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Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District  
dba Vail Recreation District  
May 25, 2017

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

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, April Heredia

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Randy Guerrero, Dan Cudahy, Beth Reilly, Franklin Reilly, Lydia Ruotolo, Sydney Sappenfield, Heather Sappenfield, Ross Sappenfield, Richard Reilly

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. The agenda was changed to move the presentation of the Vail Scholar Athlete Recognition Award before public input.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting with Director Rediker abstaining due to absence from that meeting.

9. PRESENTATION OF VAIL SCHOLAR ATHLETE RECOGNITION AWARD

9.1. The Vail Scholar Athlete Recognition Award is a new scholarship being given by the Vail Recreation District to one local male and female student who have

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shown excellence both in their academics as well as in another area such as athletics or extracurricular activities. VRD received over a dozen applications of very qualified students. The scholarship committee had a difficult decision and ultimately chose Sydney Sappenfield from Vail Mountain School and Franklin Reilly from Battle Mountain High School, two high achievers that excelled both academically and athletically. Both have also been very involved in their community and have participated in Vail Recreation District programming throughout their lives.

#### 10. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

- 10.1. West Vail resident Randy Guerrero stated it was very nice to witness young people and their accomplishments. He then thanked Ms. Alice Plain for the great shape of the Vail Golf Club course. Finally, he asked about the possibility of implementing a senior pass at the golf course.
  - 10.1.1. The Board responded that they looked at it last fall and priced the passes for 2017 competitively to other regional courses. They will look at it again when pricing in the fall.

#### 11. PENSION PLAN

- 11.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Amendment of VRD 401(a) and 457(b) Pension Plans per Requirements by the IRS.

#### 12. AUDIT

- 12.1. Mr. Dan Cudahy presented the findings from the 2016 Vail Recreation District audit. He stated that he found a good segregation of financial duties since the District uses Marchetti and Weaver to monitor and oversee the finances of the District and that the district is in good financial condition with good operating reserves. He showed an increase in net position, indicating the district is well managed. Overall, the audit showed the accounting was in good shape and he had no recommendations for changes.
- 12.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the 2016 audit as presented.

#### 13. APRIL 2017 FINANCIALS

- 13.1. Mr. Weaver stated that revenues for 2017 are on track and slightly favorable, yet it is still very early in the season. Some departments were not meeting revenues, but were also showing savings on expenses. The biggest line item in expenses was purchasing the Nordic Center rental fleet, which will be recouped down the road. Capital expenses are relatively on track. Last year VRD was \$300K ahead of the projection, which more than offsets what has been seen so far.

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- 13.2. Mr. Weaver also stated that every other year all state assessors revalue properties around May 1. Mr. Weaver was able to obtain a preliminary valuation of the District which will be used for the 2018 budget. Mr. Weaver and his staff had assumed a modest 4% increase in commercial values, however values actually came in at a 57% increase. He does not believe it will stay at 57% after appeals though. Mr. Weaver had also projected that residential assessment rate would drop to 6.56%, but they actually came in at 7.2%, which was better than expected. The overall net helps, but it doesn't solve all the District's problems. The projected impact to the VRD budget is an increase of \$115K, when a loss of \$100K had been predicted.
- 13.3. Mr. Weaver expects that on average property taxpayers' tax bills will still go down even with a 9% increase in property values. The Gallagher Amendment is still in effect, just not quite as bad as originally projected, and will still hurt the District overall.
- 13.4. Mr. Weaver then updated the Board on the District's continued efforts to consider asking voters for a tax increase in November of 2017 and reviewed some very preliminary mill levy question language to gather feedback from the Board.

#### 14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that Dan Timm has been hired as the Vail Nordic Center Director. Mr. Timm is a longtime resident of Vail who started his career at the Vail Nordic Center back in 1990. Mr. Ortiz was very impressed with Timm's customer service skills, Nordic knowledge and presence in the community, and has received many compliments from the community for hiring him. Mr. Timm starts on June 26 and will work with the sports department until September before shifting to a Nordic focus.
- 14.2. Mr. Ortiz wanted to let everyone know about the Golden Peak Pickleball Center ribbon cutting on June 3. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. followed by an exhibition. There will also be professional clinics throughout the weekend. Pickleball is a great social game and not hard to pick up.
- 14.3. Mr. Ortiz spoke about a fundraiser on June 5 from 5-9 p.m. at Bart & Yeti's to support VRD employee Justin Gompf who has been invited to participate in the Trans-Provence mountain bike endure race in France in June.
- 14.4. Mr. Ortiz stated the sports department has already had seven races this year. The Vail Tennis Center opens tomorrow. Camp Vail will be at Red Sandstone Elementary School and Golden Peak this year. Mr. Ortiz said the Nature Center is rolling for the season, and Walking Mountains has been down there cleaning up and getting ready. Vail Golf Club is in phenomenal shape, and Ms. Plain is staffed up and F&B is working hard to get ready to open this weekend. Mr. Ortiz also stated the driving range has been put back together, and players are hitting off turf.

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#### 15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Kjesbo stated that he played golf twice two weeks ago and the course was in very nice shape and the staff was good. He was pleased that a staff person at hole 18 was directing traffic and informing about the finishing flow once the grill is open.
- 15.2. Director Newbury Rediker stated that she also played 10 holes then headed back on 18 and got confused about where to go. She asked if there will be signs about cart return process.
- 15.3. She also spoke about how the VRD really wanted to recognize kids who came up through VRD programs for the Scholar Athlete Award, and we should be really proud that most of the applicants had been very involved in VRD which gave them such a basis to become such great athletes.
- 15.4. Director Suarez gave kudos to Bob Seward and his staff for getting the Vail Tennis Center ready. Suarez is excited about the new kids coordinator and is glad to have Adam back. He also went by the golf course to get his season pass, and said the staff was very friendly, which he hopes will carry over to Nordic.
- 15.5. Director Foley said the Melee in the Mountains roller derby event at Dobson Ice Arena was really fun. He has also been out to the golf course, and said it was in great shape, and the recent paving was very nice. He would like to see some trash cans added outside the clubhouse so players can clean up their own golf carts if they'd like.
- 15.6. Director Saalfeld thanked Director Newbury Rediker for her work on the scholarship program. He said it was great to reward kids who have been in our programming and have helped us out with our programming. He also thanked Mr. Ortiz for his work on the Nordic program and all the work this spring. He congratulated the District for hiring Dan Timm, although he is sorry to see him leave the Vail Cascade. Director Saalfeld stated that he started playing pickleball in March and is now absolutely addicted. The Golden Peak Pickleball Center is a world-class facility of six courts, with round robin shootouts on Saturday with over 40 people. He said Jerry and Jonny Stevens are doing a fantastic job coordinating everything and keep is all organized, plus helping with new players. He invited everyone to the grand opening on June 3 at 10:30 a.m.
- 15.7. Director Foley also wanted to thank the staff at Dobson Ice Arena for closing the parking gate.

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

- 16.1. 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,  
Jessie Klehfoth  
Secretary to the Meeting