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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District  
dba Vail Recreation District  
July 22, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on July 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

#### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

- 1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Jason Plante, Kirk Hansen, Roland Kjesbo, Kim Newbury Rediker

#### 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

#### 3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, April Heredia, Caitlin Collins, Jessie Klehfoth

#### 4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Jacob Novak, Mark Novak, Alden Pennington, Pam Pennington, Aidan Duffy, Mike Duffy, Kathy Roseberry-Duffy, Kevin Foley

#### 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. None

#### 8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021, regular meeting.

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

- 9.1. Mr. Kevin Foley shared with the board that he was putting together a coalition to get an updated playground for Red Sandstone Elementary. He expressed how he was working with other entities to get this accomplished

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and would like to get the support of the board to get this accomplished. After little discussion the board agreed to assist in any way possible.

#### 10. PRESENTATION OF VAIL SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETE AWARD

- 10.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz explained to the board that for 2021, the scholarship committee awarded three scholarships to graduating seniors – two to local students who excelled in sports and academics, and one to VRD staff or dependents of staff.
  - 10.1.1. The first student acknowledged was Alden Pennington of Battle Mountain High School who has been an outstanding student as well as a standout athlete. Ms. Pennington also has given a lot of service to our community.
  - 10.1.2. The second student acknowledged was Aidan Duffy, an accomplished mountain biker and outstanding scholar. Mr. Duffy has helped with maintaining trails around the valley. He talked about how important the bike series has been for him for many years now. He has participated in VRD activities since he was a child, and he thanked the VRD.
  - 10.1.3. The third student acknowledged was Jacob Novak of Vail Christian High School. Jacob has worked for VRD for three seasons now. Mr. Novak thanked the district for the award and expressed his gratitude for being chosen.
  - 10.1.4. Mr. Ortiz explained that the scholarship will be for four years if the students maintain a C average or better in college. This is the fifth year VRD has awarded the Vail Scholar Athlete Award and he's very proud of all the previous winners who are continuing to excel at their universities.
  - 10.1.5. Mr. Ortiz talked about the history of the scholarship, and how it honors the memory of Tom Slaughter, Jr. The VRD is proud to carry on his legacy and continue to award these scholarships in his name and continue to raise funding for the scholarship via the Businesses, Bogeys and Bragging Rights charity golf tournament each fall.
- 10.2. Director Rediker let the scholars know that April will be checking in on them to make sure they are maintaining their GPA's and making sure they are doing well in college.
- 10.3. Director Saalfeld thanked Director Rediker and Mike for their work. He is extremely proud of this night every year and the ability to award these scholarships.

#### 11. GOLF COURSE CONDITIONS-HOLE 5 & 14

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11.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz shared with the board an overview of the process and progression of Holes 5 & 14. Opening the new greens too early and the amount of play are two big contributors to the state of the greens. He said Jacob is continuing to do a great job. He shared with the board that they were going to aerify the greens in September this year instead of the usual October. The weather is more predictable in September and therefore this process will be more effective for the greens.

#### 12. BILL WRIGHT TENNIS CENTER UPDATE

12.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz gave an update of all the great upgrades that Caitlin Collins has done for the Bill Wright Tennis Center this year. He shared a small slide show displaying how great it looks with these upgrades. He praised Caitlin for all her hard work, sharing that the courts have been full this year as well as camps. He shared that they are also having USTA League play this year.

12.2 Ms. Caitlin Collins thanks Mr. Ortiz and the board for all their support in allowing her to make the upgrades and the continued support throughout the summer.

#### 13. JUNE 2021 FINANCIALS

13.1 Mr. Eric Weaver shared that the district continues to do well. He reminded the board that the budget was done conservatively, and that staff is doing a good job holding expenses. He shared that revenues were up \$750K compared to budget. Overall, the district is in a financially strong position.

#### 14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

14.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz wanted to thank all his staff for all the outstanding programming that they have produced this summer. He shared with the board that all the programming is exceptional, and he is very proud of everyone's hard work and dedication to this organization.

#### 15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

15.1 Director Plante congratulated all the scholarship winners for their academic success and service. He also once again thanked all staff for their hard work.

15.2 Director Hansen shared his thought about how unique the Vail Recreation District is with its race series and how it truly separates us from other districts and is highly valued by athletes. He also shared how Pickleball community is a growing sport and how we need to think about its future. He also shared how we are in year one of a three-year greens project and we need to have patience for the process.

15.3 Director Rediker welcomed back Jessie Klehfoth from maternity leave. She also asked that a wage and benefit survey needs to be done to make sure the district is staying competitive and fair to its employees.

15.4 Director Kjesbo also shared how impressed he was by the scholarship winners.

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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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
April Heredia  
Secretary to the Meeting