
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 28, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 28, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Vail, Council Chambers Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Ken Wilson, Michelle Hall, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Jeff Wiles

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Jamie Gunion, Lori Gordon, Steve Sarro, Scott O'Connell, Alice Plain

4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT

4.1. Kevin Foley

5. OTHERS PRESENT

5.1. Shane Sluder, Mia Stockdale, Andy Stewart, Carl Huckdale

6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

6.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.

7. CALL TO ORDER

7.1. Director Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

8. APPROVAL OF 8/14/08 MEETING MINUTES

8.1. Director Hall moved to approve the August 14, 2008 Board meeting minutes, Director Hanlon seconded. Approved unanimously

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9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

- 9.1. A representative from Battle Mountain High School wanted to thank the board and the VRD for the support for the Hockey Team. The BMHS Hockey Team gave a framed picture signed by all of the players to the board members.
- 9.2. Mr. Kevin Foley stated the he is interested in having a disc golf course in Vail and is interested in having the VRD oversee the operation of it. A group is working to determine the best location for such a course and will keep the VRD updates as it moves forward with the proposal. The Board supported the idea and thought it would be another great recreational amenity if a suitable site could be found.

10. VAIL NORDIC CENTER PROPOSAL FOR SNOW CAT PURCHASE AND TRACK MAINTENANCE- MR. SHANE SLUDER

- 10.1. Mr. Shane Sluder wanted to thank the VRD for last year as it was the best year on recent record. Mr. Sluder and Ms. Mia Stockdale presented a proposal whereby they would take over full operation of maintaining the Nordic track, including signage, trimming and pruning trees, daily grooming and maintenance of track. They would also pay the District \$10,000 per year to lease the cat and would hire an operator as well as perform all maintenance and supply fuel for the machine. They would also purchase the VRD snowmobile and pull behind groomer at fair market value as well as plan to purchase a Ginzu for a back-up grooming option. In exchange for absorbing these additional costs they would receive all of the track fees rather than splitting them with the District as in the past.
- 10.2. Director Hanlon thanked Mr. Sluder and Ms. Stockdale for running the program.
- 10.3. Director Hall stated the she is concerned with impressions. If there were complaints, who were they to go? Is this a private course being run on public land? What exactly will be VRD's role? Director Hall also stated that we have a lease with the Town of Vail and we need to have more details if we are to move forward.
- 10.4. Director Wilson stated that we will need to get the Town of Vail's approval as Ms. Stockdale and Mr. Sluder would be a sub-contractor to the VRD.
- 10.5. Director Wiles questioned about the snow shoeing? Ms. Stockdale answered she would tell them that a pass is required to be on the course because it is costing money for the trails to me maintained. Most of the people need to come in to rent snow shoes any way, so they buy the pass at that time.

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- 10.6. Director Sackbauer stated that the shop always looks nice. He questioned who would be maintaining the Snow Cat? Mr. Sluder answered that he would store the Snow Cat in our facility but they their staff would perform the necessary maintenance on the Snow Cat.
- 10.7. Director Wilson Congratulated both Mr. Sluder and Ms. Stockdale for running the program for the last several years. It is a huge asset to have in the winter time here in Vail.
- 10.8. Director Wilson recommended that the Board go into executive session to discuss the lease at the end of the meeting.

11. UPDATE ON PROPOSAL OF GOLF COURSE MASTER PLAN- MR. STEVE SARRO

- 11.1. Mr. Steve Sarro stated the Town of Vail and AMEC (formerly Hydrosphere) have sufficient mapping for master planning for the Golf Course. Mr. Sarro went over the different goals that he had for the Master plan, such as drainage, cart paths, pace of play, safety concerns, noise pollution and many other enhancements. The cost should be under \$50,000 for the plans and drawings.
- 11.2. Director Wilson questioned if this master planning was staying out of re-designing the Golf course and just doing enhancements? Mr. Sarro clearly stated yes.
- 11.3. Director Hall wanted to make sure that the safety issues are being worked on.
- 11.4. Director Sackbauer stated that he was not comfortable with the timeline and feels that it is unattainable and would like to push it back the award contract to the October 9, 2008 board meeting.

12. JULY FINANCIAL REPORT- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 12.1. Mr. Eric Weaver reported that the month of July was a good month with all departments at or over budget for revenues during the month. The only significant change in the financial forecast is the postponement of the retaining wall projects. The District will roll those funds into the 2009 budget.

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13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Ms. Alice Plain stated this that today was the first slowdown of the summer with some patches of time with un-booked tee times.. The staff is still smiling after a long summer. Director Wilson thanked Ms. Plain.
- 13.2. Mr. Ortiz thanked the board for meeting with WECMRD and we are securing the use of the youth soccer fields for joint use with WECMRD for the Spring of 2009. We are still in the process of working with WECMRD on different agreements.
- 13.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that we are winding down the season, with only 2 more running races and Fall soccer coming up. After School programs start the week of the 1st week of September. The Golf course is in awesome shape, and all of the Golf course staff is great. Thank you.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Hanlon thanked Mr. Sarro for such a professional presentation to the board, and thanked Ms. Plain as it is a pleasure to be at the golf course with it's customer service, it reflects from the top, filtering down. We are lucky to have you and your wonderful staff.
- 14.2. Director Sackbauer stated that he had a discussion a member of the Colorado conservation water board and it appears that there is potential for state money for grants for a portion of the irrigation system. He would like the board's permission to follow up with this. Director Sackbauer would also like to see an ADA presentation at the next board meeting. He would also like to discuss employee housing.
- 14.3. Director Wiles thanked the staff for helping out with the Mark Patterson Fundraiser softball game. He commented that with the discussions with WECMRD he feels that there are definite positives going forward. Lastly he commented that the bathrooms will be open this Sunday at Golden Peak for the running race.
- 14.4. Director Wilson thanked Ms. Plain, Mr. Sarro, as they and their staff are doing a great job. Mr. O'Connell was thanked for keeping our facility's nice, tidy, and updated. Director Wilson stated that he has had many discussions with Mr. Mike Glass with WECMRD and we will need to discuss further if the VRD should use out of district facilities. We should have a public session with our residents to see how they feel about programs outside of our district. We must however keep in mind that some things are not feasible to do, such as spring soccer due to the snow levels in Vail. Director Wilson wants to know what the public feels.

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15. Director Sackbauer made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of: §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., “Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.” –Lease negotiations. Director Hanlon seconded. Approved unanimously

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1. Director Sackbauer motioned to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Director Hanlon seconded. Approved unanimously

Michelle Hall, Secretary

Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director

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