

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

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 11, 2013
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 14, 2013
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Review of Driving Range Mats Project – Mr. Scott Todd
5. Vail Recreation District Financial Future and Options – Mr. Eric Weaver
6. Executive Director Input
7. Board Member Input
8. Adjournment

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District March 14, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 14, 2013 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. Jeff Wiles, Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Rick Sackbauer and Billy Suarez
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Tony Giroux
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. None
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.
 - 5.2. Dave Tanner, Tanner Consulting Group (Via Conference Call)
 - 5.3. Pedro Campos, Zehren and Associates
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. REVIEW OF NETTING PROJECT FOR DRIVING RANGE AT VAIL GOLF CLUB

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- 9.1. Mr. Campos and Mr. Tanner presented information regarding review of the netting project for the driving range at the Vail Golf Club. Mr. Campos showed the current netting, which is fairly straight, and explained there is narrow corridor between the current facility and the netting of approximately 12 feet. The proposed netting replacements on the south side of the range were reviewed, showing the baffled netting and landscaping along the north side of the facility. The baffled netting creates spaces for landscaping and other uses along the corridor.
- 9.1.1. Director Wilson questioned the ability to create more space on the north side of the clubhouse if the poles were a straight line system?
- 9.1.1.1. Mr. Campos explained it is feasible, but it would confine the width of the driving range. Baffled netting would create a balance between the clubhouse and netting.
- 9.1.1.2. Mr. Tanner also explained benefits of the baffles, which will create openings between the driving range and clubhouse. The baffled netting encourages golfers to aim toward the target greens vs. the clubhouse. It reduces bad shots that ride down the fence line as the baffles create barriers. At the same time, it also allows for equipment pass through, areas for private lessons and youth programs, additional landscaping and other opportunities a straight line wouldn't allow for.
- 9.1.2. Director Wilson questioned putting the highest baffle first reducing the need for three baffles.
- 9.1.2.1. Mr. Tanner explained the three baffles create protection of the clubhouse, 18th fairway golfers and also better views. Homeowners will also see fewer poles as they'll be aligned to reduce the visibility. The heights go from 100 to 130 feet in height. It will be a "tapered" pole system and less obtrusive.
- 9.1.3. Mr. Campos outlined additional advantages of the baffled system including improved safety for golfers, creating additional space alongside the clubhouse, aesthetic improvements along the netting, better circulation and improved view impacts.
- 9.1.4. Director Suarez questioned whether the continuous net is removed if the baffled system is installed.
- 9.1.4.1. Mr. Campos explained the current netting on that side will be removed if the baffled system is installed.
- 9.1.5. Director Wiles questioned the base diameter of the poles and gaps between the poles.
- 9.1.5.1. Mr. Tanner explained the poles are 50 feet on center, each baffle is approximately 100 feet and the pole at the base is 24 inches. From the first baffle to the second baffle it is approximately 75 feet but results in more coverage with less netting. The goal is to provide more protection and safety for the clubhouse and golfers on the 18th fairway with less

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- netting. He said 86 percent of golf balls hit are “sliced” and this will address the heaviest hit areas from the driving range tee.
- 9.1.6. Mr. Ortiz also explained original plans were for four baffles, but it has been determined that everything can be accomplished with three baffles.
- 9.1.7. Director Suarez questioned the price difference between a straight system and a baffled system.
- 9.1.7.1. Mr. Tanner explained cost is an additional \$39,000 to fill in with straight poles. With the proposed baffle system it will cost approximately \$362,000.
- 9.1.8. Director Hanlon questioned if the baffled system compromises the right side of the driving range.
- 9.1.8.1. Mr. Tanner explained golfers tend to hit more left so they can swing their shot around. By using the baffles, it will encourage them to hit toward the target greens. The baffles will not block the majority of golfers. Fortunately the golfers will be able to select a good position to aim in the correct direction. The rest of the range is in its full width.
- 9.2. Mr. Ortiz requested comments from the VRD Board.
- 9.2.1. Director Wilson encouraged the board to consider carefully the decision they make regarding the net as it will be there for 20 years or longer. He explained safety is no. 1, aesthetics are also important and not compromising the views of the Gore Range and the usefulness of the range. He expressed concerns for golfers on the right side of the range. He explained he is still not convinced the baffle system is the solution. This will be a long-term decision.
- 9.2.2. Director Suarez said he thinks the baffling is a beautiful option that will allow different operations to take place with landscaping and equipment mobility options.
- 9.2.3. Director Wiles said his perspective is the last three or four spots on the driving range should not dictate the decision. The benefits of the baffles seem to add better aesthetics, operational improvements and more. He explained the straight system seems to be more constricting between the clubhouse and netting. It would be a great improvement for winter Nordic operations and access for the snowcat.
- 9.2.4. Director Sackbauer explained he is a proponent of the baffles. From a perspective of showing the public the difference, it would be a better presentation with the baffles with proposed landscaping and the straight system with no landscaping. It could be an issue on the right side, but the pros outweigh the cons of the straight netting. Mr. Sackbauer reviewed the Vail Homeowners Association article from the Vail Daily in making long-term public safety decisions. He said this is a long-term public safety decision and will have positive impacts.

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- 9.2.5. Director Hanlon agreed with Director Sackbauer that the pros for the baffle system outweigh the straight system. He agreed with Director Wilson that all aspects need to be looked at however, as it is a long-term decision.
- 9.3. Mr. Campos explained he can come back to the board to show a rendering including the proposed landscaping and other possibilities with the baffled system for both golf and Nordic operations.
- 9.3.1. Director Sackbauer said in the master plan for the golf course, there are proposed putting and practice areas that could be incorporated within the baffled system and it will only improve the Vail golf club.
- 9.4. Mr. Ortiz said staff will come back on March 28 with further information.
10. SYNTHETIC SURFACE REVIEW FOR SOFTBALL INFIELDS
- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that Mr. Giroux researched much of the information being discussed. Currently there are a lot of “rainouts” in the summertime because there are pockets that retain water between the infield and grass areas. A lot of time is taken to get the dirt prepared for softball. With synthetic surface, there is drainage within the surface and the water percolates, which will dramatically reduce the “rainouts.”
- 10.1.1. Director Sackbauer questioned the drainage plans for the entire renovation of the field. Mr. Ortiz explained that there will be subsurface drainage and improvements throughout.
- 10.2. Mr. Ortiz said the infield surface currently is watered often to condition them and reduce dust and dirt waste. The synthetic surface will eliminate dust issues as well as the lip between the outfield and infield. This will allow other sports to be played in the infields as it will be more contiguous surface, resulting also in a more consistent ball speed with less bounce.
- 10.3. Another pro to synthetic turf infields, Mr. Ortiz explained, is that the turf can be created to control ball speeds, thus improving safety. When you play softball on the current fields, whenever the ball hits the dirt it causes a divot and the ball can go in any direction. It is a safety factor and another reason for synthetic infields. If grass infields were in place, lacrosse and soccer or other sports would create divots that can't be improved.
- 10.4. There will be reduced costs for maintenance and staff time with synthetic turf. The infields will not have to be dragged daily, there will be no need for chalking, watering the infields will be eliminated, clay issues and clay replacement in the infield will be eliminated all resulting in a reduction in daily maintenance. Synthetic infields will not eliminate all maintenance, but reduces it greatly. It will reduce maintenance costs by \$5,000 each summer.
- 10.5. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Giroux called a handful of agencies that are utilizing synthetic infields and researched maintenance, costs, players thoughts, before and after and several other items to make a decisions. In the testimonials, each of the communities reported that players enjoyed natural grass outfields with the

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synthetic surf. They appreciated the true ball speeds and more seamless and consistent playing surface.

- 10.6. Mr. Ortiz reviewed a similar project in Newberry, FL., which was designed by the city to promote sports tourism. They originally built 16 fields and are building 16 more because they have been so successful. He outlined the steps to creating a mix between natural grass outfields and synthetic turf infields. The batter boxes will be cut differently so that it can be replaced every four to six years, at it will be utilized the most. The natural turf is rolled out right to the synthetic surface. Users will notice a color difference but a much improved playing experience.
- 10.6.1. Director Wiles questioned what colors the VRD would utilize. Mr. Ortiz explained the Town's Design Review Board has approved all green. However, staff is going to speak with the softball players about the color. As this project can be amended through the DRB process.
- 10.6.2. Director Wilson questioned how it affects lacrosse and soccer sports.
- 10.6.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained it is a seamless playing area.
- 10.7. Mr. Ortiz showed visuals of the current infields with pockets of water and the lips between the grass and the dirt infield. It requires pumping of the water, dragging and needs to have ample time to dry out. If it rains after this procedure, the process is repeated. Again, this is the reason for so many "rainouts" on the current fields. He also showed the current lip and why it is dangerous for softball players in particular with ball bounce and running. He also showed contamination of rocks in the current playing surface, which will be eliminated with the new fields.
- 10.8. Mr. Ortiz reiterated that the synthetic infields will not only improve the playing surface, but it will dramatically improve the safety for all sports on the fields.
- 10.8.1. Director Wiles agreed that players will find the fields to be true and consistent.
- 10.8.2. Director Wilson questioned the longevity of the turf?
- 10.8.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained it has an eight year warranty but staff expects it to last much longer because it is only used in the summer. Director Sackbauer encouraged the board to review synthetic turf in the valley, including Edwards and at Vail Mountain School. Mr. Giroux explained that since those fields have been installed, improvements have been made to make Vail's proposed synthetic infields state-of-the-art.
- 10.9. Mr. Ortiz explained that 23 percent of the entire playing field surface will be synthetic.
- 10.10. Director Wilson said it is important to note that no existing natural turf is going to become artificial turf with the project. It is strictly the current dirt infields that will be changed into this synthetic surface. Ford Park will not be entirely synthetically turfed.

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- 10.11. Mr. Ortiz again reiterated that it will be only 23 percent synthetic turf. The remainder will be natural grass.
- 10.12. Director Sackbauer said this is another example of the town making a long-term public safety commitment with the transfer of the infields to synthetic turf.
- 10.13. Mr. Ortiz said it can only be multi-purpose if the infields are synthetic turf. The dirt infields will not allow the entire fields to be multi-purpose. It will again provide for a consistent playing surface.
- 10.14. Director Sackbauer explained that if Vail wants to have two full-sized playing fields, this is the only way to do it.
- 10.15. Mr. Ortiz showed the board several videos of cities including Newberry and a Division I college in North Dakota (which has similar weather to Vail) that went through a similar process and how it has positively affected the cities. Most importantly with sports tourism, adding to economic vitality of the cities and improving safety for the players.
- 10.16. Director Wilson questioned if you're playing lacrosse and it's a different color than turf, can it be colored to accommodate them? Mr. Ortiz explained lines can be painted but the infield turf color cannot be changed. Mr. Ortiz has requested the synthetic turf company to send an example of the surface
- 10.17. Director Sackbauer questioned the difference of turf surface between Battle Mountain High School and what will be installed. Can players go to the high school and play to see the quality? Mr. Ortiz explained in Gypsum there are synthetic turf fields that can be played on as an example.
- 10.18. Director Wilson questioned the role of the board. Mr. Ortiz explained it's gone through the town's process and this meeting was to inform the board of the process and what it will look like when completed. Staff will work with the community on a potential color change with the DRB.
- 10.19. Director Suarez questioned a standard depth for the synthetic turf? Mr. Giroux explained it will be a solid color and it will be a standard distance for an infield.
- 10.20. Director Sackbauer said staff shouldn't battle on the color as it's more important to complete the project, green or brown. He said he's ecstatic the voters of the town approved this project and when completed it will be a much better surface. He requested being showed how it will look in Vail when the fields are completed.
- 10.21. Mr. Ortiz said work will begin in September and will be ready for play in June 2014 if construction goes well.
- 10.22. Director Hanlon requested staff connect with both the softball players and destination sports groups so the VRD has the best information that will serve all of the groups. He said he is in favor of the project, especially from a safety standpoint, plus it reduces costs and maintenance. It achieves the goal of having

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two full-size fields without compromising softball and is a win-win for the community and sports tournament organizers.

10.23. Mr. Ortiz ended by saying in 2014, people should be excited to have new concessions, restrooms and new fields with state-of-the-art drainage and better playing conditions between the outfields and infields.

10.24. Director Wiles encouraged bringing back softball tournaments and little league tournaments to Vail. These new fields will be an incentive for such programming.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

11.1. Mr. Ortiz congratulated Justin Gompf, Vail Golf Club Assistant Superintendent, and his wife with the recent birth of their baby boy. Everyone is healthy and happy.

11.2. Mr. Ortiz also congratulated Director Sackbauer's daughter, Mary, who finished 9th in a recent ski championships and has been selected for the All-American Team. Director Sackbauer said Vail's David Viele was one of the last All-American skiers from Vail to be named to the team.

12. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

12.1. Director Sackbauer took a lesson with Chris Johnson at the Cascade Spa and Athletic Club in the indoor hitting bay. He said it was amazing to learn what athletics can incorporate into your hitting swing. There are 100 minute and 45 minute lessons available.

12.2. Director Wilson also has taken lessons with Chris Johnson and Paul in the indoor hitting bay. He also encouraged everyone get their annual dermatology checkup to stay healthy as we live in a high altitude, high UV climate.

12.2.1. Mr. Ortiz says staff is working with Sun Safe Colorado on policies for staff.

12.3. Director Suarez noted that in his short time being on the board, how much more he understands that staff and Mike do than he realized. He wanted the general public to understand how much time and research staff does before any decision is made.

12.4. Director Hanlon said he was looking forward to the Krueger Family Shamrock Shuffle. He congratulated the Gompf family. He also noted that the summer sports camp roster is out with lots of options. He also said Vail-local Joe Stauffer complimented the Vail Nordic Center on its programming.

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1. 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,

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Jamie Gunion
Secretary to the Meeting



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Name Vail Golf Club
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Phone 970-479-2262

Proposal #: 12659
Date: 3/15/13
Terms: 50-50
Sales Person: Marie

Qty	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
1590	Square Feet EZ Tee Poly Tee line approximately 6x265 Turf will be (4) pieces 6'x86'	\$7.50	\$11,925.00
1590	Materials, Labor, rental and travel necessary to install tee line with a paver boarder *Removal of existing organic material *Base installation *Paver boarder installation *Turf installation, seaming, shaping and securing	\$7.50	\$11,925.00
Vail GC to purchase paver stones VGC to help with movement of base material VGC to provide 2 helpers to assist in moving large rolls of turf VGC to provide use of sod cutter and area to dispose of the sod once it's removed			

Payment Details

- Cash
 Check

Name _____

SubTotal	\$23,850.00
Shipping & Handling	\$1,000.00
Taxes State	
TOTAL	\$24,850.00

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Any alteration, addition, or deviation from above specifications including extra costs will become a separate charge - over and above the estimate. If the client changes are required or requested after work has commenced, STI reserves the right to charge \$50/hour plus materials and expenses incurred for those changes or regular installation rates charges, whichever is greater. Quote good for thirty days.

Turf preparation requires excessive landscape removal or replacement, irrigation adjustments, tree or fence removal, or equipment required by unknown factors when quoted. These activities may also incur additional charges to the estimate.

All promised installation dates are controlled by weather conditions. All agreements are contingent upon correct, accurate, or timely receipt of STI orders.

The client is required to carry fire, liability, and other necessary insurance with their work. Workers Compensation Insurance and Public Liability Insurance for STI above with W-9 required by Synthetic Turf International, LLC.











VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT
April 11, 2013

GOLF MAINTENANCE

- Snowpack update: Statewide snowpack is at 73% of average (down from 77% on 3/21). Upper Colorado River Basin is at 76% of average (down from 77% on 3/21). Around this same date last year we were at 51% statewide and 46% for our basin. We are well above last year's curve now thanks to snow this March in contrast to the great melt off experienced last year.
- Snow-Water Equivalent update: As of March 21, the figure is at 12.5" or 62% of average YTD for Vail Mountain.
- Based on current observation of snow pack on the golf course, I expect that unless we see a prolonged cold spell in the next two weeks, we should see at least a mini-loop of golf holes open for play by May 1st.
- Cleared greens 5 and 14 last week, and applied a late winter/early spring fungicide application to get them through the next month or so if we continue to hold snow. All manually cleared greens and partially exposed greens look healthy. We will work to clear greens 3, 4, 18 and the Putting green over the next week when we have breaks in the winter weather. Green covers will be utilized if we get into an extended dry, windy weather pattern to prevent desiccation damage.
- Nordic trail grooming done as of April 3. Several loops on the golf course have been closed since April 1 when snow became too thin or entry and exit points to trails had exposed asphalt and/or turf. Nordic track will still be open, weather permitting, through Sunday, April 7 after which time the Center will close for the season.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Golf Passes will go on sale April 16. Punch Cards are in the process of being printed and put together. They will be ready by the 16.
- Nordic moves out of facility on Sunday, April 7. Carpet cleaning is scheduled Tuesday. Troy and Steve will install new computers and load software on Thursday.
- Chris Johnson is on vacation until April 15 and will start work on April 16.
- One of our 3 month PGM Interns called today to let us know he would not be able to come this summer because of family issues. We currently have 5 interns for the summer. Interns will be arriving mid-May.
- We have several people applying for summer jobs at the golf course. We are currently interviewing.
- Starting to receive our new inventory for the shop including hard goods. We will be selling old rental sets when we open the golf shop. Sets range in price from \$100 to \$350.
- We are adding some new clinics for the 2013 season. We will offer a couples clinic on Friday evenings. We will also be adding a "Play with the Pro" clinic on Monday evenings. Get Golf Ready Classes will return to Vail Golf Club with 3 different clinics this year. All clinics available will be updated on our website soon.
- We have two volunteer positions open and are currently taking applications for those positions and conducting interviews.
- We have 90% of our staff returning for the 2013 season. This does not include our PGM interns as they move on to other facilities.

SPORTS REPORT

- Sports team was hired by Larry Grossman to help produce Cult Cross this past weekend, a Cyclocross race at the Eagle County Fairgrounds.
- Registration recently closed for Spring Youth soccer with over 205 kids registered
- T-Ball clinic sold out quickly again this spring. We will look to increase the numbers next spring.
- Sports department continues to work hard on partnerships that either bring us additional revenue or enhance the product/experience we offer. To that note Northside Café is our “refuel” sponsor for last five trail running races. They will provide a variety of fresh food items for our race finishers.
- Work is in progress on a Kids Adventure Race Spectator Guide. It will be produced by the Vail Daily. There will be race pertinent information for parents and spectators, as well as local advertisements, dining and shopping guides. The hope is it will be done early enough to be included in racers bags at the GoPro Mountain Games.
- We are under a month away from kicking off the 2013 race series, starting with the first Short Track MTB Race on April 24.

DOBSON

- Spring hockey is underway. We are a partial home for the Mountain Militia who practice and play games at Dobson and Breckenridge. It is a spring high school league in the state. We are also home to a new Thunderbirds AAA hockey program. The Thunderbirds are a Denver-based organization but have branched out into a mountain program under the same umbrella.
- The summer is pretty booked up with hockey camps and skating clinics. We also have lots of summer ice for figure skaters. Bob Johnson Hockey School has 33 spots left.
- The annual Ski Patrol/Ski School game brought in between 400-500 spectators. This year Vail hosted a team from Beaver Creek/Keystone and Breckenridge and had a 4 team tournament. Ski School beat Ski Patrol 3-0 in the annual rivalry to advance to the championship against Breckenridge. Breckenridge took top honors on Saturday vs. Vail Ski School. The weekend was a success and talk has already started about next year’s event.
- Summer Adult Hockey is on track to fill the ice each night. We may see an increase from last year’s participation.
- Jared, Andy and Kirby will be heading to NARCE in May for a week of professional development and networking. Andy and Kirby are currently enrolled in Operations and Risk Management. Jared is enrolled in CIT Recertification. NARCE includes the largest tradeshow in our industry which takes place over a two-day period during the conference. This year’s conference is held in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Staff is gearing up for our annual meltdown of the ice and plan to do a lot of painting to give the arena a nice fresh look. Other work will include annual maintenance of the dasher boards and glass, concession remodel and installation of a new sheet of ice.

MARKETING

- Summer collateral is in full swing. Summer sports and day camp brochures have been mailed and printed. They will be distributed to schools from Gypsum to Vail. Working on golf, Nature Center, Tennis Center rack cards. Announcements of the short track, trail running race and mountain bike race series soon to come.
- Beth and Jamie have had several meetings with representatives from the CSE and VLMDAC to discuss summer marketing for the Kids Adventure Race and VRD

programs. Projects are on track. Working on a Kids Adventure Race spectator guide that will be out through the summer and available during the four-day event.

- Continued collaboration with the VLMDAC on all things summer, including reach to South America.
- Continued collaboration with Town of Vail on communication for Vail Golf Club renovation and Ford Park project.

GYMNASTICS

- Preparing for the annual spring show on May 18, times to be announced
- Registrations for summer camps is steady
- Boys level 5 regionals this weekend

YOUTH SERVICES

Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station remains fairly consistent. Many local families are coming regularly and visitors are finding out about this space more and more. Spring Break traffic has kept us busy.
- Cardio Kickboxing has been underway for one month; we need to grow this program. Vinyasa Flow began February 4 and gives us an evening yoga option that is more intense than the morning offering.
- We cancelled “Chocolate Making” because we were not able to meet her minimum participant requirement. We had 4 at the teacher’s deadline for the minimum (Wednesday); then we got another 6 after we had to cancel. We learned that we need to communicate an expectation that the registration needs to remain open through the day prior to any class.
- We hosted a “Sip & Sculpt” on Friday, April 5.

KidZone

- We offered one day of School’s Out Camp on March 25. This was more full than we initially staffed for, but we were able to accommodate everybody.
- We are hosting five days of School’s Out Camp from 4/15 to 19.

Other

- The Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 was busy. We estimate 250 children and 250 adults.
- This department relied others to help spread the word regarding summer camps at the NRC Broadcasting Activity Fair on Saturday, March 30.
- We are beginning to plan and hire for summer. We have an initial agreement with VRI to use GPCC for the summer, and have an initial agreement to use RSES as well. As always, Pre Kamp Vail will require the most attention as it has a challenging standard for Director and Group Leader qualified personnel.
- Registration opened Monday, April 1 for summer camps. Some sessions of Camp Eco Fun were full by noon and more filled later in the week.
- We are working in conjunction with the Town of Vail to determine the feasibility of building a permanent skatepark. We have two potential sites, and the VRD is heading up the discussion with neighbors (e.g. RSES and School District, VMS) before we move too far with any other planning. Chad met with Kat (RSES) and Phil (ECSD) and we are working on getting some answers before we go before the School Board. Chad and Mike met with Peter Abuisi of Vail Mountain School on 3/7. This was an excellent opportunity to learn about the challenges of working with the neighbors to keep everyone happy.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Vail Golf Course

- Hole 19 material storage
 - PEC was delayed and will now be in April
 - Final designs now complete including specs for completion
 - Project to be completed in Spring 2013 including: sod, cart path repair, monument
 - Landscapes Unlimited has scheduled 3rd week of May for mobilization
- #7 Stream bank stabilization
 - Revegetation and final clean up scheduled for 3rd week May
 - Asphalt cart repair will occur as soon as plant opens (anticipated for mid-May)

Vail Golf & Nordic Club House

- Spring punch underway
- Carpet cleaning for pro shop and restaurant scheduled
- New time clocks installed included golf maintenance

Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- Park Center building drywall installed, installing kitchen equipment (hoods and Walk in)
- Utility work for Ford Park improvements ongoing (access to VRD admin is a challenge)
- West facility sub roofing complete, plantings will be installed mid-June
- Kitchen equipment ordered for mid-May delivery
- Food vendors set up for purchasing
- F&B staffing requirements being evaluated and hiring will take place in early May
- Summer promoters are calling to ensure that F&B will be available for events

Dobson

- Cooling tower to be refurbished, contracted by VRD and paid for by TOV.
- PRV continues to struggle with contaminants entering the bldg., working with PSI plumbing and ERW&SD to resolve.
- Dobson concessions renovation planning underway. Pierce Architects hired for plan set.
 - Conceptual layout available for review
 - Structural plans being drafted for ceiling
 - Equipment package under review
 - MEP work being evaluated for costs

PARKS DEPARTMENT

- Snow levels have dropped in the last week enough to grant access to many properties. It is still too early for regular maintenance but here is what is expected in the next couple of weeks to come.
- We are gearing up for youth soccer to begin near the end of April busy setting up nets on all youth goals at Eagle Vail, Red Sandstone, Ford Park and Donovan along with painting soccer field lines as soon as the turf dries out enough that these fields become playable.
- Tennis clay is scheduled to arrive the first week in May, granted we can work around the current construction at the Tennis Center, clay court renovations will begin at that time.
- Summer staff has been hired for the 2013 season; 4 out of 5 former employees are returning this year.