Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
October 22, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Vail, Council Chambers Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

    1.1. Joe Hanlon, Michele Hall, Ken Wilson, Rick Sackbauer, Jeff Wiles

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

    2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

    3.1. Mike Ortiz, Lori Gordon, Jamie Gunion, Scott O'Connell, Steve Sarro, Alice Plain, Joel Rabinowitz, Mark Jero, Jared Biniecki, Chad Young, Heather Gilger

4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT

    4.1. None

5. OTHERS PRESENT

    5.1. None

6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

    6.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.

7. CALL TO ORDER

    7.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order

8. APPROVAL OF 10/8/09 MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2009 Regular Board meeting, subject to minor revisions.

9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. VAIL GOLF CLUB IMPROVEMENTS: TEE BOXES, DUMP SITE, AND TREE PLANTING- MR. STEVE SARRO

10.1. Mr. Steve Sarro gave a brief presentation on the Golf Course improvements that he and his staff has done on the Golf Course including the tree planting around the course, grading of accumulated excess materials, and enhancements to several tee boxes on the course.

11. SEPTEMBER 09 FINANCIAL REPORT- MR. ERIC WEAVER

11.1. Mr. Eric Weaver presented the September 30, 2009 financial report noting that overall operation are running close to budget and no new variances from budget were noted. With the postponement of #7 tee box as well as not needing to use any of the $300,000 of contingency the District will finish the year well ahead of budget which will allow for a significant roll-forward of fund balance to be used for 2010 capital funding.

12. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET

12.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to open the public hearing for the 2010 budget.

12.2. No public comment was given but Mr. Weaver stated that we would like to continue the budget hearing to next meeting to allow additional opportunity for public input.

12.3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to continue the public hearing for the 2010 budget to the regular meeting to be held on November 12, 2009.

13. PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET- MR. ERIC WEAVER

13.1. Mr. Weaver the major points of the budget memo included on the Board packet. Major items discussed included the increase in assessed valuation due to the 2009 re-assessment of valued by the County assessor. Due to the significant deferred maintenance of capital the budget is drafted to keep the operations mill levy at 2.76 mills but the special mill levy to pay for the Dobson bonds would be reduced from 0.336 mills last year to an estimated 0.265 mills in 2010.

13.2. Overall operations are budgeted to closely the 2009 except for a budgeted decrease in gymnastics revenues due to the new fieldhouse being constructed by WECMRD and a budgeted partial rebound of golf revenues since the course will not be under construction in 2010.

13.3. Contingency of $300,000 is included in the budget to allow a cushion for the District due to the uncertainties in the economy as well as the potential for another year of property tax abatements similar to those experienced in 2009.

13.4. Amounts available for capital projects are estimated to be approximately $1,222,000. Mr. Weaver then reviewed a capital priorities list showing how the staff ranks projects totaling approximately $1,933,000 to narrow down the projects to those deemed most needed to fit within the budget.

13.5. Director Sackbauer requested that the capital needs assessment of the District be expanded to show the needs over the next three to five years. This will allow the Board to see the true needs for 2010 and see the larger picture of the District. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Weaver stated that they agreed with this approach and will have staff come back with their 3 year capital plans broken down by importance and need.

13.6. Several larger scale projects, including lightning shelters on the golf course, a restroom remodel at the golf clubhouse, and a new zamboni for Dobson Ice Arena were discussed by the Board.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

14.1. Mr. Ortiz stated the following:

14.1.1. Gymnastics: USAG level 4 team is doing great. Open house went well had over 50 kids and families.

14.1.2. Youth Services: Submitted a grant request for Early Childhood Partners, and it has been approved.

14.1.3. Sports: Programs at Red Sandstone Gym have started.

15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

15.1. Director Wilson thanked all the staff for their hard work on the 2009 budget; everyone did a great job, especially with the economy being the way it is. Everyone was very financially responsible. Thank you to Mr. Weaver for the weekly golf report, it was very helpful. Director Wilson received a compliment about the Golf course staying open until it can no longer be played, and he wanted to pass that along to the board and to Ms. Plain and to Mr. Sarro. Mr. Ortiz gave credit where due by stating that this was Director Sackbauer's idea originally.

15.2. Director Wilson stated that the TOV has 9 very qualified candidates running for the Town Council. He encourages everyone to vote. He also stated his concern with one of the proposals for the Ford Park parking feasibility study that appears to remove and not replace the tennis courts. He felt that he had been assured that there would be no net loss of recreation and that this particular option should be removed.

15.3. Director Hall stated she would still like to stay close with the school board meetings and stay involved. She would like to invite the School board superintend and the school board members to one of our meetings.

15.4. Director Wiles thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. He also stated their will be a Snowdaze concert at the Ice arena.

15.5. Director Hanlon thanked Mr. Weaver for his hard work on the 2010 budget.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously resolved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of: §24-6-402(4) (f), C.R.S., "Personnel Matters"

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.

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Michelle Hall, Secretary Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director

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