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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District May 12, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 12, 2016 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. Kevin Foley, Bill Suarez, Kim Newbury, Tom Saalfeld, Jeff Wiles, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, April Heredia, Jessie Klehfoth

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Mac Garnsey, Scott Bluhm, Joe Styles, Michael Cacioppo

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting, with Director Saalfeld abstaining due to his absence from the previous meeting.

7.2. Director Saalfeld recognized Director Jeff Wiles for his service on the board. Jeff is term limited and this is the last meeting of his two terms on the Board of Directors.

7.2.1. Director Wiles thanked the board for all their service and expressed how much he will miss it. He congratulated incoming Director Roland Kjesbo on his election.

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7.3. Director Saalfeld asked the Board if they would allow the agenda to be amended to add one item, to pursue special legal counsel. The Board agreed to add this agenda item.

8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

8.1. Mr. Michael Cacioppo wanted to congratulate the newly elected and re-elected board members and thanked Mr. Jeff Wiles for his service. Mr. Cacioppo asked the board by a show of hands, how many agreed that an elected official who lives in a district should have voters that can vote for or against him that vote in a different district. Four of the Board members expressed support for this, with one Board member abstaining.

9. OATHS OF OFFICE

9.1. Director Saalfeld swore in Directors Suarez and Kjesbo to a four-year term on the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

10.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to elect Director Saalfeld as Board Chairman, Director Suarez as VP/Secretary, and Director Kjesbo as VP/ Treasurer, with the remaining Directors as VP/Assistant Secretary/Treasurers.

11. VAIL VALLEY FOUNDATION KAABOO MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTATION

11.1. Representatives from the Vail Valley Foundation (VVF) - Mr. Scott Bluhm, Mr. Mac Garnsey and Mr. Joe Styles - presented a proposal for a music festival and cultural experience to take place in August 2017 utilizing the Vail Athletic Fields, Vail Tennis Center and Ford Park area, called KAABOO-VAIL. Mr. Bluhm and Mr. Garnsey gave a brief overview of the festival. Mr. Styles, the site designer, walked through the site plan, which included stages and concert venues on the Ford Park softball fields, the Vail Athletic Fields and the Vail Tennis Center clay tennis courts. Mr. Bluhm then addressed the protection plan for the softball and athletic fields and the clay tennis courts. The VVF has engaged a turf protection expert and will develop a SOP for installation, as there will be a lot of work needed to prep the fields for months beforehand and then recover the fields after the festival.

11.1.1. Members of the Board asked questions about event details and expressed concerns about the impact the festival will have on the recreation facilities and recreational users being displaced by the event, and also the timing of the VVF just now presenting to the VRD Board and asking for a commitment by mid-June. The board decided to take no action until they have more information and time for a public input process. The Board strongly welcomes and expects public input from Vail Recreation District

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constituents at future Board meetings before a decision will be made whether to move forward.

12. PURSUIT OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

12.1. Mr. Ortiz spoke about retaining legal counsel, Moyer White out of Denver, who specializes in real estate and entertainment law. The Board gave Mr. Ortiz direction to continue talking with them about representing the VRD in discussions with the Vail Valley Foundation and KAABOO-VAIL.

13. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PEERS

13.1. Mr. Ortiz asked the Board to choose peers from the Vail Town Council. The peer matches selected were Director Saalfeld with Mayor Dave Chapin and Ms. Kim Langmaid, Director Newbury with Mr. Greg Moffet, Director Foley with Ms. Jen Mason, Director Suarez with Mrs. Jenn Bruno, and Director Kjesbo with Mr. Dick Cleveland.

14. ASSIGNMENT OF RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

14.1. The Recreation Sub-Committee was assigned and will continue with the 2015 assignments of Director Suarez and Director Saalfeld.

15. MARCH 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

15.1. Mr. Weaver explained that community programming camps, as well as concessions and Learn to Skate programs at Dobson Ice Arena are doing better than budget projections. Additional insurance premiums due to increased construction replacement costs have driven administration expenses up a little, but overall the VRD finances have had a very good start to the year.

16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 16.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that sports has been very busy with successful short track mountain bike races, the first trail running race this Saturday, and summer programming is ramping up.
- 16.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that Camp Eco Fun and Camp Vail have had a lot of bookings and the new online registration system has been working very well.
- 16.3. Mr. Ortiz talked about how gymnastics has actually picked up in May, which is historically a slow month for them.
- 16.4. Mr. Ortiz stated that parks maintenance is coming along well, weather conditions notwithstanding. Mr. Ortiz shared that Mr. Scott Todd, the golf course maintenance superintendent said this is the best year of conditions coming out of the winter that he has seen during his tenure. The golf course will open on Sunday, May 15 with 18 holes of golf. Golf course conditions will be updated on a new Web page on the Vail Recreation District website.

