
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District March 10, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 10, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Vail Council Chambers, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Joe Hanlon, Michelle Hall, Jeff Wiles, Ken Wilson,

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Rick Sackbauer

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Lori Gordon, Alice Plain

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Ceil Folz-VVF, Beth Slifer, Stephen Connelly

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order

7. APPROVAL OF THE 2/10/11 MEETING MINUTES

7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 Regular Board meeting as presented.

8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

8.1. None

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9. DISCUSSION OF A RFP PROCESS FOR CHARITY GOLF EVENT- MS. ALICE PLAIN

- 9.1. Mr. Ortiz stated we get many requests for charity events during the year, and by having an RFP process it will make it easier for staff and the District to evaluate and award use of the course to community groups. The details of what level of discount, how many days, and other pertinent information need to be further evaluated. After a brief discussion, all board members present agreed to the RFP process which would be implemented in the fall of 2011 for the 2012 golf season. The details still to be worked out.

10. PRESENTATION ON FORD PARK PLANS- VVF- MS. CEIL FOLZ

- 10.1. Ms. Ceil Folz stated the Vail Valley Foundation (VVF) owns the Amphitheatre, but since it is in the middle of the park, they would like to make the whole park a better experience. The VVF, TOV, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, and the VRD all will need to be involved with this as they are directly impacted. The VVF wants everyone to know that the plans right now are conceptual and are open to any ideas that people may have. Some of the ideas that the VVF have come up with include, an open air veranda, art sculptures throughout the park, creekside pathway, point of entry to the park, and a new open air pavilion. This could be used for rehearsals for the symphony's or dance festivals, weddings, sporting gatherings, picnics, or just reading a book. By having this Pavilion, this would eliminate the process of putting up and taking down the tents each time.
- 10.2. Ms. Beth Slifer is a member of the VLMDAC and feels that the pavilion would be a great addition to Ford park area, and the VRD and the recreation/sporting community would be able to benefit from this pavilion greatly as it could be used for a meeting location as well as a start and ending point for recreational events. It would also be a great place for rainy days for the kids to meet.
- 10.3. After asking several questions, the Board thanked both Ms. Folz and Ms. Slifer.

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11. PRESENTATION OF MATERIALS TO TOV COUNCIL: re: FORD PARK & GORE RANGE EVENT CENTER- MR. ORTIZ & MR. WEAVER

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver gave a short presentation on the proposed materials to be included in the TOV Council packets for their first meeting in April. Mr. Weaver reminded everyone that the plans are very preliminary and are only for the purpose of showing that a remodel of the clubhouse and to add a special events venue can be accomplished.
- 11.2. Mr. Weaver reviewed the preliminary drawings which have been created pro-bono by Pierce Architects as well as some of the initial ideas for redirecting golf and Nordic flow around the building.
- 11.3. Mr. Weaver then reviewed the overall budget for the project using cost estimates provided by Viele Construction as well as other costs not include in the building summary such as parking revisions to the golf course to accommodate such parking, architectural and construction management, and contingency. Although costs are still being evaluated the total budget is expected to be approximately \$7 Million. Mr. Weaver then reviewed the available funding which includes 4 years of the lease payment paid by the VRD to the Town for a project like this, maintenance dollars that would have to be otherwise spent by the Town and the VRD to repair the building, and the original \$3.5M estimated allocation of conference center dollars. After this funding, the project is roughly \$1 Million dollars short and Mr. Weaver proposed that the VRD consider contributing \$1M to the project.
- 11.4. The Board discussed the contribution and felt that \$1 Million would be more than reasonable as the remodel of the clubhouse is of great importance and value to the District. Mr. Weaver stated that the \$1 Million contribution could be funded by the VRD over a multi-year period which the Town has initially agreed to finance as they did with the irrigation system. No formal action was taken but the Board agreed to move forward under this assumption.
- 11.5. Mr. Weaver then reviewed the summary of the potential economic impact that the facility could bring to the community through additional special events that could be hosted at the site which would produce significant additional room nights and retail spending by event attendees. The initial estimate is that the facility could bring in nearly an additional \$5.5 Million dollars annually to the community.

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11.6. Mr. Weaver then reviewed the proposed expansion to Ford Park which would make the fields large enough to have two full-size soccer fields that could also be used a three softball fields. Although the additional field space will not have a large impact on the finances of the VRD, it would have an estimated \$900,000 annual impact to the local economy. Approximately 20,000 more visitor days that would otherwise be required to go down valley to play a game in a tournament would be staying in Vail all day and keeping their retail spending within the Town.

12. ROBERTSON & MARCHETTI ENGAGEMENT LETTER APPROVAL- MR. ERIC WEAVER

12.1. Mr. Weaver stated that a new accounting requirement requires him to have a written engagement letter specific to the compiled financial statements he produces each month. The letter further defines the role of the District as compared to his role but does not change the agreement that he currently has in place.

12.2. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the engagement letter with Robertson and Marchetti.

13. JANUARY 2011 FINANCIALS- MR. ERIC WEAVER

13.1. Mr. Weaver stated we are starting off to a good start to the year with most departments favorable to budget, much of which timing is related. He had no areas of concern at this point.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

14.1. Mr. Ortiz stated the following:

14.1.1. Nordic: We are having a really great year with the numbers and wanted to congratulate staff on the great job that they are doing.

14.1.2. Golf Ops: Finishing up hiring for the summer.

14.1.3. Sports: Keen signed up as title sponsor for Kids Adventure Race.

14.1.4. Youth Services: Ms. Gunion & Mr. Young presented to the CSE in hopes they will fund the Santa's workshop in 2011.

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15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Wilson stated he is excited to see where we are going, kudos to Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Weaver, Ms. Gunion and all of Staff.
- 15.2. Director Hanlon thanked Ms. Gunion for the Community survey, he is hoping that we continue the strong fishing program this summer and he is happy that we are now have the girls hockey program.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Michelle Hall, Secretary

Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director