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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District October 11, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 11, 2012, at 5 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. Joe Hanlon, Jeff Wiles, Bill Suarez and Ken Wilson
 - 1.2. Rick Sackbauer attended via conference call.
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz and Scott O'Connell
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Art Abplanalp, Attorney representing homeowners in Vail Golf Club neighborhood.
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. None
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order.
7. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2012 Regular Board meeting as presented.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY AND DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR VAIL GOLF CLUB AND NORDIC CENTER

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- 9.1. Mr. Ortiz explained to the board that VRD staff and Town of Vail staff have reviewed the document. The board is being asked to endorse the document with revisions and it will then be shared with the Vail Town Council for review. The board is not being asked to approve the document, nor will the Vail Town Council during their first review. Mr. Ortiz asked the board if they had questioned or revisions to the document.
- 9.1.1. Director Suarez questioned review of square footages for the proposed renovation including the banquet room and outdoor banquet space. Mr. Ortiz explained the square footage is now planned at approximately 21,800 sq. ft. This still could change. Mr. Ortiz said the current square footage of the building is just over 21,000 sq. ft. The expansion will be about 1,500 sq. ft. which will include a proposed banquet room that will not be shared with the golfers. Director Wilson explained the proposed patio is larger than the existing patio.
- 9.1.2. Mr. Ortiz noted that in the parking section, during peak days the VRD staff will be required to shuttle, arrive by bus or used alternate transportation. Peak days will be managed by the VRD having a dedicated staff member to control the parking lot during big events including golf and event. If they are coming for an event during peak golf days, event attendees will be asked to park in other dedicated areas. There is a plan in the document that will be used.
- 9.1.2.1. Director Hanlon questioned how many days this might be needed. Mr. Ortiz said he will look into this.
- 9.1.2.2. Director Wiles questioned parking approvals during shotgun tournaments in the morning and afternoon. Mr. Ortiz explained the VRD works with the Town of Vail and Vail Police Department for on street parking during these times.
- 9.1.2.3. Director Wilson questioned if he were to book an event in the facility, that in the contract it will state that guest parking may not be allowed during the peak times and that a deposit will be required. Mr. Ortiz explained the wedding party may be allowed to park on site, but all guest will have to use alternate means to get to the clubhouse. It is dependent on the time of year and business at the golf course.
- 9.1.2.4. Director Wilson explained on numerous occasions many guests are brought by hotel shuttles and other transportations even during golf events. It will now be formalized in a contracted event.
- 9.1.2.5. Mr. Ortiz explained that the board is being requested to endorse the document and provide feedback for when the Vail Town Council reviews it.
- 9.1.2.6. Director Wilson said the document is a working document and it is appropriate to provide it to the Council for review.

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- 9.1.2.7. Director Suarez questioned the hours of operations and better clarification regarding conclusion of outdoor space usage. Mr. Ortiz explained that usage of the outdoor space ends at 10 p.m. and the banquet facility at midnight.
- 9.1.3. Mr. Ortiz explained the Town of Vail is not in favor of tents. VRD staff has been working with town staff regarding usage of the banquet area being covered by a tent for inclement weather. He said it would extend out to the end with roll down sides. He questioned whether board would like something in the document regarding this matter.
- 9.1.3.1. Director Wilson explained he is in favor of a non-permanent structure that can be used for inclement weather. Director Suarez expressed concerns about having adequate shade as well.
- 9.1.3.2. Mr. Ortiz said he would relay this information to the architects to review and find what the best solution is.
- 9.1.3.3. Director Hanlon also explained that a covered patio can also help with noise on the outside and would like to see further options.
- 9.1.3.4. Director Sackbauer agreed to leave the options to the architect.
- 9.1.4. Director Suarez questioned noise and amplified sound and no permanent speakers.
- 9.1.4.1. Director Wilson and Wiles encouraged temporary sound systems are to be utilized.
- 9.1.5. Director Wilson questioned when the board endorses the document what happens next. Mr. Ortiz explained the town will review it and staff will then work with the town. It will be reviewed potentially in November by the Vail Town Council. Once revisions are made and both the town and VRD are comfortable with the document, it will be reviewed by the Planning and Environmental Commission.
- 9.1.6. Director Sackbauer questioned the VRD's legal counsel review of certain areas within the document. Mr. Ortiz explained the VRD's legal counsel has not reviewed the document.
- 9.1.7. Director Hanlon opened the topic to public comment.
- 9.1.7.1. Art Abplanalp representing homeowners adjacent to the Vail Golf Club spoke. He expressed appreciation for the staff for working on the document and making concessions from concerns expressed by the neighbors. He questioned who will be operating the clubhouse facility and how it will be structured.
- 9.1.7.2. Director Hanlon explained that currently no decisions have been made.
- 9.1.7.3. Mr. Abplanalp also shared history with the board related to what the facility is supposed to be. He said he reviewed the Council sessions from the past year. He questioned utilizing the existing footprint of the building and comments made by the Vail Town Council. He also

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questioned Director Wilson opposition to the improvements to the building.

