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### **Minutes of the Special Meeting Of the Board of Directors**

#### **Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 23, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 23, 2012, at 5 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. Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Bill Suarez, Ken Wilson and Jeff Wiles
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
  - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
  - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Scott O'Connell, Scott Todd
4. OTHERS PRESENT
  - 4.1. Todd Fessenden, Eagle River Water and Sanitation District
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 MINUTES
  - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 Regular Board meeting as presented.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - 8.1. None
9. UPDATE ON VAIL GOLF CLUB, NORDIC CENTER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES
  - 9.1. Mr. Scott O'Connell provided an update on the process of planning for the temporary structures at the Vail Golf Club and Nordic Center. Mr. O'Connell explained the proposed structures are for the golf and Nordic operations during

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the planned renovation. The structures will include a locker room, storage and pro shop areas, as well as a temporary building to house golf carts in the summer only. The cart barn and storage structures are currently being planned on the north side of the starter building alongside the starter building and driving range net. The design team includes Pierce Architects, Town of Vail and VRD staff who are working on the project to move through the town's process. Pierce has been working on the aesthetics of the structures and a site plan. The pro shop and locker room/restroom structures were used previously as ticket offices at Beaver Creek Landing and were donated to the VRD by Vail Resorts.

- 9.1.1. The VRD and town of Vail have completed a conceptual Design Review Board process and are working on a final application for the DRB.
- 9.1.2. A conditional use permit has been submitted to the PEC.
- 9.1.3. The VRD held an open house with the community and are working with the town of Vail on the communication of the project including the DRB/PEC process. This has included notification to the golf community and those who have specifically requested to be notified of the process of the renovated Vail Golf Club and Nordic Center project.
- 9.1.4. Schedule is to work only one summer out of the temporary structures for golf operations. However, the VRD needs to be prepared to be working out of the structures for 18 months, including golf and Nordic operations.
- 9.1.5. The VRD is prepared to install the structures this fall if it can obtain the necessary permits and approvals through the town. It does need to be determined whether the clubhouse renovation will be on schedule and if there is a need to install the structures this fall.
- 9.1.6. VRD staff continues to communicate and collaborate with town of Vail staff on what is needed to create successful operations during the renovation.
- 9.2. Director Wilson requested a proposed schedule for the structures. Mr. O'Connell has separated the temporary structures from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole realignment. In regards to the clubhouse project, it is to be determined by upcoming decisions by the Town of Vail.
- 9.3. Director Sackbauer questioned the underground impacts of installing the structures when dealing with weather and spring ground water.
  - 9.3.1. Mr. O'Connell explained the current location of the temporary structures is an ideal spot for both proximity and utility needs. There are power and water lines available to provide adequate water and power for the structures. It will minimize the impact to the golfers, but there are still concerns and it would be a challenge to install in the spring. There is no budget to dewater the site. Mr. O'Connell is recommending asphalt, but is working with Viele Construction on what is the best route when looking at floor surfaces, gravel vs. concrete. He proposed removing the wall west of the driving range and landscaping before the structures are installed, but staff continues to look at how to best preserve current landscaping with the installation of the

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- structures. Some of the shrubs will remain through the temporary structures and those that need to be removed will be planned for relocating. Before any work occurs, there must be approvals by the DRB and PEC.
- 9.4. Director Wilson directed Mr. O'Connell to make sure the utility box near the practice facility is relocated during the process to allow usage of the north end of the practice facility. Mr. O'Connell explained that he will look at relocating or removing the utility box as it currently is not used, but will be used for the temporary structures.
  - 9.5. Director Sackbauer requested a financial impact if there is a need to dewater the site for the installation of the structures. He also requested an operational impact of a two-summer plan should the structures need to be used for over 18 months. He also requested painting the starter house so that it matches the structures that are being installed, including fencing.
  - 9.6. Mr. O'Connell explained staff is looking at renovation of the starter house following completion of the clubhouse renovation.
  - 9.7. Mr. O'Connell thanked the community members who attended the open house for their comments and involvement.
10. REVIEW OF EAGLE RIVER WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT EASEMENTS
- 10.1. Mr. Todd Fessenden with Eagle River Water and Sanitation District has been working with VRD staff on what is needed for the golf course to function, plus the needs of the ERWSD. Mr. Fessenden explained that there are about four existing well houses on the golf course that the ERWSD will have easements for. There are two future well/well houses on the far east end of the golf course and another near the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens.
  - 10.2. Well houses contain treatment equipment, electrical equipment and the pumping system. There are large easements located around the well houses that allow the ability to bring drilling equipment on site to perform operations, as well as reserved space around where the well is located so that if the well fails, you can move to another spot as needed. When the ERWSD receives permits by the state to drill, they are given a 200-foot space surrounding the well. Not all of the well easements are the same configuration in order to accommodate the golf course operations.
  - 10.3. Director Suarez questioned how the treatment works. Director Sackbauer, who chairs the ERWSD Board, explained, as an example, that there is a well between 13 and 14 tee. This well water is pumped toward I70 underneath Aspen Lane and the water is treated in this process before it is flowing through the drinking system and ERWSD storage tanks.
  - 10.4. Mr. Fessenden explained the Vail system is primarily ground water wells and they are very productive wells. Vail has a very healthy aquifer that provides Vail with some of its drinking water.

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- 10.5. Director Wiles questioned how the easements would affect the golf course. Mr. Fessenden explained that the ERWSD has worked to situate the easements in locations to provide the least impacts possible at the golf course or surrounding landscaping.
- 10.6. Director Sackbauer explained the current agreement is 29 years old. In 2006, ERWSD and VRD began researching the project. There are two pieces, the first include the easements and the second is the waterlines and sewer lines running underneath the golf course.
- 10.7. Director Wilson asked if there are negative impacts to the VRD if the easements are updated/changed through the new easement agreements. Mr. Fessenden responded that there should be no negativity associated with the easements
- 10.8. Director Wilson also questioned who pays for the drilling of the new wells? Mr. Fessenden said the ERWSD would pay for the drilling and expenses associated with well needs. Dr. Sackbauer explained that the original easements were on the golf course. The changes for the easements place them on or along the golf course with the least impacts as feasible, even taking into account errant golf balls. Mr. Fessenden said the easements are long-term projects.
- 10.9. Director Wilson questioned the total costs for the easement project? Mr. Fessenden explained that the VRD is contributing \$10,000 for survey work and the ERWSD will fund approximately \$30,000 or more.
- 10.10. Director Sackbauer explained that the 29-year-old agreement did not forecast work that has been done at the golf course including new weather stations and creek diversions. Most of what needs further discussion are housekeeping issues.
- 10.11. Mr. Fessenden thanked the VRD staff for their cooperation in working through the easement agreement process.
- 10.12. Mr. Fessenden walked through poster boards of the easement project. He explained the ERWSD utilized a geologist when researching the easements.
- 10.12.1. He explained the first well is between number 13 green and number 14 tee, which includes an access easement from Aspen Lane. The water is treated in a ERWSD facility in the CDOT easement. The location of the existing well easement is a typical square, while the new easement will be located adjacent to the hole, passed the shrubs, out of the way and could be hidden by landscaping. Test holes for the proposed well were drilled a few years ago. Director Sackbauer explained the ERWSD worked with VRD staff and the golf course master plan when reviewing the well easement locations.
- 10.12.2. The next location is between holes 12 and 15. It is near the building that has the bathroom. The proposed easement is notched so that it does not conflict with the holes. Access would be off of the Frontage Road.
- 10.12.3. The third well, the ERWSD is proposed to be located in the lower bench of Ford Park and would not necessarily affect VRD programs. ERWSD is working with the town of Vail on the proposed location and how it can work with the upcoming renovation of Ford Park. However, ERWSD will be

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looking at construction through the new concession area and how the water system can benefit this area as well.

- 10.12.4. The fourth well, which has not been drilled yet, is proposed to be adjacent to hole 17 and adjacent to the ponds (near the bench and hydrant on the hill). The easement is pushed as far away from the hole as feasible. It would be located on the embankment near the bike path and could be a semi-buried well house within the landscaping/ground. The well would work well with the current hydraulic system of the ERWSD. The access to the well would be via the recreation path to get to and service the well.
- 10.12.5. The fifth well, is removed from the golf course and located east of hole 13, beyond the neighborhood. It does not have impact on the golf course.
- 10.12.6. For the ponds adjacent to the pump house, there is an easement around the ponds so they remain in the future as they're an important function to the water system. The ERWSD is also looking at diversion easements.
- 10.12.7. The ERWSD also will get an easement for the existing sewer line running through the golf course. Director Suarez questioned whether the easement is just one easement. Mr. Fessenden explained that there are multiple locations and easements for the sewer line. Director Wilson questioned the age of the sewer line and when it will have to be upgraded. Director Sackbauer explained it was built when the golf course was constructed in the late 60s. There's no life expectancy for the sewer line. The sewer line goes from the east end of East Vail and runs to Forest Road. Mr. Fessenden explained that because it is a main sewer line, ERWSD is continually looking at it and how it is operating. Director Hanlon questioned if the proposed amendment protects the golf course's 169 acre-feet. Director Sackbauer explained that it does protect the acre-feet. Also, Director Hanlon questioned the 2013 drought plan changes. Mr. Ortiz explained the drought plan would remain the same.

#### 11. APPROVAL FOR EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO 1983 AGREEMENT WITH EAGLE RIVER WATER & SANITATION

- 11.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve amendments to the 1983 agreement with Eagle River Water and Sanitation District as discussed. A chair for the ERWSD, Director Sackbauer abstained from the vote.

#### 12. UPDATE ON FORD PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz read a draft press release that will be sent by the town of Vail and VRD which included information on who will be working on the Ford Park renovation as part of the conference center fund reallocation. The phase I project will include new restroom/concession areas west of the Vail Tennis Center and new restroom and storage on the east end of the upper bench, west of the softball fields. The current restroom will remain through early 2013 until field

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renovations begin. Mr. Ortiz said the work is pushing forward and fall construction will commence in August.

- 12.2. Director Wilson questioned when the bathrooms/concession areas will be completed. Mr. Ortiz said the scheduled completion date is spring 2013. Work on the fields will begin late summer 2013.
- 12.3. Director Wiles questioned how communication with and schedules for softball are proposed to take place. Mr. Ortiz explained they are working with event promoters and softball players on a schedule that can take place during the construction. This includes potentially utilizing areas such as Maloit Park in Minturn and adjacent community fields. Mr. Ortiz also said the schedule could be anywhere from two to four months depending weather and issues that may arise. Mr. Ortiz explained the turf must be installed by September 1, 2013 to allow ample growing time so that it will be ready for 2014.
- 12.4. Director Suarez questioned how trucks would travel to the amphitheater. Mr. Ortiz explained currently the trucks utilize Betty Ford Way on the west side of the park. Following the renovation, the trucks will utilize the east side with a widened path and many improvements.
- 12.5. Director Wiles questioned when the parking lot work will take place. Mr. Ortiz explained it will be phase I.
- 12.6. Mr. Ortiz thanked the Vail Town Council and staff for all the work that has taken place to keep the project moving forward.

### 13. JULY 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 13.1. Mr. Eric Weaver explained things are going well, revenues are favorable to budget and expenses are tracking close to budget. With the increase in the season, there are some increases in expenses. There is approximately \$280,000 in unallocated capital projects which will likely be rolled forward for future needs. Everything is doing great.

### 14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 14.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz provided highlights that have been happening or coming up.
  - 14.1.1. He reminded everyone that the Vail Golf Club hosted member-guest days and the Family Learning Center charity golf tournament is taking place in the next week. This is the first time the tournament will be held in Vail.
  - 14.1.2. He explained that Mr. Scott Todd is identifying needle health issues on trees along the golf course. Mr. Todd will be budgeting to spray the trees to keep the trees healthy in future years.
  - 14.1.3. He thanked those who finished summer employment at the Vail Golf Club, especially the summer interns who worked diligently throughout the summer to provide golfers with a great experience.
  - 14.1.4. Alice Plain has been invited to speak about the internship program on behalf of the Vail Golf Club at Methodist University. The Vail Mountain

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School boy's tournament will take place on Sept. 4 and continues to grow. He reminded everyone that tee times have moved to 7:30 p.m.

- 14.1.5. The Kids Adventure Race took place earlier this month. He thanked Director Wiles for his help. There were 220 kids participating in the event and it's a very fun, positive event. VRD staff worked their tails off in their event. The VRD will work to submit for awards where feasible. He also thanked Billy and Helen Mattison and Vail Resort's staff for their partnership in the event.
- 14.1.6. Pro Ambition Hockey Camp took place and will continue to come back. Dobson is working on scheduling a pre-season camp with a local amateur professional hockey player.
- 14.1.7. Marketing department finished a photo shoot with Jack Affleck for the Community Programming room and will aim to budget for more photography next year.
- 14.1.8. Gymnastics had a great summer with participants in its camps and gym programs from all over the nation and South America.
- 14.1.9. Community Programming continues to build programming and hosting private programming when feasible. Mr. Chad Young is working on Pioneer Days as well.
- 14.1.10. Once the Vail Valley Soccer Club event is over, Park crews will begin shutting down and preparing the playing fields for the winter.
- 14.1.11. Ms. Jamie Gunion also announced that the VRD was recognized as one of the best places to work in the nation by Outside Magazine.

#### 15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Suarez gave accolades for the Kids Adventure Race and the positive feedback he has received. Mr. Ortiz said the event had tubing, ziplining, bicycling, trekking, slack lines, slope'n'slide on Vail Mountain, cargo nets and more. Director Wiles added that the primary function of the race is on teamwork and really makes the participants focus and help each other through the race.
- 15.2. Director Suarez also said the Bill Wright Clay Court Championships was a success with a lot of participants from out of state.
- 15.3. Director Wiles reminded the group that the 10@10,000 feet trail running race is on Sunday morning on Vail Mountain at the top of Eagle's Nest. The gondola is free for spectators from 8 to 9 a.m. He also commented that the Men's Member-Guest Day at the Vail Golf Club was a huge success with many players from all over the valley. The golf course was in premium shape and speed of the greens was impressive. He encouraged the board members to come help at the next Kids Adventure Race.
- 15.4. Director Wilson commented that the Bill Wright Clay Court Championships was not held during the soccer tournament and helped with parking issues in previous years. He encouraged having the recreation subcommittee readdress

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dedicated parking for tennis participants during the paid parking days. There is a need for dedicated parking spaces and the programming would increase at the facilities on the paid parking days. He also addressed the Vail Town Council's Tuesday, Aug. 21 evening session and having clarification that 76 percent of the remodeled clubhouse will represent golf and Nordic functions. It is a very small increase in sq. footage for the community room. The facility will continue to be dedicated to golf and Nordic operations. He suggested asking staff to implement a very-managed practice facility at the current location that could include mats at the back, a ranger/concierge that is employed to help and monitor the use of the driving range, including monitoring use of clubs. There are signs on the golf course explaining the golfer is responsible and liable for property and personal damage. This signage should also be placed on the driving range. The VRD should take a very aggressive approach on managing the driving range with the right plan.

- 15.5. Director Sackbauer commented that a Red Sky Ranch member commented positively on the pace of play at the golf course. He commented that at the Vail Town Council Aug. 21 meeting, "banquet room" was suggested as a term for the expanded area in the golf club remodel. He also reiterated that the \$400,000 line item for the expanded net is not a VRD line item. He encouraged staff look at repainting the restrooms on the athletic field before the winter, as well as the restrooms on the golf course and what the VRD can do to maintain and have better upkeep of its restrooms. He commented that it is good news for the budget this year, and encouraged structuring the meetings so that a meeting is dedicated for day-to-day operations and one for planning.
- 15.6. Director Hanlon thanked the staff for their work on the Kids Adventure Race. He attended the Strider Cup the day prior to the adventure race and said spectators and participants were having a great time. He gave kudos to staff for the recognition by Outside Magazine. He also thanked Bob Seward and his staff for another great Clay Court Championships.
- 15.7. Director Wiles also added, that the individual winner of the Clay Court tournament said that the courts were the best courts he played on west of the Mississippi. Director Suarez agreed that they are the best courts in the Vail Valley and that there is a definite art to keeping them great.

#### 16. ADJOURNAMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Gunion  
Secretary to the Meeting