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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

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

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 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. Scott Proper, Michelle Hall, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Ken Wilson
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, John Monson, Lori Gordon, Chad Young, Scott O'Connell, Steve Sarro
4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. None
5. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Jeff Wiles, Bill Hanlon
6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 6.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti P.C.
7. CALL TO ORDER
 - 7.1. Scott Proper called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
8. APPROVAL OF 2/14/08 MEETING MINUTES
 - 8.1. Director Hanlon made a motion to approve the February 14, 2008 meeting minutes. Director Proper seconded. Approved unanimously.
9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

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- 9.1. Mr. Bill Hanlon presented a layout of the Vail Golf Course explaining that there is a solution for the Housing problem for which we have in Vail. If the Town of Vail, the Forest Service and the VRD all work together and hire an architect to re-design a portion of the Golf Course a sizeable piece of property could be freed up for affordable housing. This would be very beneficial and is something that the community could support to assist with the lack of affordable and employee housing in Vial
- Mr. Mike Ortiz would like to set up a meeting to discuss this further with Mr. Hanlon. Director Hall would also like to be included in this meeting.

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10. PRESENTATION ON FUTURE GOLF MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS- MR. STEVE SARRO

- 10.1. Projects estimated
Before July 1st, 2008
- 10.2. Remove tree stumps and dead trees throughout the golf course
1. Repair cart path damage, especially along bridges
 2. Remove 9 cart path crossing hole and sod, eventually getting to fairway height turf by the 4th of July
 3. Remove willows from 12 tee box, install drainage and fill with dirt and re-grass. Creating or expanding the tee box, could or would be a future project
 4. 16 pro tee box – remove brush to create room for a bigger teeing surface
 5. 7 tee – curious to see what is left after the melt off. Looking to dismantle the wall between the upper tee to allow larger equipment to the lower tee.
 6. Drainage 9 fairway
 7. Strip turf and mulch underneath the driving range net
- 10.3. *During the 2008 season*
1. Remove and replace sand in some sand traps
 2. Trim willows
 3. Mulch under driving range netting
- 10.4. *After September 1st. 2008*
1. Continue tree and stump removal
 2. Continue willow trimming
 3. 12 tee box – expansion?

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4. Heat tape for maintenance shop roof
5. Pond project for the west end of the golf course with 1,2,8 and 9

*** Irrigation repairs may supersede many or all of these projects planned

10.5. **Equipment** – in order of signify

1. *Fairway mower* - \$45,000 – replacing one of the 3 older fairway mower models. This new model will be equipped with alternative fuels capabilities, a quieter engine, wider and more efficient cutting reels.
2. *Rough mower* - \$34,000 – replace one of the smaller and older rough mowers. Rotary blades provide a better quality of cut and easier to maintain. The #1 rough mower on the market. Alternative fuel capability.
3. *Utility trailer** – \$7,000 – \$9,000 – Can be used to haul a large amount of material through the golf course. Can be operated by one of our tractors.
4. *Fertilizer spreader* - \$5,000 – Provides flexibility with fertilizer applications throughout the golf course. Currently contracting out each spread at \$800/application. With 4-5 applications done each year, easier to apply fertilizer “in-house”
5. *Slit-seeder* – \$12,200 - incorporates new seed due to winter-kill or implements more drought-tolerant turf grass.
6. *Greens roller* – 12,000 - continue to improve the quality of putting surfaces. We purchased this unit last season, having a second unit will speed the process. It will also reduce wear and tear on mowing equipment.

Total amount \$116,200+/-

* - still researching this item, prices listed are and estimate.

- 10.6. Director Hall questioned if any of the equipment could be shared between departments? Mr. Sarro answered; yes it could and would be to the greatest extent possible.
- 10.7. Director Sackbauer gave compliments to Mr. Sarro and his staff for doing such a great job. Director Sackbauer recommended moving the large tree that is now blocking the view from the restaurant of the Gore Range. He is concerned to lose the beautiful tree and would like to try and cost share with someone else when a tree transplant machine is in the area. He would also like to see the fairways kept drier so that the course can get back to being played on the ground as much as in the air.

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- 10.8. Director Hanlon stated for Mr. Sarro to discuss tree removal with Jim before actually removing the trees. Director Hanlon was also recommended cost sharing with tree moving as it would definitely be more cost efficient to move 4, 5, 6 trees at a time rather than just 1.

11. RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 the Town of Vail will be finalizing the Non-golf course lease. Mr. Ortiz printed the Red-Lined and Non-red-Lined lease for the Board. Certain sections that he pointed out are:
- 11.1.1. Page 3, Section 4- That the VRD is to be reimbursed for the expenses of the Staff, Utilities, etc for the Town's use of Dobson.
 - 11.1.2. Page 9, #17, A, #2 & 3- This is an agreement for a Non-binding Arbitration, so that it would be a lot harder to take the other party to court.
 - 11.1.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that the term has been changed from 30 years to 1-10 year lease with 2- 10 year automatic rollovers. Mr. Ortiz stated that this lease will be accepted at the next TOV Council meeting but would not be signed until the golf course lease is completed. So that both of the leases will be executed together.

12. 2008 CAPITAL BUDGET UPDATE- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 12.1. Mr. Eric Weaver reminded the Board that the District has adopted a capital budget for 2008 of \$1,100,000 with the specific projects/equipment to be determined at a later date due to the need for further clarification of Town agreements. Unfortunately the agreements with the Town are not yet complete but the staff is needed to make capital purchases to ensure that their programs will be up and running by spring. Mr. Weaver presented to the Board a listing of capital items he would like them to approve. The items to be approved were primarily either related to the non-golf course capital items that will be the VRD's responsibility and need to be complete or are equipment and programming capital needed to better the programs. This listing will use an estimated \$563,385 of the \$1,100,000 approved capital budget.

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- 12.2. Director Sackbauer stated that he wants to make sure that the ball machine is protected so that it can hold up to the elements and be put in a position or under a structure so that it fits well and looks inviting. Director Sackbauer is strongly against adding a net to protect the roof of athletic field restrooms. He recommended adding a berm that would provide an eye-pleasing solution that will protect the restroom roof as well as the users of the restrooms. Mr. Ortiz responded that the net was a recommendation in the Borne report but agreed with installing a berm instead.
- 12.3. Director Hall stated that the Lightning Warning System is a good thing and is pleased that Ms. Jeanne Sutherland is working on it.
- 12.4. The Board thanked Mr. Weaver for the clear presentation. Director Sackbauer made a motion to approve \$575,000 of the \$1,100,000 capital budget for the items presented. Director Hanlon seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that that the State Gymnastics meet will be here in Vail the 2nd weekend in June. There is estimated to be 450 participants and the event will be held at Dobson. This will be a big deal for Vail. If this is presented well, then Vail could have a chance at holding this every other year as the meet rotates between the Western and Eastern slopes. Director Hall would like to help out, please put her on the email list.
- 13.2. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. Scott O'Connell continues to work with the Town of Vail for the parking lot snow removal and parking issues at the Nordic center. Mr. O'Connell is making plans with the Ski/Snowboard club for the parking of trailers for the Jr. Olympics.
- 13.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that the Soccer registration is going well and that Camp Vail will operate out of Red Sandstone again this year.
- 13.4. Mr. Ortiz stated that Volunteers are needed for the Nature Center to assist with programs put on in conjunction with the Gore Range Natural Science School, Forest Service, and Vail Resorts. Please send any volunteers Tom Gaylord's way.

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- 13.5. Mr. Ortiz congratulated Mr. O'Connell on what a great job he has done with the snow this year. The golf course roof is now almost completely cleared which will hopefully eliminate leaks in the roof in the coming months.
- 13.6. Director Hanlon questioned what kind of input are we receiving related to the concerts at Dobson. Mr. Ortiz responded that there have not been any major issues with the Police or the Town of Vail Council. The concessions have much improved and people are happy. Mr. John Monson added that Staff Pro, who is providing security for the events, is well trained in Customer Service. "KUDOS" to Mr. Jared Biniecki and staff.
- 13.7. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. John Monson will be leaving us in the middle of April as his wife got a job as the Director of Sales and Marketing at the new Ritz Carlton in Lake Tahoe. This is a huge loss to the VRD and he will be greatly missed.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Hanlon commented that Dobson did a great job over the weekend with a full house for the Hockey Game. Director Hanlon stated that he gave his approval on the expenditures if it helps do your jobs. "Go for it"
- 14.2. Director Hall stated that she has brought back turf samples from the Home and Garden show in Denver for Ms. Alice Plain and Mr. Sarro. She also stated that the signage is clear at the Nordic Center, and that she will remind Greg about the pile of snow in the parking lot.
- 14.3. Director Sackbauer commented that Dobson did a good job with the hockey games.
- 14.4. Director Proper thanked Mr. Monson for his great job and his passion for the Recreation District and added that Mr. Monson will be hard to replace.

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15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 15.1. Director Hanlon made a motion to adjourn 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.” Director Sackbauer seconded. Approved unanimously

16. ADJOURNMENT

- 16.1. After returning from Executive Session, Director Hanlon motioned to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Director Hall seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michelle Hall, Secretary

Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director