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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District September 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 11, 2014 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. Kim Newbury, Tom Saalfeld, Jeff Wiles, Kevin Foley, Bill Suarez
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Scott O'Connell
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Dale Bugby, Vail Town Council
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 RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. UPDATE ON VAIL GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE
 - 9.1. Mr. Ortiz requested the VRD Board mark their calendars for 1 p.m. joint work session with the Vail Town Council on Sept. 16. There is also a subcommittee meeting taking place earlier that morning.

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10. UPDATE ON DISC GOLF COURSE IN EAST VAIL

10.1. Mr. O'Connell provided an update to the board on the progression of installing a disc golf course in East Vail.

10.1.1. Staff has met with a disc golf course designer who, following a tour of the proposed area in East Vail, saw conceptual designs as a workable area for a course. The designer felt the area could be world class and draw participants and tournaments from not only Colorado, but nationwide.

10.1.2. Staff also met with Town of Vail staff to discuss the disc course in the proposed area. The town is currently evaluating the area with challenges discussed to include conflicts with cyclists, pedestrians and potential disc golfers who could use the existing trail system in the area. Challenges also include discussions with the US Forest Service adjacent to the town-owned property, clearly defining areas that may conflict within wetlands in the area and noxious weed abatement.

10.2. Director Wiles questioned who would be responsible for interaction with the Forest Service.

10.2.1. Mr. O'Connell said the VRD would most likely be the first point of contact. However, the town would need to be involved in the process as the land owner. It could be years should there be a need to involve the Forest Service.

10.3. Director Saalfeld questioned wetland impacts. Mr. O'Connell explained there are wetlands in the area and staff would need to consider these impacts during the design to protect such areas.

10.4. Director Foley explained the topic will be brought to the recreation subcommittee on Sept. 16.

10.5. Director Wiles questioned costs. Mr. O'Connell explained there are preliminary costs identified for equipment needs such as tee markers, baskets, etc.

10.6. Mr. Ortiz said there will be a process to include opportunities for community discussion and input, continued discussions with the town and other information to be shared.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

11.1. Mr. Ortiz shared the following from the Directors Report:

11.1.1. Sunday and Monday the golf course received 1.4 inches of rain. The fairways will be aerified in September. Mr. Ortiz requested clarification from the board regarding a closing date for the golf course. It's important to allow time for staff to put the correct applications to protect the course for winter.

11.1.1.1. Director Saalfeld requested pros and cons for staying open or closed to include labor costs, rounds played, course conditions, previous closing days, etc.

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- 11.1.1.2. Director Suarez is in favor of a solid closing date for the course, but requested these dates be determined for 2015 and not 2014. He said the majority of those playing in the late season are pass holders.
- 11.1.1.3. Director Newbury questioned how information is shared for closing the course.
- 11.1.1.3.1. Mr. Ortiz explained staff works to provide a week of notice prior to closing.
- 11.1.1.4. Director Wiles questioned if the decision should be made by Scott Todd, Golf Course Superintendent.
- 11.1.1.4.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there have been solid closing dates and flexible closing dates that are determined with golf maintenance staff.
- 11.1.1.5. Mr. Ortiz will provide the board with data to determine a closing date.
- 11.1.2. Mr. Ortiz asked the board to mark their calendars for a tournament on Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Vail Golf Course to benefit the Tom Slaughter, Jr. Scholarship Grant Program. The VRD uses the grant program to provide funding for children who cannot afford VRD programs. The goal is to have 18 teams play, including sponsorships and auction items. This is a joint effort with the Vail Chamber & Business Association.
- 11.1.3. Mr. Ortiz shared the Sports Department is working with local organizations including donation of staff time for timing of the Wild West Days fun run, Battle Mountain High School's citizen run and BHMS' Zombie Run.
- 11.1.3.1. Director Wiles requested the VRD share amounts for staff hours and dollars the VRD donates to assist local charities and non-profits.
- 11.1.4. The Kids Adventure Games had a 58 percent increase in race participants over 2013 and over 600 percent increase since 2010. There were 366 teams and 732 participants. Nearly 3,000 racers and their families came for the event. 51 percent of the participants were local and statewide with the remaining either nationwide or international.
- 11.1.5. Vail Gymnastics Center hosted a BBQ and Carwash event to raise money for a new balance beam.
- 11.1.5.1. Director Saalfeld encouraged the team to seek out a more visible location for the car wash in the future.
- 11.1.6. Community Programming continues to work with the town to research building a skatepark in the atrium of the Lionshead parking structure.
- 11.1.7. A homeowner adjacent to the fourth hole at the golf course is utilizing the area for work taking place. The VRD has an agreement with the owners should any damages occur.
- 11.1.8. Director Newbury questioned decisions about the hole eight gas line. Mr. Ortiz said no decisions have been made at this time.

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- 11.1.9. Director Foley mentioned Dobson Ice Arena hosted National Hockey League professional players for their annual training camp. There were more than 21 professional players in Vail as part of the training camp. Director Foley questioned if there are opportunities to work with the youth programs.
- 11.1.9.1. Mr. Ortiz said the camps are not typically open to the public but discussions are being held regarding incorporation into the community.

12. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 12.1. Director Wiles asked for other topics for the recreation subcommittee meeting.
 - 12.1.1. Director Foley requested parking at Ford Park.
 - 12.1.2. Director Suarez requested signage at Ford Park.
- 12.2. Director Saalfeld questioned the condition of the clubhouse during the winter.
 - 12.2.1. Mr. O'Connell explained there are issues with the roofing and leaks. Staff works with the town on the issues and patching work that needs to occur. Shoveling takes place when snow levels exceed a safe amount.
- 12.3. Director Saalfeld shared he has spoken with staff about working with a different gas provider that could result in savings for the VRD.
- 12.4. Director Foley played in the club championships and enjoyed the competition. He complimented the staff for putting together a great tournament.
 - 12.4.1. Mr. Ortiz echoed the compliments and commented on the progression of the Vail Golf Club's internship program. Many of the professional staff were interns at the club in the past and are now returning year after year.
- 12.5. Director Suarez thanked the pickleball community for speaking to the board at the last meeting. He spoke with the organizer of the King of the Mountain Volleyball tournament who may come speak with the board about installation of two additional sand volleyball courts.
 - 12.5.1. Mr. Ortiz explained currently there isn't a need for additional courts for recreational play, but understands the tournament organizer's wish for more courts for the annual tournament.
- 12.6. Director Suarez questioned flipping the chipping and putting area.
 - 12.6.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the turf is not ready for a switch.
- 12.7. Mr. Ortiz also shared the Vail International Hockey Association will come and meet with the board at an upcoming board meeting.
- 12.8. Director Wiles shared that in a recent walk around Ford Park he met with several of the landscapers. Ford Park is coming along and when compared to what it was, it is looking world class. The final running race of the season is Sunday, Sept. 14, the EverGold. He encouraged the board review the driving range and whether there is a need to renovate the turf at the club. It is a large revenue driver.
 - 12.8.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there is a budget for renovation of the driving range. Currently it has been on hold as during the process for the remodel of the clubhouse.

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13. ADJOURNAMENT

- 13.1. 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