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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District  
dba Vail Recreation District  
November 14, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on November 14, 2019 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, Bill Suarez, Kim Newbury Rediker, Roland Kjesbo, Jason Plante

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Alice Plain, Scott O'Connell

4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Kevin Foley

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

- 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. Mr. Ortiz added an agenda item to consider a BMHS funding request.

8. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

- 8.1. Mr. Kevin Foley addressed the board during public input. He told the Board that he was newly re-elected to town council and would be volunteering to replace Greg Moffet on the joint Vail Recreation District/Vail Town Council Recreation Subcommittee. He looks forward to working with the Board to further recreation goals with the Town of Vail.

9. BMHS FUNDING REQUEST

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- 9.1. Mr. Ortiz said he was approached by two members of the Battle Mountain High School cross country team who are going back to the regional Nike event in Arizona. They usually take 20 to 30 of their team members to run a meet and visit colleges. He asked the Board if they would be interested in funding the trip at \$1,000 as they have in past years.
- 9.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Battle Mountain High School cross country team to help fund this annual trip.

#### 10. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2020 FEES

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz gave an overview of the 2020 proposed fees. At the past meeting, he was asked to look into the proposed increase to after-school program fees, and clarified that it was a three-dollar increase, not five dollars as previously stated. He also said the department had done a comparison with other local recreation providers and they are lower than Avon and competitive within the region.
- 10.2. Mr. Scott O'Connell reviewed pricing for the 2021 banquet room rentals at the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse. He proposed instituting a \$10,000 food and beverage minimum for the banquet room on peak season Saturdays based on past data and demand. He also said the department would like to move away from selling the wedding island as a standalone facility and offer it as an additional amenity to events utilizing the banquet room.
- 10.3. After some discussion, Mr. O'Connell emphasized that VRD is one of the few local facilities that doesn't require a F&B minimum in general, and the only venue that allows outside catering.
- 10.4. After some discussion, the Board encouraged Mr. O'Connell to continue with this proposed change.
- 10.5. Hearing no public comment and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the 2020 proposed fees as presented.

#### 11. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver stated the team spent the past two weeks going over the F&B budgets to really understand the historical significance of the larger subsidy in 2019. He said that a few very large events and understaffing in 2018 contributed to the difference year over year. Through this effort, he said they were able to make a budget with a subsidy that falls between the 2018 and 2019 subsidies, with a future goal of this department breaking even. He said other changes were made in areas such as pickleball staffing. With these changes, the new proposed budget shows a \$180K profit, compared to \$100K at last review. Any profit realized will roll into the capital projects reserve.

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- 11.2. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to re-open the public hearing for the adoption of the 2020 budget.
- 11.3. Hearing no public comment, upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to close the public hearing for the adoption of the 2020 proposed budget.
- 11.4. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the resolution to adopt the 2020 budget as presented, to approve the resolution to certify the mill levy at 3.760 mills for operations, 0.017 mills for refunds/abatements, and 0.235 mills for a special mill levy approved at the 2004 election, and to approve the resolution to appropriate funds for spending in 2020, all of which are subject to minor adjustments which may result from the final certification of assessed values.

#### 12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz gave an overview of the Directors Report as presented in the Board packet. He highlighted the challenges with recent weather on the golf course and encouraged the public to check out upcoming VRD holiday offerings.
- 12.2. He also spoke about upcoming plans to meet with new Town Manager Scott Robson.
  - 12.2.1. Director Saalfeld asked if it would be possible to schedule a VRD/Town of Vail Recreation Subcommittee meeting, possibly before the holidays. Mr. Ortiz will look into it, while being sensitive to Mr. Robson's new schedule.

#### 13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Plante thanked staff for their hard work on budgets. He also passed along complements from the community about the recent gymnastics meet held at Dobson Ice Arena, he said it was very successful and a great partnership between the Gymnastics and Dobson staff.
  - 13.1.1. Mr. Ortiz added that the approved CSE funding for the 2020 event will help with the equipment rental cost and that Dobson worked great as a venue for this competition.
- 13.2. Director Suarez said the Nordic swap went really well and it was a record day in the Nordic retail shop. He also thought splitting the pickleball tournament into two weekends is a great idea. He asked about the status of the tennis staff for 2020 summer.
  - 13.2.1. Mr. Ortiz said that Miss Caitlin Collins will give the VRD an answer by Jan. 1 if she will be returning.
- 13.3. Director Kjesbo commended Mr. Dan Timm for setting the Nordic track as early as they did, he was very impressed with what staff did with the little snow they had.

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- 13.4. Director Saalfeld mentioned the Vail Ugly Sweater 5K Fun Run scheduled for Dec. 14. He encouraged participation and that the entry fee is free with a donation of food or toy.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

- 14.1. 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