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- 16.4.1. Director Foley asked how staff levels were in golf maintenance. Mr. Ortiz said that applications are still being accepted, however they are now staffed to an acceptable level for current needs.
- 16.4.2. Director Suarez asked when construction will start on the new pickleball courts. Mr. Ortiz responded that pickleball will be presented at the next council with a proposed June 1 construction start.
- 16.4.3. Director Foley asked about the possibility of parking at Ford Park for the golf course. Mr. Ortiz responded that all options are being considered and alternate plans are in place.
- 16.4.4. Director Saalfeld asked for clarification on email updates. Mr. Ortiz stated that we will invite golf users to sign up for a construction update list.
- 16.4.5. Director Foley congratulated Ms. Alice Plain for winning the Horton Award through the PGA. He then also asked about how pass sales are doing. Mr. Ortiz stated that pass sales are slow, and reminded users that the price will go up \$50 on June 1. Director Foley asked about the Sports Authority sponsorship, and Mr. Ortiz did not have full details on the impact of the recent bankruptcy filing on their sponsorship agreement. Director Foley asked about the maintenance at Dobson Ice Arena. Mr. Ortiz responded that they are doing a full interior repaint and it is going well. Director Foley commended the new website and said marketing is looking great. Director Foley asked about pedestrian access from the golf course parking, and Mr. Ortiz said that there are daily changes that are discussed in weekly OAC meetings to discuss safety, access and logistics. Director Foley asked about the new food and beverage manager at Dobson Ice Arena. Mr. Ortiz responded that Scott Zessin has been hired, and Dave Root will continue direction of concessions and the golf course. Director Foley then asked why Walking Mountains needs to approve signage at the Nature Center when the VRD is the operator. Mr. Ortiz explained that they are giving input and the town will need to approve the signs.
- 16.4.6. Mrs. Klehfoth stated that the marketing department has been very busy. The coverage of the VRD in the Vail Daily and on the local radio stations has been great, and local advertising is being ramped up over past years. The VRD is also doing more online advertising than in the past, including new social media advertising.
- 16.4.6.1. Director Newbury mentioned that she heard a community member talking about the Whitewater Race Series on the radio.

17. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 17.1. Director Newbury stated that a local parent had thanked her and the board for the new floor at the Vail Gymnastics Center, and she wanted to pass the thanks along to the staff.
- 17.2. Director Kjesbo asked about parking for the Vail Golf Course. Mr. Ortiz stated

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that there will be no parking allowed on the residential streets surrounding the golf course, but that the VRD has a plan for construction parking and guest parking during construction need times.

- 17.3. Director Foley stated that all of the park fields are looking great. Mr. Ortiz explained that we started a new over-seeding project last year which has been very successful.
- 17.4. Director Foley also thanked Mr. Rodney Johnson, Mr. Stephen Connolly and Mr. Brian Rodine for running for the board. He asked about ideas to address low voter turnout and if we should do a mail-in ballot. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Board that a mail-in ballot is very expensive, and that if the Board would like to go that route we will need to plan and budget for it in the future.
- 17.5. Director Suarez was very excited about the fields, and wants to keep looking at funding sources for the District as a high priority. Director Suarez also commended Director Newbury for her comments to the Vail Valley Foundation during the earlier presentation and for expressing concern about how long it took for them to come in front of the VRD Board. Director Foley also seconded this sentiment, stating that going in front of all the other organizations before coming to the VRD Board seemed unfair. Director Suarez stated that people were asking him where the Grand View Room was for the election and why the election was not at the town administrative building. Director Newbury stated that we couldn't have the election in that building because of a town council meeting that day. She also stated that the signage for the election and Grand View Room was well placed. Mr. Ortiz stated that the room location and venue were well promoted in the paper and on the radio prior to the election.
 - 17.5.1. Director Saalfeld stated that he had done a tour of the clubhouse and asked if any other members of the Board were interested in getting a tour. The Board decided to do a tour at 4 p.m. before the next meeting.
 - 17.5.2. Director Suarez reminded guests that there will be no storage of golf bags at the Vail Golf Club this summer due to the clubhouse construction. Mr. Ortiz added that the driving range will be closed until approximately Father's Day weekend, along with the chipping green. However, the old 18 green is available for chipping.
 - 17.5.3. Director Saalfeld asked about the skatepark. Mr. Ortiz explained that the skatepark has been named after Mr. Zeke M. Pierce but that the skatepark is not yet open to the public. The Town of Vail will announce the opening date.

18. ADJOURNMENT

- 18.1. 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,

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Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting