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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District May 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 15, 2019, at 6:00pm, at the Gypsum Recreation Center, Gypsum, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Liz Jones
- Mikayla Curtis
- Chris Pryor
- Tom Pohl
- Mike McCormack

Also in attendance were:

- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Alethea Platter, Accounting Manager
- Cat Olson, Human Resources Manager
- Scott Robinson, Marketing & Communications Manager
- Scott Ruff, Facilities Superintendent
- Anna Englehart, Recreation Programs Superintendent
- Sheryl Staten, Eagle Facility Supervisor
- Stacey Todd, Outdoor Programs Supervisor
- Brad Johnson, Edwards Facility Supervisor
- Matt Dalton, Spencer Fane LLC, by phone
- Amanda Castelli, Logan Simpson, by phone
- Jeff Errett, Logan Simpson, by phone

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District was called to order by Chairperson Jones on May 15, 2019, at 6:00pm, noting a quorum was present.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Director Pryor requested a discussion of notification to emergency service providers when special events are to occur.

3. Minutes

Director Pohl requested that the notice of Director Pryor's leaving be stricken from the minutes to avoid confusion. Director Pohl made a motion to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes as amended. Director Curtis seconded the motion. It was unanimously

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RESOLVED to approve the April 17, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

4. Public Input and Presentations

- a. **Eagle Sports Complex Concessions** – Ms. Bartnik presented the three optional concepts for concessions facilities sketched by Logan Simpson architects and based on the programming plan approved by the board in March. Concept A is a reconstruct of the existing facility but with two additional fixtures in each rest room. Concept B is a two-part facility with rest rooms on one half, concessions and tournament spaces on the other, and with a breezeway in the center. Concept C includes a second story deck over expanded facilities. Bartnik asked the board for direction as to which concept the consultants should move forward into the design phase.

Director Pohl asked about opportunities for elevated seating. Ms. Castelli noted that items from each of the concept could be interchangeable between concepts. Director Pryor asked staff who have worked in the facility could comment on their preferences for the facility. Mr. Johnson suggested that any facility that has improved rest rooms would be helpful. Director Pryor asked if there had been considerations to incorporating sustainability or climate action objectives. Mr. Errett stated that sustainable materials could be considered, as could responsible sourcing options. Ms. Castelli clarified that the costs provided by the electrical engineer ranged from \$85,000-\$125,000 and that those costs did not include the costs of an upgrade to the Musco lighting control system suggested by staff.

Director Curtis noted that she liked the seating arrangement shown in concept A. She also stated that she did not think the rooftop deck was necessary. Director Pohl concurred with Director Curtis. Chairperson Jones stated she liked the rooftop concept if there were a possibility of offering alcohol for sale in that rooftop space. Director Pryor stated that he had considered the rooftop deck to be a location for events. Director McCormack noted that he was concerned with the cost considering how many needs there are for improvements. He suggested that there be a revision to Concept A that grows the footprint to allow more space to meet the full set of requests. Director Pryor stated that Concept C was expensive, and that Concept A was too similar to the existing facility.

The board directed staff to draft a new version of Concept B minus the breezeway, bringing the two halves of the building together. Ms. Castelli and Mr. Errett will present a new draft at a future meeting.

- b. **Overlap Consent Request** – Ms. Bartnik explained that a developer has proposed to plan and develop a new subdivision in Edwards. The new subdivision will include a common open space that is proposed to be managed by a new metro district to be created with the subdivision. With recreational rights, Mountain Rec must consider

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whether or not to allow for the overlap in service boundaries. Matt Dalton was available for questions.

Mr. Dalton explained that by state statute, Mountain Recreation holds parks and recreation service rights and by law the new subdivision cannot compete with what the existing district is doing. Consenting to the overlap does not eliminate the district's tax levy or the ability or right for the district to provide service. The new District would manage 49 acres of open space, an amphitheater, and a trail.

Director Pryor stated that the new taxpayers in this overlap area may be less likely to vote for measures related to recreation for Mountain Recreation. Mr. Dalton mentioned that it is assumed based on typical housing statistics in the Valley that many of those homeowners would not be voters. Chairperson Jones asked what the conflict was when the proposal was presented to the Edwards Metro District. Discussion ensued related to the Edwards Metro District Board's discussion of plan specifics.

The consensus of the board was to postpone a decision until more information was received.

Chairperson Jones asked Mr. Dalton to discuss the new properties added to the tax rolls. Mr. Dalton explained that there is a provision that large parcels be exempt from Mountain Recreation's property tax levy. As properties are subdivided and developed, they lose their exemption and are required to begin to pay taxes to the District. Mr. Dalton had worked with Eagle County to identify those parcels no longer exempt and notified those property owners of their inclusion in the District's taxing authority.

