
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
September 28, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 28, 2017 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, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Kevin Foley

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. David Cunningham

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 RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2017 special meeting, with Director Kjesbo abstaining due to absence.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. UPDATE ON BALLOT ISSUE A

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- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz talked about how at the Sept. 7 special meeting the VRD Board certified Ballot Issue A. Ballots will be going out via mail on Oct. 16 for the Nov. 7 election. Ballots can be requested through VRD if an eligible voter does not receive one. Ballots may be returned via mail or can be dropped off at the Vail Recreation District administration offices, located inside the Vail Tennis Center at 700 S Frontage Rd E in Vail, or to the District's Designated Election Official at 28 2nd St., Suite 213 in Edwards, up until 7 p.m. on November 7. On election day there will also be a drop-off at the Town of Vail Municipal Building. Mr. Ortiz reminded voters this is a mail-in ballot election due to being a TABOR question. Mr. Weaver stated the TABOR notices went out this week and no con statements were received.
- 10.2. Mr. Ortiz then gave a presentation regarding the VRD financials, and how the VRD operating mill levy has not increased in 24 years. The mill levy was only intended to cover operating expenses and was not meant for the capital needs the District now faces. Due to a substantial increase in programming and maintenance of new facilities over the past 24 years, the VRD is struggling to keep up with costs, plus state law – including the Gallagher Amendment and TABOR laws - have constrained the funding available to the District. Over the next 10 years the VRD will face a \$14 million shortage on funding capital obligations, and in an effort to keep from having to increase user fees, the VRD is asking for a modest tax increase of 1.0 mills. The additional cost on a home that is valued at \$500,000 will be \$36 per year. Mr. Ortiz then reminded the Board and viewers of all the facilities and programs the VRD now operates, including the Vail Golf Club, Dobson Ice Arena, Vail Tennis Center, Golden Peak Pickleball Center, Vail Gymnastics Center, Vail Athletic Fields, Vail Nordic Center, Imagination Station and Community Programming Room, Vail Nature Center, after-school programs and summer day camps, adult sports leagues, Zeke M. Pierce Skatepark, Vail Whitewater Race Series, Vail Town Series mountain bike racing, La Sportiva Vail Trail Series, summer youth sports camps and special events and tournaments such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Trick or Treat Trot and many more. The full presentation can be found via a link on the VRD website, at www.vailrec.com/elections.
- 10.3. Director Suarez stated the Board does not want to raise user fees, hence the need for the mill levy increase.
- 10.4. Director Saalfeld stated the Board has been fiscally responsible in the operations budgets and the main purpose of the mill levy increase would be to fund capital improvements to keep facilities modern and safe and keep recreation as affordable to users as possible.

11. AUGUST 2017 FINANCIALS

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver spoke about the District financials for the year and said the trends VRD has seen throughout the year have continued through August. The biggest

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line item is the golf F&B expenses and banquet room. Things are going very well there – with revenues up, but with increase revenues come additional costs for food and staffing. Mr. Weaver stated that capital expenses for the year are a little favorable, due to a contingency built in that has not been needed so far. He expects both operations and capital budgets to finish the year close to forecast.

- 11.2. Mr. Weaver also spoke about the 2018 budget and said he will be preparing two budget scenarios for next year – one for if the mill levy passes and another if it does not pass. The second week in November will be the final budget approval, which comes one week after the election. If the election doesn't pass, Mr. Weaver stated the scenario will be pretty dire.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz talked about the Nordic Center and how he's excited Mr. Dan Timm will be running it this year. They are already talking about signage and maps. Mr. Ortiz is excited for the opportunity to get local school kids out to the Nordic Center, like they do with the school golf program. They recently had a team night at the Nordic Center and local students were very excited to buy equipment at cost. A number of passes have already been sold for the winter and Mr. Timm is working with Vail Resorts to use the soccer field as a teaching area.
- 12.2. Mr. Ortiz also stated that VRD has been given approval from Vail Resorts to use the Golden Peak Ski School building next summer for all summer camps - Camp Eco Fun, Pre Kamp Vail and Camp Vail – since there will be major construction at Red Sandstone Elementary School next summer where some camps are usually held. Thanks to Vail Resorts and also the State of Colorado for licensing the whole facility. Mr. Ortiz also stated that Vail Mountain School was gracious and welcoming, however it will be great to have all camps in the same location.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Newbury Rediker thanked the Vail Chamber & Business Association and the golf and sports staff for the recent BB&B tournament. She said it went really well and people had a great time raising money for the Tom Slaughter, Jr. Memorial Youth Recreation Fund. She also told a story about the recent housekeeping week at the Antlers to do something fun altogether as a staff, and how they did Paint your Own Pottery at the Community Programming Room. She reminded everyone that VRD offers so much to the community both for kids and adults alike.
- 13.2. Director Suarez thanked Mr. Bob Seward for 18 years at the Vail Tennis Center and stated that he is retiring after this season.
- 13.3. Director Saalfeld also thanked Mr. Seward for all his hard work over the past years. He asked about operations at the clubhouse, which are going to stop Oct.

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22, and next week they'll be aerifying the course. On Nov. 1 VRD plans to open the Nordic shop, and will open the ski and snowshoe tracks once 18" of snow cover allows grooming to start. The restaurant will open along with the Nordic track, in stages. Mr. Saalfeld also asked about the banquet business, and was told it is doing great. Revenues are favorable to budget, but with a first-year operation there are always expenses that aren't planned for. Next year, every Saturday and many Sundays in the fall are already booked. Mr. Saalfeld stated that the clubhouse is an exciting new thing for Vail that is bringing in people to town who are spending money and paying sales tax to the town.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- 14.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting