
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
May 10, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 10, 2018 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. Kim Newbury Rediker, Kevin Foley, Roland Kjesbo, Bill Suarez, Jason Plante

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Tom Saalfeld

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Sara Eaton, Caitlin Collins, Jerrica Miller, April Heredia

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Art J. Salazar, Mary Salazar, Qwahn Kent, Crystal Kent, Jamarr Kent, Diane Johnson, Maureen Mulcahy, Amy Schweig, Avery Weaver, Betsey Clarke, Lu Maslak

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Suarez called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 April 26, 2018 regular meeting, with Director Kjesbo abstaining due to absence.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

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- 9.1. Ms. Betsey Clarke spoke about a wildlife and staff concern at the Vail Golf Club and offered some suggestions for improvement. The Board thanked her for her input.
- 9.2. Mrs. Lu Maslak spoke about the same concern that she witnessed at the Vail Golf Club. The Board thanked her for her input.

10. OATHS OF OFFICE

- 10.1. Mrs. April Heredia, the Designated Election Official for the Vail Recreation District, swore in Directors Rediker Newbury and Plante. She also thanked Director Foley for his years of service.

11. RECOGNITION OF THE 2018 VAIL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS

- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz talked about the Vail Scholar Athlete Award, of which this is the second year of the award. This is a \$1,000 scholarship to one male and one female senior from a local high school. Mr. Ortiz presented this award to outstanding student athletes Qwahn Kent and Avery Weaver, both from Battle Mountain High School.
- 11.2. Director Rediker stated that the reason VRD started this award is to recognize students who not only achieve academically, but also in athletics, which is a difficult combination.
- 11.3. Miss Weaver thanked the Board for the scholarship.
- 11.4. Mr. Kent also thanked the Board for their consideration and for the award.

12. RECOGNITION OF JERRICA MILLER AND SARA EATON

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz spoke about Miss Miller and Mrs. Eaton and their contributions to the community programming department, where they are in charge of Camp Vail, PreKamp Vail and the KidZone after-school program. They work tirelessly to put on great programs for kids, lead some of the special events like the Easter Egg Hunt, and also help with sports and Dobson programs. Mr. Ortiz stated how they always have a positive attitude and he is very proud of their work.
- 12.2. Miss Miller thanked the Board and Mr. Ortiz for their support.
- 12.3. Director Foley added that a fun part of his day is seeing the kids run into the gym after school and be excited to work with Miss Miller and Mrs. Eaton.

13. INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF TENNIS

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz introduced Miss Caitlin Collins to the Board as the new Director of Tennis for the Vail Tennis Center. Miss Collins was the assistant pro at the Tennis Center last year, worked in the Nordic Center over the winter, and was the director of tennis at the Cascade Resort prior to joining VRD. The VRD is excited to have her on board running the tennis program this summer.

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14. EAGLE RIVER WATER AND SANITATION – DRAFT REGIONAL WATER EFFICIENCY PLAN

- 14.1. Mrs. Diane Johnson, Ms. Maureen Mulcahy and Ms. Amy Schweig from the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District presented a draft regional water efficiency plan to the Board. The basic premise of the plan is asking customers not to use less water, but to waste less water. The plan addresses understanding water use, programs that meet customer needs, conservation and efficiency goals. The ERWSD is presenting this plan to local authorities and looking for feedback from the public on what would work for the community.
- 14.2. Mr. Ortiz encouraged the group to give the presentation to school children. He stated that when kids come home from school excited about something, parents are usually willing to try it. He also suggested working with Walking Mountains Science Center.
- 14.3. Director Newbury Rediker expressed an interest in learning what can be used for affordable housing areas, that may not have the time or money to be more efficient. She also recommended getting in front of the lodging general managers group.
- 14.4. Director Foley reminded the public about the weekly watering schedule and asked about water usage at the golf course.
- 14.5. Mrs. Johnson explained that the new clubhouse hasn't been operating long enough to see the history, but hopes it is more efficient being a new building. She stated that on the golf course and in the parks, people who maintain these areas are professionals who are usually the best at conserving water, and the golf course superintendent is no exception, he even is proactive with a voluntary drought plan.
- 14.6. Mr. Ortiz added that the VRD is working with the ERWSD on dialing in the raw water system used at Ford Park, which lacks a good filtering process right now.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz talked about conditions at the Vail Golf Club. He said the driving range opened on Monday, May 7 and 10 holes of play will open on Friday, May 11. He reiterated that the unusual weather and snowpack conditions on the golf course over the winter did some unusual damage to some greens, but the maintenance staff is working hard to aerify, slice, top dress, seed and cover those areas to promote growth, and they will come back, they just need time and temperatures. More holes and greens will be opened as conditions allow.
- 15.2. Mr. Ortiz talked about how busy the marketing team is – they've been creating a new wedding brochure, lots of ads and collateral and also helping to

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get the Tennis Center and Miss Collins on board with the online registration and court booking system.

- 15.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that the sports department has been busy with races, with the whitewater, mountain bike and trail running race series all starting up.
- 15.4. Mr. Ortiz talked about the Vail Gymnastics program, and that two of the athletes recently participated in the regional championships, placing 11th and 14th. This is a big deal for such a small program, and Mr. Ortiz expressed how proud he was.
- 15.5. Mr. Ortiz talked about the parks maintenance and said that department is working hard on getting the fields ready. The athletic field also saw some of the same winter damage as the golf course, and they also plan to aerify, seed and cover those areas.
- 15.6. Mr. Ortiz said they did another walkthrough of the clubhouse with the town manager, and the new floors in the grill and banquet room are fantastic. They are replacing trim and baseboard and still tackling some leaks in the roof and training on the HVAC next week.
- 15.7. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Board and public that summer camps are starting soon. Youth services is still hiring for a couple of camp counselors, and Mr. Ortiz complimented Mr. Chad Young on all of his work preparing for the after-school program next year at the temporary elementary location in Maloit Park due to the school construction.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Kjesbo asked when the Grill on the Gore restaurant would open for the summer at the Vail Gold Club. Mr. Ortiz responded that the restaurant would open June 1, and the starter building would begin food and beverage operations tomorrow.
- 16.2. Director Plante reiterated the concerns about the wildlife and staff issue on the Vail Golf Club. Mr. Ortiz stated the infraction was reported to the police and Division of Wildlife and the employee has been fined and ticketed.
- 16.3. Director Foley thanked everyone for a great four years of service on the Board. He hopes by focusing on his role with town council he will be better able to push the town to take care of the recreational facilities and said he would still be working closely with VRD.
- 16.4. Mr. Ortiz thanked Mr. Foley for his service on the Board.
- 16.5. Director Suarez also thanked Director Foley for his service. He also let everyone know that the tennis nets at Booth Creek are up, and that pickleball is also open in Golden Peak. New clay is being installed at the Vail Tennis Center and they hope to open next week.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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- 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,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting