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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 13, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 13, 2015 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. Kim Newbury, Bill Suarez, Tom Saalfeld, Kevin Foley, Jeff Wiles
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Beth Pappas
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Randy Wyrick, Dawn Ristow, Stephen Connolly, Patty Mueller, Heidi Skarajunsky
 - 4.2. Other community members
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 meeting.
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE(S):§24-6-402(4) (B), C.R.S.,
“CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE
PURPOSES OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS”
 - 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to move into Executive Session.

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8.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to move out of Executive Session and back in to the Regular meeting at 5:40 p.m.

9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

9.1. Mr. Stephen Connolly spoke to the Board about potential misconduct regarding VRD employee(s) and read information to the board with statements for the issue. He requested the board look into the issue further.

10. VAIL KIDS ADVENTURE GAMES RECAP

10.1. Ms. Beth Pappas, Sports and Events Manager for the VRD, recapped the 6th Annual Kids Adventure Games, which took place in Vail Aug. 5-9. During the five-day event, all three days of racing were sold out with 780 participants ages six to 14. There were only two team no shows. The expo saw 3,500 kids, plus their families. Kidsport, a large sponsor of the event, had their third busiest day in the store's history. The event continues to be a partnership with Helen and Billy Mattison with Kids Adventure Games LLC. She thanked the volunteers and community for their contributions. Highlights included Director Mike Ortiz who volunteered for three days, board member Kim Newbury who assisted in the busiest intersection of the race. Pappas said it was an amazing event, and gave a huge thanks to the Town of Vail, Vail Resorts, Vail businesses and the community as a whole.

10.1.1. Director Newbury also mentioned many of the participants who raced one day volunteered another day. She also noted she attended a Vail Economic Advisory Council meeting with the Commission on Special Events and concerns were expressed regarding the experience in Vail Village and the Village being so crowded during the race.

10.1.1.1. Ms. Pappas explained staff and the Kids Adventure Games LLC are discussing how to make the event less congested with how busy the town is now. She agreed and the event producer will work with the town and evolve for a better event.

11. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS AND ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE DISTRICT'S POLICY ON RESPONDING TO OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS.

11.1. Mr. Connolly expressed concerns about having the Director of the VRD acting as the custodian for open requests.

11.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the Resolution designating the official custodian of records and adopting and amending the District's policy on responding to open record requests.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

12.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the following items:

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- 12.1.1. Golf Maintenance reported there has not been significant precipitation in a while and Gore Creek continues to drop. Staff is watching the levels of the creek and ready to implement the drought management plan should there be a need. The plan is a tiered program to address needs for the course and Gore Creek.
- 12.1.2. Golf Operations will say goodbye Chris Johnson, head PGA instructor for the course. He will be leaving after eight years to take a position with Cherry Creek as First Assistant.
- 12.1.3. Sports had a successful weekend with the Davos Dash bike race last night, Aug. 12.
- 12.1.4. Jim Sanders with Parks Maintenance is starting to ease back in following his surgery. The DU Women's Soccer and DU Men's Soccer Teams will both practice up in Vail prior to their college season.
- 12.1.5. Community Programming will extend Camp Vail one week longer. All Camps will operate out of Golden Peak.
- 12.1.6. Building Maintenance continues to work on the clubhouse renovation.
- 12.1.7. There will be 26 gas carts that will be used this fall during the renovation of the clubhouse. Staff is researching an additional 14 that will help players enjoy the course throughout the fall.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Saalfeld questioned golf revenues for the summer.
 - 13.1.1. Mr. Weaver explained the course had a great early season with punch cards and passes. Daily fee revenues continue to lag a bit, but pass play and punch card play is steady. The weather in late June early July affected daily fees. The weather the past two weeks have been excellent and the downward trend has subsided.
 - 13.1.2. Director Saalfeld expressed concerns and asked to research the play further and not lose market share.
- 13.2. Director Foley thanked Chris Johnson for all his work over the years. He will be missed. He questioned west field home runs for softball.
 - 13.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the town has hired a safety consultant to look at the issue with home runs heading into lower bench of Ford Park.
- 13.3. Director Suarez reminded the board that next Friday, Aug. 21, Businesses, Bogeys and Bragging Rights will take place. He asked the community to get a team together and offer up some donation items or silent auction items.
- 13.4. Director Wiles said staff worked their tails off during the Kids Adventure Games. He thanked the staff and said it was impressive.

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.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Gunion
Secretary to the Meeting