Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District April 9, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 9, 2015 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. Jeff Wiles, Tom Saalfeld, Kim Newbury, Bill Suarez

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Kevin Foley

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Alice Plain, Scott Todd

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Michael Cacioppo

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. None

6. CALL TO ORDER

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

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting with a correction of a spelling of the Kreuger name.

8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

8.1. None

9. 2015 FORD PARK SUMMER PARKING UPDATE

9.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed discussion that took place at the April 7 Town Council meeting regarding Ford Park summer parking plans. Parking in the northern area of Ford Park will be available for event producers to be rented for \$500 per day.

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Both Bravo! and the Vail Valley Foundation will be utilizing this service. This leaves over 160 spaces in the large lot to the east. Paid parking will be \$10 for event parking starting at 4 p.m. on event nights and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for all-day events. Jen Mason with the VVF suggested an extension of the in-town bus route to provide a stop at the top of the stairs near the Nature Center and Amphitheater. The Town of Vail staff will present options for this extension of the route at the next town council meeting.

- 9.2. Director Wiles reported that all stakeholders, the VRD, VVF, Bravo!, Nature Center and Betty Ford Alpine Gardens spoke during the discussion at the Town Council meeting. When the "Nest" is not occupied for events, it will be open to the public. As events start later in the summer, the times will remain at 4 p.m. for paid parking for consistency. He also thanked Director Suarez for speaking on behalf of the VRD.
- 9.3. Director Suarez encouraged the public to call the Council or email them if they are in support of the in-town bus route. The town is also reviewing a plan that would alleviate being charged double for coming in and out on paid parking days per spaces are available.
- 9.4. Director Saalfeld reported the plan for this summer is a trial and will be reviewed again for 2016 parking.

10. REVIEW OF 2015 VAIL GOLF CLUB FOOD & BEVERAGE OPERATIONS TIMELINE

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained staff worked with Directors Suarez and Saalfeld to discuss the opening of the course and operations for food and beverage. Staff recommendation is to open the course May 1 with early season food and beverage options to include snacks and packaged options within the Pro Shop until all 18 holes are open. Beginning May 22, starter house and beverage cart operations will begin. Memorial Day weekend will include a full opening of the Grill on the Gore at the clubhouse with early season hours. Beginning July 1, or in June depending course play, hours will be extended at the Grill until Sept. 8. Beverages and snacks can continue to be served in the off-season within the Pro Shop. All staff will be tips certified for selling liquor during early and late season. Mr. Scott O'Connell will hire food and beverage within the Grill, Ms. Alice Plain has hired staff for the starter house and beverage cart. Staff will be in the starter house 30 minutes before the first tee time through 6 p.m. The Grill will operate from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. during peak season.
- 10.2. Director Wiles questioned the July 1 date and not starting the weekend before July 1. Director Saalfeld explained this is a starting point and can be modified.
 - 10.2.1. Ms. Plain explained the importance to keep the starter house staying open until 7 p.m. but encourages staying open later prior to July 1 if there is a need. Staff will review tee sheets and see if the hours need to be adjusted.
 - 10.2.2. Mr. O'Connell agreed this is a flexible plan and hours can be adjusted.

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- 10.3. Director Saalfeld questioned the May 1 start date for the course opening. Mr. Scott Todd explained with conditions now, May 1 is a feasible date. Turf needs time to grow from the winter season. The new 18 green, tees and fairways are growing back in nicely.
- 10.4. Ms. Plain said last year the course did not open until Memorial Day due to more winter precipitation.
- 10.5. Director Suarez explained the decision is both a fiscal decision as well as the overall health of the golf course.
- 10.6. Director Newbury questioned the hours of the starter house and beverage cart. She said, it is important to provide options for golfers with twilight tee times, or past 3 p.m.
 - 10.6.1. Ms. Plain explained the starter house would remain open until 7 p.m. The beverage cart will be operating until 6 or 7 p.m. depending on the time of year.
- 10.7. Director Wiles questioned the condition of the facility of the clubhouse to make it through the summer. Mr. O'Connell explained staff is working diligently to have the building operational for the summer. There is a fairly lengthy punch list of items that are both aesthetic and operationally needed. There are no guarantees but staff is prepared for whatever might take place throughout the summer.
- 10.8. Mr. Michael Cacioppo apologized for missing the Public Input and requested time to speak. Mr. Cacioppo expressed disappointment that the public does not attend the VRD Board meetings as there are opportunities for discussion. The meetings are an opportunity to listen, learn and provide comments to the Board.
 - 10.8.1. Director Wiles said on behalf of the board they encourage and welcome public participation and feedback. Many people do watch the board meetings on Channel 5 Public Access.

11. SELECTION OF ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE VAIL GOLF COURSE DONATION

- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz, Ms. Plain and Directors Suarez and Newbury reviewed the annual requests for donation of the course for a non-profit event. Director Newbury reported the subcommittee reviewed four organizations, Starting Hearts, Vail Symposium, The Literacy Project and Eagle River Youth Coalition. All are very worthy. The subcommittee recommended Starting Hearts for the donation of the course. It's a new organization that is working to provide AEDs in public areas, as well as offers educational opportunities within the community. The Eagle River Youth Coalition is recommended for the at-cost donation at \$45 per person rate for the tournament. She encouraged the other two organizations to come back in 2016 as the donation process tends to rotate through to different organizations.
- 11.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Starting Hearts as the recipient of the Vail Golf Club's annual course

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- donation for a tournament and the Eagle River Youth Coalition as the recipient for an at-cost day.
- 11.3. Director Wiles recognized the board for their review and recommendations.
- 11.4. Director Saalfeld questioned whether the clubhouse has an AED within the facility. Ms. Plain reported that the clubhouse does have an AED. Ms. Gunion also explained there AEDs at all the facilities.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 12.1. The following items were reviewed:
 - 12.1.1. Season passes for golf will go on sale April 15 with discounts through May 15. Ms. Plain will receive her award for the PGA West Chapter Golf Professional of the year on April 30.
 - 12.1.2. Youth soccer program registration has ended with a waiting list. T-ball will begin April 20.
 - 12.1.3. Summer softball league registration will begin April 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sports Authority in Avon. Director Wiles encouraged softball players receive information on concessions and what will be available.
 - 12.1.4. Marketing continues to work with the town on information about the clubhouse renovation. Evans Chaffee has been awarded the contract for the clubhouse renovation.
 - 12.1.4.1. Director Saalfeld questioned if the VRD will have an owner's rep for the remodel project. Mr. Ortiz explained the VRD will not have an owner's rep. Staff will continue to have input in the process and how construction and operations take place. The VRD has access to NV5, the town's consultant working on project.
 - 12.1.5. The Gymnastics Center will have several elite gymnasts and coaches that will be here for the team competitive camps including gymnasts from the Georgia Gym Dogs, a Division I program. Information will be announced soon. The Swing into Spring event will take place May 2 and is a chance for kids to perform what they've learned throughout the year. State championships are taking place this week.
 - 12.1.6. The Lionshead Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 4 with one of the largest crowds in its history.
 - 12.1.7. Dobson Ice Arena hosted the Volvo event. It was a large event and staff handled and met all of the event's needs. Volvo was extremely happy with how the event turned out. Mr. O'Connell organized several events with beverage services that were successful.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

13.1. Director Suarez expressed that he was pleased with the parking discussion at Town Council.

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13.2. Director Wiles noted there is a hockey game between Vail Ski Patrol and Vail Ski School. It begins at 7:15 p.m. April 10 and is a fundraiser for the Vail Valley Charitable Fund.

14. ADJOURNAMENT

14.1. 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