resorts staff encouraged the District to look at it for summer 2016. Additionally, members of Skating Club of Vail requested financial assistance for the annual ice show. The annual Vail Ski Patrol vs. Vail Ski School ice hockey game will take place at 6:30 p.m. April 10. It is a fundraiser for the Vail Valley Charitable Fund. They

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are requesting donation of the ice. Mr. Ortiz will look into it and see if it's feasible.

14.5.1. Director Foley requested the ice donation be reviewed for the April 9 meeting.

15. ADJOURNAMENT

15.1. 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