
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
February 28, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 28, 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, Jason Plante, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Scott O'Connell

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. None

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. Mr. Ortiz asked to add a construction update by Mr. Scott O'Connell.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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- 10.1. Mr. O'Connell gave an update on construction projects at the Vail Golf Club. He talked about the starter building and the golf maintenance storage building. Both projects are on time and on budget.
11. BOARD ACTION ITEM – INCREASE FUNDING OF VAIL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD
- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz presented a change in the Vail Scholar Athlete Award college scholarship and asked the Board to consider changing the award from a one-year award to a four-year award for students.
- 11.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the increased funding of the Vail Scholar Athlete Award as presented.
12. RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE
- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz gave the Board an update on the February 19 recreation subcommittee meeting between representatives of the VRD Board and staff and Town of Vail Council and staff. The main topic of discussion was the Golf & Nordic Clubhouse lease. Director Saalfeld stated the meeting was very productive and appreciated cooperation from the town. Director Suarez also thought it was a very positive meeting and feels good about the clubhouse lease compromise.
- 12.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that other agenda items talked about were the Civic Area plan, with Dobson Ice Arena as a main focus of that plan. The first phase of the plan included a public survey through EngageVail.com. Through the survey, residents said they would like to see a second sheet of ice, improved systems, a connection between the library and ice arena, more recreation possibilities and better pedestrian access. This was just the first phase and will have more stakeholder and public input to come.
- 12.3. Director Saalfeld asked Mr. Ortiz that the Board is kept informed in all matters involving the Civic Area Plan.
13. BOARD ACTION ITEM – PLACE A FACILITY HOLD ON THE BATTLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL HUSKIES & HEROES GOLF TOURNAMENT DATE
- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz proposed that the Board place a hold for the BMHS Huskies & Heroes golf tournament on the second Friday in June every year. It is an annual event with proceeds going to the BMHS football team. The tournament hosts active duty and Ft. Carson veterans with housing for the weekend. Bart Cuomo runs the tournament and has been a loyal supporter of the VRD and Vail Golf Club for many years. Mr. Ortiz stated the banquet room schedule is getting so busy and booking up so quickly, VRD should hold a date for this annual tournament.

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- 13.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the facility hold as presented.

14. JANUARY 2019 FINANCIALS

- 14.1. Mr. Weaver stated that January is a typically low month for revenues and expenses. He said revenues numbers are doing well, and the health insurance company did a rebate to participants, so the budget is showing a \$20K rebate in revenue. Expenses are \$33K ahead of budget, a lot are timing related. Mr. Weaver also stated that insurance premiums have been paid; workers comp and general liability were higher than expected. Overall, Mr. Weaver reported the year is off to a good start budget-wise.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz gave highlights from the directors' report as presented in the board packet.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Plante said it's great to see all the participation at the Nordic Center, Imagination Station and Dobson Ice Arena. He credited the marketing department with promoting these facilities throughout town and in the Vail Daily. He also was pleased to see the golf course is adding new scooters to their rental cart fleet and that Mr. O'Connell is checking up on construction projects.
- 16.2. Director Suarez stated he has received two calls regarding geese signs on the golf course.
- 16.3. Director Newbury Rediker stated she enjoyed participating in the VRD staff day at Tennessee Pass today. She thinks the VRD is lucky to have such a great team. She said everyone has a positive attitude and works together great as a team, it was fun to spend the day with them.
- 16.4. Director Kjesbo asked a question about town relations and if there is a way to start tracking numbers of participants and facility users to present to the town of economic impact.
- 16.4.1. Mr. Ortiz responded that all of the Ford Park field events are surveyed by the promoters through CSE, and we will continue to work with them on those surveys. On the programming side, Mr. Ortiz stated the VRD brings a lot of sales tax into the town. The marketing department is tracking much of this through online registrations and MaxGalaxy, and also does surveys with guests who visit the golf course, sports races and Nordic Center. We're continuing to look for additional ways to track this information and expand MaxGalaxy functionality to additional departments. Mr. Ortiz said a great example of VRD economic impact is

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how many visitors the lacrosse tournaments brings to town, yet VRD subsidizes the field maintenance department and costs.

16.5. Director Saalfeld asked that a Board retreat date be discussed and scheduled.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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