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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District July 9, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on July 9, 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, Kim Newbury, Bill Suarez, Tom Saalfeld, Kevin Foley
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Leon Fell, King of the Mountain Volleyball Tournament
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. Leon Fell, with the King of the Mountain Volleyball Tournament, addressed the board and recapped this summer's tournament. This year's tournament had 668 teams who competed over three days. He thanked the VRD, specifically Sports Director Joel Rabinowitz and the Parks Maintenance crew, for prepping the fields. He said Ford Park is fantastic and the new configuration works really well for the tournament.

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- 8.2. Mr. Fell encouraged the board to research and review building two additional sand courts adjacent to the three existing courts at the Athletic Field. He said it would benefit the VRD's league programs, Vail's new junior volleyball club, plus the tournament. With two additional fields, the tournament could bring in additional teams and garner national participation. Senjin Smith, a beach volleyball legend, would like to bring a collegiate open to Vail during the tournament and the two additional courts would make this feasible. He explained infrastructure such as large bleachers would not be needed and the goal is not to bring a pro event in at this time. Mr. Fell estimated costs would be \$25,000 to \$30,000 to build two additional courts.
 - 8.3. Director Foley suggested bringing the item to the Recreation Subcommittee for discussion with VRD and town officials.
 - 8.4. Director Saalfeld questioned how discussions went in the past with town staff. Mr. Fell said it has been several years since the discussions have taken place. At that time, staff did say it could be feasible.
 - 8.5. Director Suarez commented the Vail Chamber and Business Association has also discussed the additional courts. The VCBA is in agreement it could be beneficial.
 - 8.6. Director Saalfeld clarified the VRD's capital funds at this point are very limited and dedicated to other ventures at this time. He explained while the VRD could look at supporting it, it might not be financially.
 - 8.7. Director Wiles questioned sponsorship opportunities available to help build courts. Mr. Fell explained until the tournament becomes more of a national tournament with a pro component, sponsors are most likely not willing to financially support infrastructure.
9. VAIL GOLF AND NORDIC CLUBHOUSE MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS PLAN
- 9.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the Town and VRD hosted an open house on June 29 to review the designs and components for the renovation of the Vail Golf Club. A second open house is scheduled on July 20. He then reviewed the management and operations plan, explaining it is part of the conditional use permit approved by the Town's Planning and Environmental Commission for the construction of the renovated clubhouse. He highlighted policies within the plan, including:
 - 9.1.1. Lighting: All exterior lights will be turned off 30 minutes after the clubhouse closes.
 - 9.1.2. Amplified Sound: Amplified sound is permitted on the community space patio and Grill patio. No amplified sound is allowed outdoors after 8 p.m. Amplified sound within the interior is allowed. The building is air-conditioned and all windows and doors will be shut after 8 p.m.
 - 9.1.3. Hours of Operation: The Community Space shall be open from 8 a.m. to midnight. Exceptions include New Year's Eve. Currently, the clubhouse can be open until 2 a.m. No patio use is allowed after 10 p.m.

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- 9.1.4. The old 18th green will remain a golf-related amenity. The bunker will be removed in the future to avoid hitting balls into the parking lot.
- 9.1.5. Parking Lot Snow Storage: Snow storage will be located at the south end of the parking lot and behind the old 18th green. Snow will be removed whenever the snow is greater or equal to 10 parking spaces.
- 9.1.6. Neighborhood Relations: The operator will post a calendar of events on the website with notice of the event, including a description, number of people, alcohol, etc. There will also be a neighborhood liaison for those who have questions regarding its uses regarding the operation plan. The liaison will be the event coordinator. This person has not been designated officially at this time.
- 9.2. Mr. Ortiz then discussed questions from the June 29 open house. These included:
- 9.2.1. Parking: Currently there are 110-striped spaces for summer operations and 130 for winter operations. Events will receive parking based on their needs not to exceed spaces. Golf and Nordic operations will not be impacted by events. The parking lot is dedicated for golf and Nordic uses. Valet parking will only be available when an event buys out the facility and is not concurrent with Nordic and golf uses. A week ago there was a full tee sheet, with a 100+ wedding. The wedding received their 10 spaces and golfer parking did not fill. It was well managed. With valet parking there will be 158 spaces and occupancy of the Community Room is 160.
- 9.2.1.1. Director Newbury also expressed that many people who will book the space will be responsible for their guests and plan a shuttle system so that they do not have their guests drinking and driving.
- 9.2.2. Grill on the Gore Space: The new grill will be located on the north end of the building, on the second level. The view from the Grill will be amazing. Current patio seating is 40 and the new patio will seat 45 with the ability to seat 65. The railing will be 42” and plans are underway to review furniture, such as “high boys” to see over the deck. The view of the Gore Range and the 18th green (finishing hole) will be spectacular.
- 9.2.2.1. Director Wiles questioned on a busy day, such as Men’s Club day, can the Community Room be utilized. Mr. Ortiz said during events, such as pass holder-guest days, the Community Space can be utilized for golf-related events. The VRD will be managing the booking of the facility.
- 9.2.3. Kitchens: There are two kitchens, one for the Grill and one for the Community Room. The kitchens will be upstairs and downstairs with an elevator and ample separation between the two. Outside caterers will be allowed to come in and the separation will be important in operation of the facility. Kitchen designers and consultants were brought in to assist in design of the kitchens.

