
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
December 10, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on December 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

- 1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Jason Plante, Kim Newbury Rediker, Kirk Hansen, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, April Heredia, Courtney Herner, Jerry Stevens, Jared Biniecki

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. None

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

- 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz asked to add the section of New Business-Proposal from Vail Mountain and Trail Alliance.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2020 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

- 9.1. None

10. INTRODUCTION OF COURTNEY HERNER- GROUP SALES DIRECTOR

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- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz introduced Courtney Herner to the board. She gave a brief introduction of herself and expressed how excited she is to get started.

11. PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE

- 11.1. Jared Biniacki, Director of Dobson shared how his facility is coping with the status of orange in the county. He shared how his in-house activities have been affected and all the precautions he and his staff are taking.
- 11.2. Jerry Stevens, Director of Pickleball shared that he has been able to extend his outdoor play using three of the six courts due to the unusually warmer weather for this time of year. He also shared they will begin playing indoors starting on the 16th using two of the three courts and a reservation system for booking time.
- 11.3. Mr. Ortiz provided updates on some of the other departments and what their current programs are looking like during this orange phase.

12. RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz provided an update from Rec Sub Committee. Related to Aria, a committee made up of Town and District staff and board members will meet to continue to investigate the different possibilities of generating revenue and review financials to see if we can make an informed decision to see if pursuing a lease is a viable option for the parties.
- 12.2. Director Hansen shared that many fitness facilities are currently struggling and that you cannot really operate a recreation facility in the current status of COVID so we need to be thinking at least six months in the future. He shared he was pressing the brokers on financials and asked about the potential of using the old tennis courts for winter.
- 12.3. Both Director Rediker and Director Saalfeld shared that they are grateful for all the work that has and continues to go into this topic and both feel this needs to be done to make sure a good decision is made when the time comes.
- 12.4. Director Kjesbo expressed his concern about parking at the Aria.
- 12.5. Mr. Ortiz shared that the Vail Recreation District has approached the Town of Vail seeking rent abatement or funding half of the projects of the renovations of the six greens. He shared we asked for a three-year commitment of 50% of the costs. Mr. Ortiz stated that he sent a letter in regard to all of this and initially got a positive response from the Town Manager, but some town employees questioned if this fell within the definition of the use of the Recreation Enhancement funds described in the lease. Our attorney feels it is within the definition.
- 12.6. Mr. Ortiz shared that some trees were recently removed from the golf course. The District asked for twelve trees to come out and fourteen to get put back in to replace those taken out. The type of tree will not be as tall, this will help keep shade off the greens.
- 12.7. Mr. Ortiz shared a summary of other capital projects that are in discussion and have a plan for the upcoming year.

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- 12.8. Mr. Ortiz shared that the foundation has brought in an outside group to put up lights at Ford Park. They plan on doing tours around the park. More information can be found by calling the Town of Vail or the Vail Valley Foundation.
- 12.9. Mr. Ortiz also shared that the lease for Gymnastics will be revised as the District seeks a longer term.

13. PROPOSAL FROM VAIL MOUNTAIN AND TRAIL ALLIANCE

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz shared a proposal from the Vail Mountain and Trail Alliance asking for support of \$2,500. It is a program that we have supported in the past. It is helping to maintain trails throughout Vail. The board agreed to support in this amount.

14. OCTOBER 2020 FINANCIALS

- 14.1. Mr. Weaver gave a review of the October financials noting that the outdoor facilities finished strong and that the District received a \$50K grant to help with the unforeseen cost of COVID.
- 14.2. Mr. Ortiz gave kudos to staff for having saved \$800K in operating expenses.
- 14.3. Director Redicker shared how great it was that the Vail Recreation District was the leader in the county and across the state in figuring out how to work through a pandemic, save money and still putting on quality events in our community. She gave credit to Mr. Ortiz and his staff for being able to get this done.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz thanked the board for everything they have done to support him and staff and for believing in all that we have presented to get through this difficult year.
- 15.2. Ms. Klehfoth shared that we would be having a virtual Santa visit.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Kjesbo shared that the lights at Ford Park were awesome and he recently visited the Nordic center and it all looked great.
- 16.2. Director Plante wanted to thank all staff for their creative ways of dealing with COVID, especially the Sports department.
- 16.3. Director Hansen shared his appreciation to the finance team and expressed that he was happy to have Pickleball going right now.
- 16.4. Director Saalfeld thanked both Mr. Ortiz and the board for all their work.

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17. ADJOURNMENT

- 17.1. 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,
April Heredia
Secretary to the Meeting