
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
March 23, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 23, 2023, 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. Jason Plante, Kirk Hansen, Rollie Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Bob Armour, John Rediker

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Nell Davis, April Heredia, Jacob Tilmann, Tim LyBarger, Sunny Hasebe, Forrest Knapp

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Rick Sackbauer

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC.

6. CALL TO ORDER

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

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. Mr. Ortiz asked to change the order of the agenda and have agenda item 5b- Introduction of New Employees-Sunny Hasebe, Forrest Knapp and Tim LyBarger go before 5a-Year-in-Review.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. Mr. Rick Sackbauer encouraged the board and staff to explore employee housing on the east side of the valley.

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10. YEAR IN REVIEW

10.1 Ms. Nell Davis shared that this year's year in review can be found on our website. It is not going to be mailed this year. She shared an overview with the board of what that link will look like. The link is interactive and super easy to navigate. <https://www.vailrec.com/about-us/2022-year-in-review-home>

11. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES- SUNNY HASEBE, TIM LYBARGER AND FORREST KNAPP

11.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz gave a brief background of each employee and shared with the board the department that they will be working in. The board was welcoming and happy to meet the newest members of our team.

12. TRANSITION FROM WINTER TO SUMMER FOR GOLF COURSE

12.1 Mr. Jacob Tilmann gave a very informative report on the state of the greens as he has now uncovered all greens to be played this upcoming season. He first gave the board an explanation as to why the greens need to be uncovered. He shared that fungicide is only good for a certain amount of time, and how it is important to get them uncovered to let them start getting sunlight and air flow.

12.2 Mr. Tilmann went through a variety of pictures of each green uncovered and shared that he was pleased with the way they all came out of winter.

12.3 Director Kjesbo asked if the greens getting redone this summer would also need to be uncovered. Mr. Tilmann shared that the greens do not need to be uncovered now.

13. DISCUSSION OF TIMBER RIDGE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD APARTMENTS

13.1 Mr. Ortiz shared that the district has been looking into the possibility of purchasing employee housing. He shared with the board that before this program of Timber Ridge the possibility of employee housing was cost prohibitive. This program has made it so that the Town of Vail has some skin in the game as well as a private developer and although it is still kind of pricey for the VRD he thought it was something we should get into.

13.2 The development is still in the concept phase, but they are going to be taking refundable deposits in the amount of \$5,000.00 per unit to be able to gauge interest. Mr. Ortiz strongly encourages the board to approve a deposit for 3 to 4 units.

13.3 After some discussion the board shared their support for up to 5 refundable unit deposits.

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14. FOLLOW UP DOBSON 2-HOUR FREE PARKING VOUCHERS
 - 14.1 Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that he wanted to follow up about the letter that was written in the paper about parking at Dobson. He clarified that patrons of Dobson would get a voucher for two hours for free parking. He stressed that the visitor could stay in the parking structure for as long as they like but the voucher will only cover two hours and they would not be able to combine multiple vouchers for one visit to the structure. He also shared that the Dobson staff would make a good effort to get signs up around the arena and help get visitors educated on the vouchers.

15. FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT
 - 15.1 Mr. Eric Weaver explained to the board that the look of the profit and loss has changed due to adding a new section for the current year actual vs budget.
 - 15.2 Mr. Weaver shared that overall revenues are on track. He did share that Nordic was struggling which is probably due to the good skiing conditions on the mountain this year. He shared that on the expenses side we had a \$43K gas bill for Dobson in January and the February bill was \$10K. The gas company we pay provided with the February bill a forecast of what the rest of the year will potentially look like, which will be back to normal. We have been working on exploring different gas options. Administration is showing favorable for expenses due to no election. Nordic is over due to the expense of new gator tracks.

16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
 - 11.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared a few highlights from the director's report that can be found on the website in the board packet. He highlighted the marketing piece that will be inserted into the Vail Daily and all the great things that marketing has been working on to promote the upcoming summer season. He also shared about a new attraction at Imagination Station, a new laser table.
 - 11.2 He recognized a great team building visit that Alen Rose held at the Nordic center for their employees. He also recognized the Food and Beverage team for the great job they did for FTI and shared they have Project Funway coming up next weekend. He also shared that Courtney Herner, our Group Sales Manager, was back from maternity leave.
 - 11.3 Mr. Ortiz shared that gymnastics will be hosting their spring show, The Secrets of Tumbledore on April 8, 2023, and that they had a successful trip to Florida recently. He also shared the Mountaineer's hockey club will be expecting 45-60 new kids for the upcoming season.

17. BOARD MEMBER INPUT
 - 12.1 Director Plante wanted to commend Marketing for all its great work. The summer brochure was very informative and looks great. He is also happy with our partnership with Walking Mountains to reduce waste at Dobson.

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12.2 Director Hansen expressed his support for the Timbe Ridge housing that is being explored and expressed that he would like to see the facility add a fitness room to this development.

12.3 Director Kjesbo also let Nell know what a great job she did on the year in review. He also asked when the restaurant would close this year. Mr. Ortiz shared that the restaurant and Nordic will close together on April 9, 2023.

18. ADJOURNMENT

18.1. 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