# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District October 28, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 28, 2021, 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. Tom Saalfeld, Jason Plante, Kim Rediker, Roland Kjesbo, Kirk Hansen

## 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

#### 3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Alice Plain, April Heredia, Chad Young, Dan Timm, Alice Plain, Jared Biniecki, Scott O'Connell, Jerry Stevens, Justin Gompf

## 4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Doug Talbot, Reggie O'Brien, Lance Haeberle, Juli Young, Anne Ekstrom, Sheila Sullivan

## 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

## 6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

#### 7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. Will add Sponsorship for BMHS Cross Country to unfinished business.

#### 8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 30 special meeting.

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#### 9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

- 9.1. Mr. Lance Haeberle wanted to thank Jerry Stevens and the VRD Board of Directors for the outstanding quality of the Pickleball program. He shared with the board that he has played at many venues and Vail is by far the best experience.
- 9.2. Ms. Reggie O'Brien wanted to say ditto to all the Mr. Haeberle shared.

## 10. REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2022 PROGRAM FEES

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that this year's fees reflect the districts efforts to make a bigger price difference between residents and non-residents.
- 10.2. Ms. Alice Plain shared with the board some corrections to the proposed 2022 junior golf fees. She also briefly explained the new pass structure that Nate Mead put together to simplify the pass matrix. She shared that the new pass structure for each type of pass allows for a bigger window to book tee times.
- 10.3. Mr. Kjesbo asked that the season pass prices be reviewed for Tennis and Pickleball, saying that he thought the proposed Pickleball fees to be too low.
- 10.4. Ms. Rediker asked that the verbiage explaining fees for community programming activities be further clarified when they are for multiple people. She also asked that we consider adding a "Platinum Pass" for 2023 for the district that would allow access to all programs.

#### 11. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET

- 11.1. Mr. Eric Weaver shared that in terms of revenue the assessed values of commercial property have declined and residential has increased. This overall will translate into a "flat" condition of revenues generated. Mr. Weaver reminded the board that we no longer have the mill levy for Dobson.
- 11.2. Mr. Weaver shared that the forecast for how we will finish 2021 will basically be what is budgeted for 2022 except for Dobson. Dobson is slowly making a return and we are hopeful that will continue to decrease its subsidy level in 2022.
- 11.3. Expenses will show an increase mostly all in personnel wages. We ran our summer season understaffed in all departments. We hope to be fully staffed with increases in wages.
- 11.4. Insurance rates are expected to increase anywhere from 10-15 percent.
- 11.5. Capital: We are debt free and are projecting to spend 2.6 million in 2022 replacing vehicles, much needed remodels at the tennis center and golf maintenance. Community programming is replacing its "Thoughts Flow Water display and routine maintenance from the Borne report.
- 11.6. Mr. Weaver summed up the 2022 proposed budget detailing that the district would be finishing the 2022 year with a 880K deficit based on capital spending however this deficit will be offset by 2021 reserves. We will be

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sitting at 6.6-million-dollar fund balance with 2.7 for operations which leaves 3.5 million to move forward in 2023 and future year.

## 12. ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH MCMAHAN AND ASSOCIATES

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver proposed an engagement letter with McMahan and Associates to conduct this year's audit. They have proposed a slight fee increase.
- 12.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to select McMahan and Associates as the audit firm for the fiscal year 2021 audit.

## 13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-BMHS CROSS COUNTRY SPONSORSHIP

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz said he was approached by Kira Howard a member of the Battle Mountain High School cross country team going to the Nike regionals. He asked the Board if they would be interested in funding them \$1,500.
- 13.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve a \$1,500 donation to the Battle Mountain High School cross country team to help fund this annual trip.

#### 14. SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIALS

- 14.1. Mr. Eric Weaver gave a high-level overview of the September financials. He shared that we are doing amazing considering we thought COVID was going to affect us again this year. He shares we are currently favorable in revenues by 1.2 million compared to budget while expenses are over by 132K.
- 14.2. Mr. Weaver gave kudos to the F&B department for doing a great job this year and presenting a thorough budget and is excited about the quality team we now have in place.

## 15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

15.1. Mr. Ortiz gave a quick update on the green's renovation. He shared their progress and that they are on task to get done what they need to before snow makes it impossible.

## 16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Plante wanted to thank the F&B department for an outstanding job this summer and it was great to see the improvements.
- 16.2. Director Hansen shared that he was impressed with the ad in the Vail Daily for the VRD rec sports. He said it was well done and commended Jessie.
- 16.3. Ms. Rediker shared that at the special events funding meeting is grateful to have Joel Rabinowitz help every year. She stated that his insight was very valuable. She shared that the VRD were funded, and that Yeti Hockey Club was also funded.

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- 16.4. Mr. Kjesbo wanted to recognize the excellent work Total Turf is doing on the greens.
- 16.5. Mr.Saalfeld gave a good luck shout out to our board members Kim Rediker and Kirk Hansen as they are running for Vail Town Council.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

17.1. 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, April Heredia Secretary to the Meeting