- 9.1.7.3.1. Director Wilson explained it he had said he understood it was a compromise to have the facility being built without a tax increase. Director Wilson said that statement was incorrect that Mr. Abplanalp provided.
- 9.1.7.3.2. Mr. Abplanalp questioned whether a conversation had occurred regarding opposition to the facility. The board members explained that the board has not ever opposed the improvements to the facility. Mr. Abplanalp said these comments were made while the ballot language was being written.
- 9.1.7.3.3. Mr. Abplanalp said the improvements can be made within the current improvements. A different architectural plan has been submitted that would accommodate the neighbors.
- 9.1.7.3.4. Director Suarez said he reviewed that proposal and without tearing down the structure, there is no appropriate plumbing that would make that architectural plan practical. Mr. Abplanalp disagreed with Director Suarez and that it would take advantage of the existing foundation and go up. He said it is worth observing that nowhere during the timeframe of the writing the ballot language, safety concerns regarding the 18th hole was mentioned.
- 9.1.7.3.5. Director Wilson questioned Mr. Abplanalp if he is telling the board, that if the architecture rendering he provided were to be adopted, everything would move forward with the remodel. Mr. Abplanalp said he could not make that commitment and the board has a responsibility to mitigate impacts to the community.
- 9.1.7.3.6. Director Wilson explained the board has not reviewed the impending litigation.
- 9.1.7.3.7. Mr. Abplanalp explained he can't comment on the impending litigation, but he can speak to the impacts of the 18th green. He said he has provided the board with comments from those who are not in favor of the changes to the 18th green, including 100 pages and 80 comments.
- 9.1.7.3.8. Director Wilson commented, making note that the initial plans included renovations to the 18th hole, included a parking lot. This has changed. Since Director Wiles presented the 18th hole reconfiguration plan to the league members, the VRD has not heard from the golfing community at a board meeting since the change was made. Many have a better understanding of the plan. The board has worked with the golfing community diligently to come up with the best plan feasible. The board continues to work

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on how to move forward through the neighborhood concerns. For the most part, the golfing community has accepted the plan.

9.1.7.3.9. Mr. Abplanalp explained that he has told the community to save their energy for important meetings regarding the Town of Vail's process. He encouraged the VRD respect the neighbors and commitments of the Pulis Agreement.

9.1.7.4. Mr. Abplanalp questioned a banquet lawn next to the building and intentions of having functions located near residential areas. He also questioned parking on Sunburst drive and temporary sound. All of which he clarified as significant. He said the program has made progress but he encouraged improvements be focused back within the clubhouse.

9.1.8. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to endorse the document following requested revisions, review of tenting and for VRD legal counsel review and to then be shared with Counsel.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the Kids Adventure Race is will be expanded. Jamie Gunion, Beth Pappas and Joel Rabinowitz have been meeting with community members to move forward with this. Staff will look to expand to four days including two days of clinics and two days of racing. It is exciting as the event continues to grow and the momentum keeps building. Director Wiles questioned time constraints and dates. Mr. Ortiz explained that is all being looked at now.

10.2. Mr. Ortiz said staff is moving through the budget process including operational budgets and capital planning. Proposed fees will be online as well. This will be reviewed at the Oct. 25 meeting.

10.3. Director Wiles said the greens have been aerified and the golf course is in good shape. Mr. Ortiz said staff continues to do a great job out there.

11. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

11.1. Director Wiles was absent the last meeting and thanked the board for continuing to do a great job.

11.2. Director Sackbauer went to the gymnastics facility last week and there were four coaches and 30 kids having a blast and complemented the program.

11.3. Director Suarez explained Director Sackbauer and himself were contacted by the Senior Golf Association who expressed concerns and offered suggestions for tee time changes and other improvements. Mr. Ortiz explained staff has met with them and are working on the concerns.

11.4. Director Suarez expressed concerns about vegetation needs around the tennis courts during the construction.

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11.5. Director Wilson said he has also heard the same concerns regarding buffering and screening during and following the improvements to Ford Park. He explained he will be gone at the Oct. 25 meeting.

11.6. Director Hanlon said registration is underway for youth indoor sports programs. He thanked the Vail Valley Foundation for trees that were transplanted to the golf course. Sidney Crosby and company were back at Dobson for a second time to practice and train during the NHL lockout. Dobson did a great job.

12. ADJOURNAMENT

12.1. 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,

Jamie Gunion
Secretary to the Meeting