VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
d/b/a VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, November 12, 2026
Vail Town Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Changes to Agenda;

3. Approval of Minutes;
    a. October 30, 2026

4. Public Input (for matters not otherwise on agenda/three-minute time limit/no disrupting, pursuant to § 18-9-108, C.R.S.);

5. New Business and Special Orders;
    a. None

6. Unfinished Business;
    a. Review of Dobson Arena Opening-Mr. Scott O'Connell
    b. Review of Athletic Field Restrooms & Storage Opening- Mr. Scott O'Connell
    c. Update on Building Construction Mitigation at Vail Golf Course- Mr. Scott O'Connell

7. Officers, Committees, Staff, and Professional Consultants;
    a. Executive Director Report- Mr. Mike Ortiz
    b. Board Member Input

8. Adjournment

I:/ Agenda & Notices/11-12-26 agenda.doc

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Special Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
October 30, 2026

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 30, 2026, at 3:00 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. Bob Armour, Molly Rabin, Kim Saalfeld

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
   2.1. Kirk Hansen, John Rediker

3. STAFF PRESENT
   3.1. Nell Davis, April Heredia, Mike Ortiz, Scott O'Connell, Jarod Biniecki, Trey Johnson, Joel Rabinowitz, Beth Pappas, Julie Cotter, Sara Eaton, Dan Timm, Carol Johnson, Andy Beske

4. OTHERS PRESENT
   4.1. None.

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
   5.1. Abby Audino and Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC

6. CALL TO ORDER
   6.1. Director Armour called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA
   7.1. None.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   8.1 By motion duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2026, meeting.

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

10 REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2027 PROGRAM FEES

10.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz had each department go through their proposed fees and gave the board the opportunity to ask any questions they might have. Many of the departments are proposing small increases to keep up with the increasing cost of operations. Smaller incremental increases are helpful to avoid larger increases every few years.

10.2 Each department submitted comparisons that they had researched and used this information to help make informative decisions with fee increases this year.

10.3 After discussion and hearing no public comment and by motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the proposed 2027 program fees as presented.

11 REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET

11.1 Director Armour thanked the directors for all their hard work this year on the budget. He shared that it was one of the best budget presentations he has seen and can see the hard work that was done on it.

11.2 Each director presented a analysis of their budget to the board and answered any questions the board had.

11.3 With no big concerns about the department budgets Mrs. Abby Robinson reviewed her budget memo that was submitted to the board with the proposed 2027 budget. Mrs. Robinson shared that this was not a revaluation year by the county assessor. The assessed value for the district increased by 3.57% for 2027. The operations mill levy for the district is anticipated to decrease slightly from 4.265 mills to 4.056.

11.4 Mrs. Robinson did not have more to add to what the directors had already shared with the board for revenues but did highlight a couple expenses such as a 12% increase to insurance and the cost of a 2027 board election. She also shared that personnel expenses will have a 3% increase which is consistent with CPI.

11.5 Mrs. Robinson then spoke about proposed capital spending of the district. The district is proposing $1.4 million in capital projects. She highlighted a few of the proposed capital purchases, two new trucks for the Facility Maintenance team which is roughly $100,000, also another $100,000 for updating the master plan. There is also about $120,000 for concessions for Dobson and other necessary enhancements.

11.6 Overall Mrs. Robinson shared that the 2027 budget is calling for a $2.3 million surplus, mainly due to less capital spending. Fund balance is estimated to end 2027 at roughly $13.4 million.

11.7 Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to open the public hearing for the adoption of the 2027 budget.

11.3 Hearing no public comment, the hearing was closed.

11.4 Upon a motion duly made by director Rabin and seconded by director Saalfeld it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the resolution to adopt the 2027 budget, to approve the resolution to certify the mill levy at 4.056 mills for operations, 0.01 mills for refunds/abatements and to approve the resolution to appropriate funds for spending in 2027, all of which are subject to minor adjustments that may result from the final certification of assessed values.

12 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

12.1 Mrs. Robinson asked the board to consider the audit engagement letter as presented in the board packet from McMahan and Associates. McMahan and Associates has done the district's audit for several years now and is a local company that specializes in auditing government entities.

12.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to engage McMahan and Associates for the annual District audit.

13 SEPTEMBER 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

13.1 Ms. Abby Robinson gave a high overview of the September financial statements as there were no major differences from budget. She began with revenues, reporting that food & beverage had a good month as expected and golf also did better than budget. Expenses showed some variances due to timing of invoices and labor. Capital is showing favorable but that is due to timing of current projects.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

14.1 Mr. Ortiz started out by thanking all his VRD staff for all of their hard work on the budget. He also shared with the board how hard everyone not just Dobson staff have been working to help get Dobson ready. He knows the public will be pleased with the renovations. He shared the first few events that will be happening at Dobson, first that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony next Tuesday, November 3, next Dobson will be hosting the celebration of life for George Gillett.

14.2 Mr. Ortiz welcomed and recognized the new members of the Dobson Team, Blake Knight, Logan Piquet and Kurt Johnson.

15 BOARD MEMBER INPUT

15.1 Director Rabin gave thanks to all the staff for their hard work and gave a reminder to not overlook safety during this busy time. She reminded everyone to slow down and avoid unnecessary slips.

15.2 Director Armour gave thanks to the Town of Vail and recognized what great stewards they have been throughout the Dobson project. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming ribbon cutting.

15.3 Director Saalfeld thanked all the directors for the detailed budget and for all their work on it. She also acknowledged all the great things the staff and the district

offer to the community. She also thanked Mike Ortiz for being a great leader for the district.

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

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS
November 12, 2026

MARKETING

- Dobson Arena is now open, and the marketing department has been very busy with social media videos, photos, email blasts, posters and more to let the community know about exciting events and programs at the new arena!
- We are very pleased with our social media engagement related to Dobson Arena – for example, Kristina's "ice pour" video is at 25,000 organic views and almost 600 "likes" across Instagram and Facebook.
- Madelyn was tasked with creating concession menus that the Dobson F&B staff could edit themselves, so she learned to use Google Slides to create professional looking menus that can be accessed by both F&B and marketing at any time.
- Kristina was at the Trick or Treat Trot on Oct. 31 and captured a large album of fantastic photos as well as video that she posted right after the event with over 4,000 views.
- We helped Sports with adult league and youth sports promotion and messaging.
- We created collateral and messaging to promote Santa's Workshop coming up in the beginning of December.
- The winter brochure is at the printer – this is always a big project that we are happy to complete.
- The Nordic brochure is also at the printer and will be available in the pro shop and in brochure stands around town soon.
- We worked on a variety of materials to promote the upcoming Nordic season including email blasts, social media videos, ads, pro shop slides and more.
- We helped give direction to Finnly for the digital displays that are on the TVs at Dobson showing locker room assignments, upcoming schedules and more.
- Nell is also working with Finnly to get our registration mobile app up to date with VRD branding, etc.
- We continue to promote regular gymnastics programs and special events such as Tumblin' Turkey Gymnastics Camp. Madelyn is working on creating fun custom stickers to hand out to our Toddler Bears participants.
- We are collaborating with Courtney to provide materials to help support group sales efforts for both the clubhouse and Dobson.
- Marketing produced an email blast "introducing" the Community Programming staff to our local families, with Q&A sections and photos for each staff member. This was well-received, and we plan to expand the feature to other departments.
- We are promoting the Ugly Sweater Run on Dec. 13 and beginning work on collateral and marketing for winter races.
- We finished up "Behind the Build" Dobson video series on social media, with Jared explaining different features and highlights of the remodel in each video. This was a great series that really helped show the transformation of the arena and construction highlights in real time.
- Now that pickleball has moved indoors, we are helping with messaging related to winter pass sales, programming and more.

SPORTS

Adult Sports:

- Fall Coed volleyball league is underway on Wednesdays at HPS and has 12 teams. It will wrap up in December and Winter League will start in mid-January.
- We have reenvisioned basketball league and will try a 3v3 format on Tuesday nights at Red Sandstone Elementary starting in Jan. The traditional league on Sundays at HPS has been declining in popularity so we will try the new format on a different night at RSES to cater to the growing number of work force living in Vail. Registration for this league will open this week.
- Open gym volleyball has moved to Fridays and continues to draw about 25 people per week. Open gym basketball will resume on Mondays starting Nov. 16.

Youth Sports:

- Fall soccer wrapped up in October.
- Youth volleyball will take place at HPS starting after thanksgiving and will run until mid-January. The program is full, with 32 participants and a waitlist. In the new year, we will offer futsal and High Country Hoops.
- Joel is working with third party camp providers to finalize the camp schedule for summer 2027.

Races:

- The Sports staff was happy to wrap up the summer event season with the final Mighty Marmot race on October 9. The three races once again sold out with 150 participants each.
- Cougar Ridge was another spectacular weekend with beautiful weather and a nearly sold-out field. The event was capped at 250 runners and we had 241 registrants. We also offered the Cougar Cub 14K for people wanting a shorter option.
- Currently sending sponsor recaps and working on sponsor renewals for 2027
- The winter race dates have been set:
    - Jan. 10 - Beaver Creek Uphill & Skimo
    - Jan. 24 - Arrowhead Uphill & Skimo
    - Jan. 31 - Vail Mountain Winter Uphill
    - Feb. 6 - Meadow Mountain Uphill Skiing Clinic
    - March 20 - Krueger Family Shamrock Shuffle
- Based on the success of the Mighty Marmot Youth Races, we are going to try a winter version this year. Tentative dates are Friday, Feb. 5 at the Vail Nordic Center and Friday, March 12 in Eagle Vail or Miller Ranch. More info on this to come!
- The Ugly Sweater Fun Run will once again take place starting at Bart & Yeti's in Lionshead on Sunday, Dec. 13 and will serve as a donation collection/fundraiser for the Community Market and local toy drive organized by Edward Jones. Please join us or drop donations at the Ford Park Tennis Center.

Other:

- Organized two trail workdays with VVMTA on the North Trail in September and October. Thanks to all the departments that participated.
- The Sports Department is excited to welcome Sarah Heredia to our year-round team. Her experience and sports knowledge will be a welcome addition.
- We are very excited about our new storage facility at the Athletic Fields.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Grill on the Gore:

- Closed for the off season currently.
- Looking at December 9th as a potential winter opening. Still finalizing with the team.
- Soup bar will be rolling again for the winter season.

Starter Haus:

- Closed for the season.

Beverage Cart:

- Closed for the season. Had a record year.

Ford Park:

- Closed for the season. Had a record year.

Events:

- We have hired a new banquet manager, congratulations Burke Fancher. He was promoted from Bar Lead to manager a couple weeks ago. We are excited to get him into his new position and continue to work with him on training.
- We finished our summer "wedding season" on October 31st. I believe we did 59 or 60 weddings this summer which is an all-time high for us.
- We are transitioning to group tastings for our wedding tastings this winter. We are currently slated to have 8 tasting events. We are well past halfway booked for those this winter.
- We have continued to get a large amount of positive feedback from our events.
- We are on track to have a record setting year financially for our events department.

Dobson:

- Congratulations to everyone, we are officially open and operational with our F&B operation at Dobson Ice Arena.
- We hosted the Gillette celebration of life on November 1st. It took a heroic effort from all teams, and it was completely worth it. The event was a tremendous success and the feedback from the community has been unbelievable.
- We hosted our first sportsmanship tournament this past weekend which was also a huge success.
- We hosted a Yeti fundraiser game this past Saturday that had around 1K guests. It was a huge success and a great chance for us to work through some of our operational kinks within the concessions. We are excited to make our adjustments and continue to advance our program.
- We will have regular concessions running almost every day moving forward as we test when it is needed and how to best meet the needs of our guests.
- Next big event on the horizon is the concert on November 28th. We are expecting a sold-out crowd of around 3500 people.

Overall, our team had our busiest summer yet and we switched gears right from Clubhouse full throttle operations to Dobson full throttle operations. The team is sneaking in some time off as we can and we couldn't be more excited with the opening of Dobson. I want to give a shoutout to our culinary team. The banquet team had its busiest summer ever. The restaurant absolutely crushed it by handling an extremely busy summer and all of them have worked together to get Dobson arena open and operational. I would like to also shout out to Ana Zyryanova! She ran the banquet operations at the Clubhouse through the end of October while at the same time was able to get Dobson ice arena ready to open and ran the opening weekend events. Great job to the team! I couldn't be prouder of them.

Nordic

- Vail Nordic Center opens Monday, 11/9 for the 26-27 season
- Shop is up and running, waiting for snow
- Nordic Swap is scheduled for Saturday, 11/14 10am-1pm
- Preseason Nordic sale is scheduled for Saturday, 11/14 9am-5pm
- Staff is all set and ready to go. We completed 5 (ski and clothing) clinics last week

GOLF

- On October 11th, the Vail Golf Club closed for the 2026 season after a 171-day long golf season. The Vail Golf Club opened for the season on April 24th which was the earliest opening date in my tenure while completing new cart paths and a new tee box on hole #17.
- The 2026 season was a hugely successful golf season with 26,165 total rounds played at the facility. Of the 26,165 rounds, 14,822 were resident rounds which was comprised of season pass holders, punch card holders, vail resident rates, and VGC sanctioned events. The remaining 11,343 rounds were comprised of non-resident rounds.
- During the season, the Vail Golf Club set a new record for hats sold at 2,784 which averages out to 16.2 hats per day. The VGC also sold 39 golf bags, 4,945 sleeves of golf balls, and 1,163 gloves throughout the season.
- Following the closing of the season, we upgraded the tee sheet to the newest version which provides the operator with more control of the tee sheet within the online booking portals (VGC Website, Golf Now, etc). This upgrade also provides the ability for online green fees to be broken down in between different GL codes to create more ease for the accounting team when reporting revenues for Green Fees, Cart Fees, and Advanced Reservation Fees.
- Following the board meeting on October 30th, all rates have been updated on the website and professional staff will begin the process of creating and updating all pertinent paperwork for the 2027 season.
- The professional staff is also actively completing merchandise and operations orders for the 2027 season which is a timely process throughout the winter months. The VGC plans to have 3-5 interns for the 2027 season and is actively recruiting currently and throughout the winter months.
- The Vail Nordic Center retail shop is now open for the season and hoping for a snow filled winter for not only the health of the valley during the winter months but also the health of the valley during the summer months.

Bldg. Maintenance

- Grill on the Gore Restaurant AC coil unit was successfully replaced with no disruption to operations. All units were running and have now been shut down for the winter
- Rental company dropped a 250 concrete block down the banquet steps damaging several steps. Demolition of the stairs has begun. Insurance company issued a check to cover 98% of the anticipated damages.
- Several interior & exterior door closing units are failing or have failed at the Golf & Nordic Clubhouse. The door from the banquet finish kitchen to the patio is the most recent challenge. We are working with a local vendor to repair or replace these doors, locks, and closers.
- We repaired a new leak in the boiler room as a result of failures of PEX piping. We are going to repair the ceiling in the lower hallway now that TOV and VRD officials have seen the issue firsthand.
- During Monson rains this season we experienced significant water intrusions to the Grill on the Gore finish kitchen. We will work with the TOV on both short- and long-term solutions. TOV has hired Austin Architects to prepare construction documents for repairs. McCallister Construction will likely be the GC and Group 14 will consult on building envelope issues. This will now be considered a Capital Project. VRD has identified a window of time to complete this work in spring of 2027.
- Hood system at Ford Park Concessions is currently not working in auto or manual modes. We are waiting for mechanical contractor to investigate however this is not a priority currently.
- Gymnastics water fountain not running cold water, working with manufacturer to resolve
- Pickleball toilet flush valve was repaired, and building has been winterized. Pine trees that overhang the fence and impact the sport surface have been pruned.
- VRD looking for artificial turf company to replace batter's boxes and complete turf repairs to be done this fall

Capital Projects

- Vail Athletic Field Building construction is complete. Final building item was replacement of drain chains for a gutter. This was identified as a safety concern. The parking lot was milled and repaved, and striped. VRD assisted with some of the post construction clean up as we had a subcontractor working on other landscape punch items. Hydrant was installed, old irrigation removed and landscaping complete. Once we resolve billing with Golden we will post for final payment. New storage shelving was installed in Sports garage and pallet racks installed in Parks garage.
- Final plans for enhanced Athletic Field entry near completion and ready for DRB submittal
- Dobson received its Certificate of Occupancy, and the F&B operation issued a license to operate. The venue hosted 475 guests for a successful event celebrating George Gillett. The VRD also took the lead in all F&B for this event executing a concept of capturing large group business. Client described the F&B efforts as "Over the Top" and was mentioned in the Vail Daily. This was followed by the ribbon cutting and then the Sportsmanship Tournament. We hosted 1000+ attendees for a Yeti hockey
- There are still approximately 75 Punch list items to attend to and follow up to what was completed.
- Golf & Nordic Clubhouse woodshed planning nearing completion and will go to DRB. This got postponed as Dobson priorities required additional time.
- VRD currently looking for new Building Maintenance Manager and Clubhouse Group Sales Manager. Recent hires to the F&B department are:
- Director of Group Sales – Courtney Herner
- Dobson Events & Condescension's Manager – Anastasia Zyryanova
- Clubhouse Events Operations Manager – Burke Fancher

PARKS

- We have finished our fall shutdown for the season. All fields have been aerated, overseeded and fertilized. Ford Park and Vail Athletic Field have also been sprayed with fungicides and closed for the season.

Community Programming

- Trick-or-Treat Trot was on Oct 31 and was a big hit as always. We saw close to 1,000 people through Vail Village, due to Halloween falling on a weekend day.
- Imagination Station is slow, but still seeing guests and locals trickling in. We are aiming to begin our winter season hours and being open on weekends on Dec 5 – sooner if staffing allows.
- We have school break day camps coming up soon. Thanksgiving Break Camp is Nov 23, 24, 25 and Christmas Break Camp is Dec 21-Jan 4. We expect 30-60 kids each day depending on the activity offered.
- Dec 3 2:30p-6:30p we will be hosting Santa's Workshop at Imagination Station. It is $10/child. Visiting families will get a cozy visit with Santa, a printed photo, decorating a picture frame, color a take n bake holiday pottery ornament, holiday tri-bead craft/ornament, write a letter to Santa, and complete a coloring contest page.