
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District June 11, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on June 11, 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. Ken Wilson, Michelle Hall, Jeff Wiles, Rick Sackbauer, Joe Hanlon (via phone)

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Lori Gordon, Steve Sarro, Alice Plain

4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT

4.1. None

5. OTHERS PRESENT

5.1. Marc DeRosiers

6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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

7. CALL TO ORDER

7.1. Director Wilson called the meeting to order.

8. APPROVAL OF 5/14/09 MEETING MINUTES

8.1. Director Wilson moved to approve the May 14, 2009 Regular Board meeting minutes, Director Wiles seconded. Approved unanimously

9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

9.1. None

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10. GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE- MR. STEVE SARRO

- 10.1. Mr. Steve Sarro gave a construction update on the irrigation system. They are running about 2 weeks behind due to the weather. The public can always log on to <http://vailgcm.blogspot.com> to check out the updates anytime.
- 10.2. Director Wilson stated the golf course is coming in nicely, thank you Mr. Sarro.

11. APRIL 09 FINANCIAL REPORT- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 11.1. Mr. Eric Weaver stated as of right now we look to still be doing well compared to budget but May will be the first real sign of the impacts of the economy on the District's revenues. Some signs are becoming noticeable such as corporate sponsorships being down and the summer camps filling up slower than usual as parents are waiting until the last minute to sign up the children.
- 11.2. Mr. Weaver then reviewed a comparison of year to date Golf revenues and rounds compared to the same date last year. The comparison showed that pass and punch card sales are far ahead of last year due to the discounted prices. Other revenues are down 20% so far but it is still very early in the season and the weather has not been real great.
- 11.3. The board requested the numbers on a weekly basis from Mr. Weaver so that there are no surprises at the end of the summer.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 12.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz stated the following:
 - 12.1.1. The first bike race was held last night at Eagle Ranch with 326 participant and 50 kids. The new Sports Team did a great job.
 - 12.1.2. Gymnastics camps are filled up.
 - 12.1.3. Youth services camps are down, but will fill up.
 - 12.1.4. Nature Center Greenhouse is being built.
 - 12.1.5. The VRD received a letter back from the Eagle County Board of Commissioners. Both of the letters including the one that the VRD and the Town of Vail will be including in these minutes.

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13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Hanlon stated he likes the idea of weekly updates on the golf numbers.
- 13.2. Director Sackbauer wanted to thank Mr. Sarro for keeping the Golf Maintenance blog up to date, and also wanted to thank Mr. Marc DeRosiers from Happy Valley Grill for the dinner for the Vail Valley Academy.
- 13.3. Director Wiles stated he had heard from 2 different people down valley that the golf course play was as good as it was as last August. He also wanted to thank the staff for the Teva running race as there were 350 participants, 150 more than expected.
- 13.4. Director Wilson suggested having one meeting a month at the Vail golf club-Krueger room. He also stated great job to Mr. Joel Rabinowitz and staff on the Teva games races.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 14.1. Director Hall made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of: §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., “Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.” Director Hanlon seconded.
Approved unanimously

15. ADJOURNMENT

- 15.1. Director Wilson motioned to adjourn. Director Wiles seconded.
Approved unanimously

Michelle Hall, Secretary

Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director

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May 15, 2009

VIA E-MAIL
AND U.S. MAIL

To: Eagle County Board of County Commissioners
Re: Edwards Field House Project/Gymnastics

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is (i) to correct an inaccurate representation made to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) in connection with the recent approval of the new Edwards field house project ("Project") and (ii) to request that the County, after learning more about the Vail Recreation District's (VRD) concerns set forth below, further avoid duplications of services in projects approved in the future.

We understand you were informed at the March 31, 2009 BoCC hearing that Western Eagle County Metropolitan Recreation District (WECMRD) implied the VRD was in support of a gymnastics facility following a 2004 collaborative effort of Eagle County public recreation providers (VRD, Town of Avon, Town of Vail and WECMRD). This could not be further from the truth; in fact, the VRD is strongly opposed to the inclusion of a gymnastics facility within the Project.

The VRD and other community stakeholders (Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, Vail Resorts, Inc., and the Town of Vail) have invested substantial resources in developing a vibrant gymnastics program, including the construction of a \$3 million gymnastics facility in 2004. Along with the gymnastics program offered by WECMRD in Gypsum, we believe County residents and visitors are well served now and for the foreseeable future. Creation of a third program will clearly constitute a duplication of services and, the VRD firmly believes, will lead to a diminution in the quality of gymnastics offerings throughout the County. Besides the very real potential of a negative impact on the VRD's program, the VRD questions whether, in this time where public recreation dollars need to be stretched as far as possible, the acquisition of facilities for a redundant gymnastics program is a prudent expenditure.

We note that WECMRD recently requested the VRD provide a letter of support for the Project. The VRD declined to provide the letter. We also note that a citizen's planning committee document from 2004 has recently been presented as the VRD's grant of support for the Project. The document cannot be construed in good faith as the VRD's support; to the contrary, the document contains a

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recommendation against the duplication of public facilities we are precisely faced with here.

In moving forward, we encourage all entities in Eagle County to communicate more efficiently on both large and small scale projects. As a first step, the VRD would like to work with Eagle County and organize a county-wide recreation summit. This summit is an opportunity to inform the BoCC and the community on what each recreation entity and municipal government recreational department offers to Eagle County residents and guests. During this summit, we would encourage Eagle County to act as the facilitator among the different entities. If you would like to move forward with this suggestion, please let us know. Additionally, we invite you to visit us and take a tour of our facilities to better familiarize yourself with the amenities and programs offered in Vail.

We would be happy to discuss this further and we invite any questions or feedback you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Wilson,
VRD Board, Chair

Dick Cleveland
Town of Vail, Mayor

cc: Michael Glass, Chair,
WECMRD
Keith Montag, Eagle County Manager,
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Bob Naracci, Planning Manager,
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June 8, 2009

Ken Wilson, Chair
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Re: Edwards Field House Project/Gymnastics

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter dated May 15, 2009 referencing the above mentioned project and the Vail Recreation District's opposition to the inclusion of a gymnastics facility within this project.

I have met with the Board of Eagle County Commissioners and they agree we need to communicate more efficiently with all entities in Eagle County on any and all projects concerning recreation and the duplication of public facilities.

Your suggestion to work with Eagle County to organize a county-wide recreation summit is a good one and Eagle County would be happy to act as the facilitator among the different entities. A tour of your facilities is something we can certainly attempt to do sometime in the near future.

Thank you for drawing our attention to this matter. Let's get together and discuss logistics and protocol.

Sincerely,
EAGLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Keith P. Montag, County Manager

cc: Dick Cleveland, Mayor, Town of Vail
Michael Glass, Chair, WECMRD
Bob Narracci, Planning Manager, Eagle County
Tom Johnson, Public Works Director, Eagle County
Mike Ortiz, Vail Recreation Department