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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District October 27, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 27, 2016 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, Kim Newbury Rediker, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Joel Rabinowitz, Chad Young, Jared Biniecki,
Alice Plain

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. JK Perry, Mike Griffin

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC

6. CALL TO ORDER

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

7. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

7.1. Director Saalfeld stated that the Channel 5 new brand presentation would move up in the schedule to be directly after public input. Director Foley requested that board member input be added as an item under New Business and Special Orders. The rest of the agenda will remain the same as published.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting. It was noted by Director Saalfeld that due to a scheduling conflict the budget committee was actually comprised of Directors Saalfeld and Kjesbo and not Director Foley as

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originally discussed.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

9.1. None.

10. CHANNEL 5's NEW BRAND

10.1. Mr. JK Perry and Mr. Mike Griffin presented the new brand for Channel 5 public access television. The station will now be known as High Five Access Media. Mr. Perry and Mr. Griffin gave an overview of the new brand position and a visual tour of the new highfivemedia.org website where viewers can now watch a live stream of the channel and on demand content, including all tapings of Vail Recreation District board of director meetings. They also invited the board and public to a re-creation party on October 28 at Agave restaurant from 1-5 p.m.

11. FINANCIALS SEPTEMBER 2016

11.1. Mr. Weaver stated that there is not a lot new to report with financials. Overall revenues are about \$180,000 favorable compared to budget. The golf course was budgeted to be about 18% down year over year, but they are favorable by about \$61,000 to that forecast, and Dobson is very favorable as well. Almost all departments are favorable in expenses. Overall the District is looking very good financially with some extra balance available to be carried forward into next year. Director Saalfeld commended the Directors for being budget conscious.

12. REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

12.1. Mr. Weaver stated that this meeting is the review of the budget and the public hearing will be at the November 10 board meeting. Mr. Weaver stated that Directors Saalfeld and Kjesbo took part in the budget review process with staff to go through the budget in more detail. Mr. Weaver stated that about half of the VRD funding comes from property taxes and the county only reevaluates property taxes every other year and this is not one of those years, so the VRD can expect the assessed valuation to be almost flat year over year. Gymnastics is expected to continue on the rebound into 2017, and with the clubhouse construction complete for next year the VRD expects golf revenues to rebound, as well as Dobson to maintain the good revenue from this year. The biggest change will be new golf F&B opportunities with the Grill on the Gore and the banquet room. VRD expects the Grill on the Gore to operate throughout the Nordic season and summer and the banquet room expects to cater events and provide alcohol for events throughout the year. On the expense side, there will be some changes to salaries to meet the new federal minimum salary, and there

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has been a restructuring of the benefits plan, with eight new employees being added to the benefits plan. After some discussion, the board thanked Mr. Weaver and the staff for all their work in putting together the budget.

13. VAIL GOLF CLUB UPDATE

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that the OAC group met today to try for a TCO on October 28. VRD is hoping to take possession of the building on November 4. The Nordic Center has events on November 10 and 11 to host kids to get fitted for skis for an upcoming trip, so they need to be in as soon as possible. Mr. Ortiz stated that the building is beautiful and the finishes in the Nordic lodge and the building are very nice. The Nordic Center will be hosting a ski swap on November 19.

14. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2017 PROGRAM FEES

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz walked the board through the proposed 2017 program fees with assistance from staff on hand to answer questions about programming and fee structures. Many programs will have no changes to fees, with some seeing small increases. Dobson will see a 3% increase for ice rental, and sports is reimagining their trail running registration structure and increasing pay to referees and umpires. Daily golf rates and some pass and punch products will see increases as these prices have not changed in a number of years. There will also be small increases in rental clubs. Proposed rates will be posted on the website and the VRD will run an ad in the paper directing the public to take a look and come to the next meeting if they have input. Nordic fees were discussed and will be increasing slightly based on recommendations from Mr. Shane Sluder and Ms. Mia Stockdale, the Nordic Center owners. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Nordic Center fee increases as presented. The remaining fees will be discussed and voted on at the November 10 meeting.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz shared a video with the Board of one of the gymnastics team participants completing the first double backflip in the history of the Vail Gymnastics program. He thanked the Board for the new floor in the gymnastics center, without which this wouldn't have been possible.
- 15.2. Beyond that, VRD has hosted open enrollment for all benefits-eligible employees, and held the first staff pension board election. He thanked the board for supporting all the employee benefits and programs being put in place.
- 15.3. Director Newbury Rediker asked about the employee party and if that had occurred. It was decided that there would be a VRD staff party once the new

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clubhouse opens.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Newbury Rediker stated that she sits on the Commission on Special Events and said that the commission commented on how helpful it was to have Mr. Joel Rabinowitz attend both funding meetings to answer questions. She stated that the CSE was approached by promoters of an international arts festival who would like to have an event on the Ford Park fields, and that the CSE has requested that the festival promoters come to the VRD Board to ask to use the fields. Director Newbury Rediker stated that the VRD Board needs public input to make this decision since there will be impacts to community programming if the event were to occur.
- 16.2. Director Suarez encouraged everyone to check out the new pickleball facilities in Golden Peak.
- 16.3. Director Foley asked about the winter uphill being taken over by the VRD, and if it could be a memorial to Sylvan Ellefson. He also gave kudos to all the VRD staff who participated in the adopt-a-trail program to work on the North Trail in Vail. He asked about the driving range plan, which Mr. Ortiz responded had been tabled by the design review board, and they will go back in November with a new plan. Director Foley also mentioned that he felt it was important to get a meeting between the full VRD Board and the Vail Town Council to start planning for future capital projects.
- 16.4. Director Saalfeld urged taxpayers to vote for Eagle County ballot issue 1B, an extension of a county property tax dedicated to open space.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- 17.1. 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,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting