
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
January 25, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 25, 2018 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, Kim Newbury Rediker, Kevin Foley, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Bill Suarez

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Shari Rodeen, Parker Rodeen

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 special meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. Mrs. Shari Rodeen thanked the Board and VRD staff for the Battle Mountain High School Nordic race at the Vail Nordic Center last weekend. She said the feedback was very positive from the parents and other schools. She also thanked the Board for the open arm policy at the Nordic Center, and welcoming back the local school kids. She says it has made a huge difference.

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- 9.2. Mr. Parker Rodeen also thanked the Board on behalf of the Battle Mountain High School Nordic team.
10. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF LOTTERY PROCEEDS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2018
- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that GoCo (Great Outdoors Colorado) funding is lottery proceeds that come to municipalities and park and recreation districts through two forms: GoCo fund or the Conservation Trust Fund. The VRD has not received any GoCo funds in the form of grants, but has received Conservation Trust Funds, nearly \$628,000 to be used for park projects. Mr. Ortiz explained that in 2024, the Colorado General Assembly will have to vote to authorize that refunding. The Colorado Parks and Recreation Association is trying to be active and get a resolution passed now to extend the funding, and they also have a bill to end the sunset and permanently appropriate the funding to parks and recreation, Colorado wildlife and open spaces. Mr. Ortiz recommended the Board approve the resolution, and the Association is trying to get all entities to sign this resolution and the send it on to the state legislature. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve VRD Resolution 2018-1 as read.
11. RECAP OF BATTLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NORDIC RACE JANUARY 20, 2018
- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz told the Board about the Nordic race that happened at the Vail Nordic Center on January 20, 2018. The race was Battle Mountain High School's home invitational meet, and saw over 350 students competing between the high school and middle school races. There were probably 350 spectators, and from the VRD perspective the event was very well organized. VRD staff did the timing for the race and set the track. Over 14 schools competed. Following the school races, the VRD hosted a 5K citizens race with 45 athletes participating, with prominent local athletes placing very well. There was an after-party in the Grill on the Gore, and comments were very positive all around. Mr. Ortiz thanked the Town of Vail, especially the police department, events committee and public works; Vail Mountain School and Lisa Isom for parking assistance; Tina Licciardi at Fallridge, the Battle Mountain High School Nordic team parents for their help; the Höchtl brothers and HWK Skiwax, 808 Distillery and Alpine Wine & Spirits; the BMHS coaches; and volunteers Marlin Smickley, Ellen Miller, Nick Hancock, Jim Sanders, Scott Todd and Chad Young. Mr. Ortiz stated that everyone in the VRD pitched in and it was a lot of work. He also gave a special thanks to Joel Rabinowitz for working on the parking plan with all the entities needed to coordinate. The quality of the track was great for the conditions. After some

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discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz for the update.

12. DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIALS

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver explained that the preliminary 2017 numbers are in although they are not final. Mr. Weaver said the preliminaries show the VRD finishing the year \$157K favorable to forecasted revenue. He said there were some expected abatements that did not happen before the end of the year. Gymnastics finished \$10K ahead of forecast and Nordic came within \$226 of predicted revenue, amazing for a first-year operation and budget. Golf finished about \$30K ahead, Dobson about \$47K ahead and golf F&B finished \$33K ahead of forecast on the revenue side. On operating expenses side, the VRD finished about \$55K ahead overall. There were a number of departments with savings, and golf F&B was the only department over in expenses, due to the success on the revenue side. Capital expenses finished \$173K positive to budget, with some outstanding invoices that are expected to still come in. Overall, VRD will be starting off well ahead of forecast going into 2018. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. O'Connell are doing a lot of planning on capital projects for 2018 and will come back to the Board once more information is known.
- 12.2. Director Saalfeld stated he was happy to see the positive variances with all the unknowns with F&B and Nordic operations this year. He commended Mr. Weaver and staff for a great job with budgeting and putting it all together.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that he went out with Mr. Young to look at VSSA in regards to holding after school programs there next year. He thinks it will work fine to run as a licensed facility. He stated the timelines are the unknown, the school will be tearing down the old rummage sale site and building a modular school for the 2018-19 school year.
- 13.2. Director Foley asked if the board retreat has been scheduled. Mr. Ortiz stated he is waiting to see what might work for Director Suarez and is looking at dates in March. Per the Board's direction, he will try and have the retreat on one day, stay in the valley and avoid Mondays and Wednesdays.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Newbury Rediker stated she took some visiting family snowshoeing at the Vail Nordic Center and was thankful for great service and food. She stated it was a very pleasant day for out of town guests to enjoy.
- 14.2. Director Foley mentioned that some of the Vail public might have old photos and posters from past Ford golf tournaments they would be willing to share with the Golf Club as part of the decorating efforts. He also commended the Town of Vail for work on the clubhouse punch list.

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15. ADJOURNMENT

- 15.1. 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