RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
June 27, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on June 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Gore Range Room, 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, Molly Rabin

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
   2.1. John Rediker, Bob Armour

3. STAFF PRESENT
   3.1. Mike Ortiz, April Heredia, Nell Davis, Scott O'Connell, Alice Plain

4. OTHERS PRESENT
   4.1. None.

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
   5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER
   6.1. Director Plante called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA
   7.1. None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024, regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA
   9.1 None.

10. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER AND ADOPTING ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

10.1 Ms. Nell Davis created and shared with the board slides that gave context and background to HB 21-1110. This bill mandates that state and local government websites comply with web content accessibility guidelines to ensure digital accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

10.2 The original deadline for districts to abide by this new bill was July 1, 2024, but an extension was granted until July 1, 2025.

10.3 Mr. Davis shared what the Vail Recreation District (VRD) has and is doing to comply with this new bill. She shared that we have been working with a company named Streamline to create a new website. We have created an accessibility statement and policy. We are currently working with all outside vendors that the District works with to make sure they are compliant i.e. Amilia. Lastly the District is making sure to stay informed with all changes as they occur.

10.4 Since launching our new website the district can view their accessibility dashboard and the district is currently at 99% compliant, which is amazing.

10.5 The district would like to name Nell Davis to be our designated Technology Accessibility Officer.

10.6 By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve and adopt the resolution designating the technology accessibility officer and adopting a technology accessibility policy.

11. GOLF OPERATIONS UPDATE

11.1 Ms. Alice Plain shared with the board that the golf course is in excellent condition. She gave high regards to superintendent Jacob Tilmann and his staff for all of their hard work so far this season. She also acknowledged her staff, Trey Johnson, Andrew Villescas and Shannon Elias for all their hard work as the course has been busier than ever.

11.2 Ms. Plain shared a few fun facts about happenings at the course such as the VGC junior league is currently 2-0. Also, Trey Johnson is currently a finalist in the Colorado PGA for merchandiser of the year. He was also recognized as alumni of the year from his university UNLV.

11.3 A few more fun facts, the course was opened approximately three weeks earlier than previous years and is averaging about 220 golfers a day. Pass sales are up about 34%. Moving to 10-minute intervals was cited as the reason for this increase. The reason for 10-minute intervals was to offer residents more access to the course. So far this has been successful.

11.4 Both Director Plante and Director Rabin gave kudos to Alice and all her staff at the golf course. Both golf maintenance and golf operations employees have done and are doing a fantastic job this season.

12. DOBSON ARENA UPDATE

12.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared with the Board that there was recently a meeting with the Town of Vail regarding temporary ice while Dobson is under construction. He thanked Kirk Hansen for attending the meeting. Mike, Scott and Jared have been busy working with other recreation agencies in the area to make sure temporary ice is operational by the start of the Dobson project.

12.2 Mr. Ortiz shared that Eagle County is planning on building a new arena structure that they will use as a warm-up arena in the summer and could be used in the winter for an indoor ice arena. Eagle County believes they have approximately $3-4 million dollars to put towards the project, but they are still looking for more money.

12.3 The District has agreed to staff this temporary ice surface while Dobson arena is under construction. Everyone agrees that this would be the best location.

13. MAY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

15.1 Mr. Eric Weaver shared with the board that May financials are usually when things start to happen for the district. Revenues are favorable by $360K. Golf has had a great start to their season while Dobson and Food & Beverage are also doing well so far this year.

15.2 Through the month of May expenses are also favorable by $172K. This is due to some staff turnover and various savings in operating budgets. Capital project funding is favorable due to timing as several projects are to happen still this year.

15.3 Mr. Weaver did share there was new legislation on property tax increase adopted by the legislature as well as at least one November state-wide ballot initiative. The new legislation enacted by the legislature would limit annual property tax increases to 5.5% plus local growth and other adjustments. Lots more to come on this as the true impacts of these measures are interpreted by the experts in the industry.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

14.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared a few highlights from the director's report that can be found on the website in the board packet. He pointed out a few highlights such as recognizing marketing and sharing that there is a spread in the magazine EAT about chef John Zavoral. He also shared in sports at their annual Summer Solstice race this year it was awesome to see parents cheering on the children at the finish line. He also recognized that the race also had two older participants- Marlin Smickley and Tom Edwards that also finished the race.

14.2 Mr. Ortiz shared with the board that we hired a new concessions manager at Dobson, Mr. Brian Smith. We are excited about all the experience that Brian brings to the VRD.

14.3 Mr. Ortiz thanked Scott O'Connell and Jared Biniecki for all their time and commitment to the Dobson project and all the meetings that they have attended to get this project going.
14.4 Lastly Mr. Ortiz thanked all his staff for all the great customer service that is being provided so far this season.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

15.1 Director Rabin shared how her children attended Pre-Kamp last year and the wonderful experiences they had and now her children are attending Camp Vail and are once again having an amazing experience. She also wanted to give a shout out to the sports department for a great job with the Whitewater series. It is a great event with lots of different skill levels and it's great to see the growth of the event.
15.2 Director Hansen expressed what a great experience golf is right now, from the staff to the course conditions.
15.3 Director Plante commended the whole VRD staff for their excellent customer service this season.

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