
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
July 23, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on July 23, 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, Roland Kjesbo, Kirk Hansen

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Jared Biniacki

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Michael Cacioppo

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

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

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. None

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

- 9.1. None

10. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DATES FOR BOARD RETREAT

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz asked the Board when they would like to have a Board retreat, and what format the Board retreat should take. After some discussion, the Board

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agreed that a local meeting would be preferred, probably at the clubhouse, with a focus on long-term planning and projects.

11. RE-OPENING OF DOBSON ICE ARENA

- 11.1. Mr. Biniecki started by thanking the Board for keeping the Dobson staff paid throughout the four-month shutdown and for allowing them to move over to golf maintenance to continue working full time doing course preparation during the spring.
- 11.2. Mr. Biniecki gave an overview of the programs that have re-started at Dobson over the past two weeks. Dobson is hosting a number of camps and programs, and have strict safety and social distancing protocols in place, which Mr. Biniecki went through in detail.
- 11.3. Mr. Ortiz thanked Mr. Biniecki and staff for all their help stepping into different roles around the District throughout the pandemic. He encouraged the Board to visit Dobson and see how well staff are enforcing safety and cleaning protocols.
- 11.4. Mr. Biniecki also talked about his involvement in a regional rink association and how he's kept in close contact with other ice arenas around the state and region to share protocols and best practices.
- 11.5. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Biniecki and his staff for all their hard work.
- 11.6. Mr. Ortiz finished the Dobson presentation by talking about all the hard work other departments are doing as well to keep users safe, facilities clean and messages communicated efficiently. He thanked all the staff for working so hard all summer.

12. JUNE 2020 FINANCIALS

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver walked the Board through the District's financials as presented in the Board packet.
- 12.2. Mr. Weaver said in the big picture not a whole lot has changed, the outdoor facilities are doing extremely well, as are gymnastics and camps. The two biggest question marks are events at the clubhouse and Dobson, without being able to have large events.
- 12.3. Mr. Weaver explained there is also still an unknown regarding abatements for hotel property taxes that have been challenged. He is still waiting on a timeline from the county assessor's office as to when these will be finalized. The District will owe interest back to anyone who overpaid, if their taxes are decreased.
- 12.4. Mr. Weaver was pleased with staff and how much they have been able to save on expenses throughout the season.
- 12.5. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Weaver for his work, and the staff for finding expenses to cut.

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13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz reiterated that staff are very busy and working hard, and that he's been keeping the Board updated via frequent email newsletters. He did talk about concerns from event planners and weddings at the clubhouse, and he's handling those as they come up. He also encouraged the Board and guests to eat at the Grill on the Gore restaurant. He said it's fun to be part of a team where everyone has a passion for what they do.
- 13.2. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz and staff for their hard work.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Plante thanked all the employees as he's seen how hard they've all been working trying to stay safe. He also heard positive feedback from gymnastics parents and says it's really cool to see the professional mountain bikers coming to our town series. The staff has done a tremendous job, and the golf course greens are playing very well and guests are loving them. He also thanked Mr. Ortiz for his hard work and organization and keeping everyone going and motivated.
 - 14.1.1. Mr. Ortiz added that he and Mr. Scott Todd talked to a potential vendor regarding redoing more greens and fixing some of the tee boxes. He said this is something that should be talked about in the retreat when he'll have a better cost estimate and the Board can work toward a long-term plan.
- 14.2. Director Kjesbo said he was at Dobson and saw the new marketing office and enjoyed watching the kids. He thought the signage was great and said Mr. Biniecki did a great job. He was also impressed that golf increased their revenue while also cutting expenses, so kudos to that staff and everyone in VRD. He also said the golf course is in great shape and the staff is doing a great job especially with full tee sheets every day.
- 14.3. Director Hansen said the clubhouse staff was very positive during a recent lunch at the restaurant. He also wants to look to the future and things VRD can continue to improve on, including pickleball and how it's exploding in popularity. He'd like to have VRD work with the town to align on future projects.
- 14.4. Director Saalfeld said the facilities look wonderful, and is very impressed with the well-maintained flower beds this year around the District, he said it was an improvement over last year.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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- 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,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting