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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
July 27, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on July 27, 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. Kirk Hansen, Jason Plante, Bob Armour, John Rediker

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. Molly Rabin

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Nell Davis, Andrew Villescascas, April Heredia, Alice Plain, Sarah Heredia

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. David Heredia, Diego Heredia, Carlos Chavez, Sara Hawkins, Maggie Chavez, Kim Rediker, Greg Hall

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC., Matt Miller, McMahan and Associates, 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 and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023, regular meeting.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None.

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- 10 PRESENTATION OF VAIL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS
- 10.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz explained to the board that for 2023, the scholarship committee awarded four scholarships to graduating seniors – two to local students who excelled in sports and academics, and two to VRD staff or dependents of staff.
- 10.2 Mr. Mike Ortiz shared the winners of the scholarships this year are Gabrielle Leonardo, Sara Hawkins, Carlos Chavez, and Diego Heredia. Mr. Ortiz gave a brief academic, athletics, and service background on each of the winners and presented each one with a check.
- 10.3 Mr. Ortiz explained that the scholarship will be for four years if the students maintain a C average or better in college. The district will have with these four winners a total of fourteen students on the scholarship.
- 10.4 Mr. Ortiz talked about the history of the scholarship, and how it honors the memory of Tom Slaughter, Jr. The VRD is proud to carry on his legacy and continue to award these scholarships in his name and continue to raise funding for the scholarship via the Businesses, Bogeys and Bragging Rights charity golf tournament each fall.
- 11 INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE- ANDREW VILLES CAS
- 11.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz gave a brief background about Mr. Villesc as and shared with the board the department he will be working in. The board was welcoming and happy to meet the newest member of our team.
- 12 PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT
- 12.1 The 2022 audit was completed by McMahan and Associates. Mr. Matt Miller shared with the board that the audit received an unqualified clean opinion finding and that no audit adjustments would be needed. He shared a brief process of the audit and gave a high overview of the audit report.
- 12.2 By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the audit draft as presented.
- 13 DOBSON ICE ARENA UPDATE
- 13.1 Mr. Mike Ortiz re-capped the joint meeting the board had with the Town of Vail Council in which the conceptual design phase of Dobson Ice Arena was explained. The TOV and VRD staff have been working with POPULOUS Architects on conceptual plans for a renovation of Dobson Ice Arena. There were four design plans completed by Populous. These plans varied in facility size and the number of attendees these facilities could accommodate for hockey games and special events. Additionally, there was a great deal of time spent on the roof of the building as it doesn't meet snow load capacity regulations and is mitigated with a snow removal management plan. After hours of discussion amongst staff and consultants, staff then decided that all options must include a

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new roof structure. Town of Vail staff decided that \$45 million were available for this project from the Urban Renewal Authority and directed POPULOUS to design to a budget of \$40 million. Additionally, the VRD offered to pay for the ice system replacement costs for the project which were anticipated to be in the \$3 million range. After this design was completed by POPULOUS the capacity number for both hockey games and special events was reduced from today's existing numbers. VRD staff urged POPULOUS and the TOV staff to design a facility where the hockey capacity increased at a minimum. POPULOUS then accomplished this but the capacity number for events is still down from what exists today. After TOV staff completed cost estimates for this project it was revealed that the ice system would cost \$6 million. VRD board members told TOV council that at most the VRD could pay \$3 million for the ice system. TOV staff plans to recommend to town council that a contract for schematic design be approved for POPULOUS at their next council meeting August 15. After consulting with Mr. Eric Weaver the board directed Mr. Ortiz to pledge no more than 3 million. After much discussion the board expressed how important it will be to keep communication open for both the Town of Vail and the district as this project progresses.

14 JUNE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

14.1 Mr. Eric Weaver shared with the board that now that we have reformatted the financials, we can now concentrate on what has happened during the month. During the month of June revenues were down \$86K which was not surprising with the delayed opening of the Golf course. F&B Banquets have also added to the deficit as they were down \$100K from the budget. The F&B team assured Mr. Weaver that they are going into a busy season, and they still feel as though they will make up for the loss in June. Expenses were favorable in almost all categories. Some of the savings are due to timing issues and those expenses will eventually come through. Overall Mr. Weaver is confident in the VRD's financial position year to date. However, he is very concerned and stressed that the district cannot fund employee housing at 3.21 million and 6 million for the Dobson project. The district must be able to spread out the payments of the two projects.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

15.1 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 a few things from the report, the first being that Mr. George Hart, Assistant Golf Professional has retired. Mr. Ortiz shared the district plans to honor George for all his years of service at one of the final Men's League nights.

15.2 Mr. Ortiz shared with the board an incident that occurred at the Gymnastics facility. A young girl accidentally drove her pick-up truck into the side of the building causing extensive damage. She did not sustain any significant injuries

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but was very shaken by the ordeal. Town of Vail has made the space safe and is currently working to get the building repaired.

15.3 Mr. Ortiz wanted to give a special shout out to our Parks Department and their director Justin Gompf for the great job they have done on our parks this summer.

16 BOARD MEMBER INPUT

16.1 Director Plante shared his condolences to the family of Mike Steiner who recently passed away. Mr. Steiner was a big part of our community. He also thanked all the VRD staff for all their hard work this summer. He also congratulated once again our scholarship winners.

16.2 Director Armour recognized how busy the summer has been and acknowledged all staff for doing a great job this season. He also shared all the great things he has heard about the shape of the golf course. Lastly, he gave a shout out to a great community member-Vi Brown!

16.3 Director Rediker asked of the progress of the salary survey and Mr. Ortiz shared we are finishing up with it in the coming week.

16.4 Director Hansen thanked both Eric and April for their financial diligence. He also commented on how great the golf course looks and how great the restaurant has been this season. He also gave thanks to the summer race series both running and biking and praised how professionally and well done they are produced. Lastly, he acknowledged how great Pickleball has been this summer. The changes have made it a fun, social and athletic summer. Great Job Ben!

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,
April Heredia
Secretary to the Meeting