Discussion ensued regarding the taxing authority of Mountain Recreation.

- c. Eagle Pool and Ice Rink Benchmarks** – Ms. Staten presented information benchmarks related to the current use and financial position of the Eagle Pool and Ice Rink Facility in preparation for the joint planning process with the Town of Eagle for the facility and adjacent park property. The facility opened in 2003. The largest portion of the expenses are related to maintenance. An increase in subsidy reflected in the Eagle budget is related to programming and not necessarily related to the facility. The facility itself is operating at an approximate \$125,000 deficit.

Ms. Staten discussed the scheduling and participation in programming. Strongest programs in fall and winter are learn-to-skate, youth hockey, and adult hockey. Facility rentals supply \$106,730 in revenue annually, with the greatest number of rental revenues from Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club. Summer programs include aquatics, ReckKids camps, and sports camps. Facility peak usage was shared.

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Strengths include the facility's location, its outdoor pool, affordability, safe and clean condition, and safety record. Weaknesses include seasonality of the facility's use, prime time is at capacity, facility lacks extra space to increase programming, and lack of part time staffing. Opportunities include extending the indoor rink season to host tournaments, expanding outdoor programming, more indoor summer event rentals, new partnerships, and the master planning process.

Director Curtis asked what it would take to extend the ice rink's season. Ms. Staten indicated that it would not take much and would impact the roller derby season slightly. Director McCormack asked if Ms. Staten had looked at the possibly adding tournaments during the existing season. Ms. Staten offered several tournament ideas. Director Pryor asked if the rink could open earlier. Ms. Staten replied that the rink would be opening a week earlier than normal. Director Pryor asked if there was any opportunity to keep the ice rink open all year. Ms. Staten suggested that keeping the rink open all summer would mean that the RecKids camp would need to be moved to a new location. Discussion ensued regarding summer hockey camps.

5. Business

- a. **Overlap Consent Resolution** – Per the presentation by Ms. Bartnik and questions and answers by Mr. Dalton, the board considered an overlap consent resolution. The Board directed staff to acquire the development information from Mr. Dalton and to forward that to the board. As well, the board requested that staff investigate representation that would not create a conflict of interest and to return the item to the June agenda.
- b. **Turf Logo Replacement** – Mr. Ruff explained that a last-minute change to the turf installation contract at the Eagle Sports Complex resulted in the stitching of "WECMRD" into the turf fields. As a part of the rebranding, staff proposes to have the existing branding removed and replaced with standard green turf. Staff proposes to include this work within the Eagle Sports Complex FY2019 capital funding. Director McCormack moved to approve the expenditure of \$13,000 from the Eagle Sports Complex capital project to replace the turf logos on the Eagle Sports Complex fields. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure of \$13,000 from the Eagle Sports Complex capital project to replace the turf logos on the Eagle Sports Complex fields.

- c. **Schedule of Fees Amendment** – Ms. Platter and Mr. Johnson presented a request to amend the Schedule of Fees approved with the FY 2019 budget to add rates for staff time and materials. Director Pohl moved to amend the Schedule of Fees as presented. Director McCormack second the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to amend the Schedule of Fees to add rates for staffing and materials.

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- d. **Other Business** – Ms. Bartnik related an incident in which a controlled burn adjacent to Freedom Park affected a lacrosse tournament. Staff discussed ensuring that emergency personnel were informed of special events and programs well ahead of the event date to ensure future conflicts do not occur. It was agreed that user groups were also responsible for communicating with emergency personnel ahead of their events.

Financial Matters

- a. **Budget Amendment FY 2018** - Ms. Platter stated that that notice of the public hearing was published on May 9, 2019 in the newspaper of record. Chairperson Jones opened the public hearing on the amendment of the FY 2018 budget. Hearing no comments, Chairperson Jones closed the public hearing. Ms. Platter stated that an FY2018 budget amendment approved in November 2018 was approved prior to having end-of-year numbers available. The preparation of information for the 2018 audit provided information that required a second budget amendment for FY2018. Director Curtis moved to approve the budget amendment as proposed. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve a budget amendment resolution for FY 2018.

- b. **Financial Statements and Accounts Payable** - Ms. Platter reported that the expenditures were not out of line with expectations. She noted that some of the items appearing over projected amounts were related to capital items approved for purchase by the board. Chairperson Jones asked about the negative in the Eagle budget. Ms. Platter reported that reflected a typical timing issue for the public's purchasing of passes. Director Curtis asked about the revenues for outdoor programs. Ms. Todd reported that those revenues were outdoor camp revenues received. Discussion ensued regarding outdoor camps and programs.

Director Pohl moved to approve financials and accounts payable as presented. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve financial and accounts payable reports.

Staff Reports

There were no questions.

Adjournment

Director McCormack moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Pryor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.