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- 9.2.3.1. Director Foley questioned ice machines. Mr. Ortiz explained there will be two ice machines, one for each kitchen.
- 9.2.4. Everything New: New sewer, new HVAC, new water system, new kitchen equipment, furniture, lockers, etc.
 - 9.2.4.1. Director Wiles questioned audiovisual capabilities. Mr. Ortiz responded that staff is researching costs and designs for the AV equipment.
- 9.3. Director Foley questioned the construction start date. Mr. Ortiz said Sept. 8 is the construction start date.
- 9.4. Director Foley questioned the lawsuits. Mr. Ortiz explained a lawsuit challenging uses on the property has been appealed by eight neighborhood plaintiffs after a district court judge ruled in favor of the Town of Vail and Vail Recreation District. If the lower court ruling is overturned, it is unlikely any design changes would be required as the facility has been appropriately scaled for clubhouse uses.
- 9.5. Director Newbury mentioned temporary tents. Mr. Ortiz explained tents will be allowed on the driving range for an event such as a demo day or a Nordic race. For the Community Room space, a tent is allowed on the lawn adjacent to the community room. However, to provide a tent, an application must be made through the town and all regulations (sound etc.) apply to the tents as they do with the building.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the following items:
 - 10.1.1. Golf is working with an online web store to offer guests and golf aficionados an opportunity to purchase Vail Golf Club logo wear.
 - 10.1.2. The Vail Grind mountain bike race was canceled last night and is rescheduled for July 15. The Vail HillClimb had 426 runners, which is excellent for the way the Fourth of July holiday fell. Cornhole league begins today with 11 teams. Mr. Rabinowitz and Mr. O'Connell attended a signage meeting with the town regarding overall signage at the park. This includes signage for the fences around the field, directional signage, etc.
 - 10.1.3. Grillonthegore.com is up and running. BB&B golf tournament marketing is underway.
 - 10.1.4. Vail Gymnastics Center hosted Georgia Gym Dogs athlete guest coaches last week with 18 participants. All public camps for the rest of the summer are full.
 - 10.1.5. Camp Vail is utilizing Imagination Station for pottery and cooking. Pre Kamp Vail camps are full or nearly full for the rest of the summer.
 - 10.1.6. Dobson Ice Arena will host the Skating Invitational the week of July 14. Dobson skater Lillian Johnson is headed to Wisconsin to play AAA.

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10.1.7. Grill on the Gore operations are slow as anticipated. The Starter House and Beverage Cart are doing well.

10.1.7.1. Director Foley said the hours, product and service have been consistent.

11. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

11.1. Director Saalfeld wished Parks Maintenance Director Jim Sanders a quick recovery from his recent surgery. Director Saalfeld and his wife volunteered for the Vail HillClimb and he expressed his amazement of coordination with the mountain, volunteers and staff during the event.

11.2. Director Newbury took the Georgia Gym Dog athlete guest coaches to dinner. She said they want to come back next summer and felt it was a great experience. They enjoyed the one-on-one experience with Vail's campers. She thanked the Antler's at Vail for hosting the athletes.

11.3. Director Foley mentioned the Town Council approved construction of the permanent skate park structure in the Lionshead parking structure atrium. He questioned the raw water system at Ford Park.

11.3.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the raw water system is working, but it did shutdown for a few days resulting in the fields not being watered for three days. During the peak play period that is underway, the VRD has requested to not utilize the raw water system.

11.4. Director Foley questioned a ballot measure for a future election. Mr. Ortiz explained staff has met with David Cunningham and will be working on an information packet that will tell the story of why a mill levy increase is needed.

11.5. Director Suarez said the design of the permanent skate park is outstanding. It will be a great community benefit. He also noted he's heard great comments regarding the Grill on the Gore. He encouraged the community to go visit the Grill. He questioned landscaping for Ford Park.

11.5.1. Mr. Ortiz said there is an agreement that will be signed once the weeds are removed from several areas. Scott McClarrinon is working on the landscaping plan for the areas around the Concessions building.

11.6. Director Suarez said managed-parking at Ford Park seems to be going well this summer. He expressed concerns about paid parking when there are no events at night.

11.7. Director Wiles said a new signage plan will be a much improved experience for Vail's guests. The fields are being repaired after lacrosse and should be in great shape for upcoming user groups. He said the Vail Golf Club fairways are as lush as he's ever seen. He questioned net storage from lacrosse and soccer at Ford Park.

11.7.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that per the management plan, storage must be covered. Staff will research solutions for next summer.

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12. ADJOURNAMENT

- 12.1. 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