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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – October 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District October 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on October 21, 2020, at 6:00pm, at the Edwards Field House and via Zoom platform, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

Attendance The following Directors were present and acting:

- Liz Jones
- Mikayla Curtis
- Mike McCormack
- Tom Pohl (attending remotely)
- Chris Pryor

Also in attendance were:

- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreation Programs
- Scott Robinson, Business Operations Superintendent
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Facilities
- Alethea Platter, Accounting Manager
- Cat Olson, Human Resources Manager
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor – Edwards Field House
- Eddie Campos, Marketing and Communications Manager
- Lizzy Owens, Community Engagement Manager
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Brett Donelson, The Cycle Effect
- Vicki Flynn, The Cycle Effect
- Matty Marks, 10th Mountain Lacrosse
- Ernest Saeger, Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance

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 October 21, 2020, at 6:04pm, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no requests for amendments to the agenda.

3. Minutes

Director Pryor noted a minor typo in the September minutes. Director Curtis moved to approve the September 16, 2020 minutes as amended. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

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RESOLVED to approve the September 16, 2020, meeting minutes as amended.

4. Public Input and Presentations

a. Community Partnership Grant Applications

Ms. Bartnik stated that there had been three applications from non-profit organizations requesting support through the Community Partnership Grant Application offered by the District – The Cycle Effect, Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance, and 10th Mountain Lacrosse Club. Each organization had a representative present to address the board regarding their request.

i. The Cycle Effect

The Cycle Effect's (TCE) Girls Mountain Bike Program is offered during out of school time to low-income, Hispanic/Latina, and/or at-risk girls in 5th-12th grades. The Cycle Effect's main goal to create a pathway for underserved girls in our local community to graduate from high school and move onto a career or college education. The application requests grant funding for \$2,400 in in-kind rental fee waivers for Field House use and Pool and Ice Rink events, plus an additional ask for \$4,400 in cash support for participant scholarships. COVID has hit families hard, which has prompted the request. Mr. Donelson noted that he had just left an end of season party at the Minturn bike park.

Director Curtis asked if the request for in-kind skate rental time would be used in 2020 or 2021. Mr. Donelson stated that the recruitment event would be held in February, making this a 2021 funding request.

ii. Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance (VVMTA)

The Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance (VVMTA) mission is to maintain, educate, advocate for, and build sustainable non-motorized soft surface trails while conserving the natural environment of Eagle County and public lands. Mountain Recreation provided \$5,000 in operating support to VVMTA plus \$2,500 in cash support for the Minturn Bike Park in 2019. This application requests \$5,000 in operating support plus consideration of \$2,500 request for assistance for the second phase of the Minturn Bike Park.

Mr. Saeger reminded board members that he had presented an annual report at the last meeting of the board and stated that not much had changed since then. He added that the trails have been impacted by COVID, seeing a tremendous increase in use, increasing the need for maintenance. VVMTA hopes to fund a paid trail crew to supplement what the volunteer adopt-a-trail crews manage each year with more technical assistance. Maintenance is the top priority for the Minturn Bike Park.

Director Pohl thanked Mr. Saeger for his work on the Minturn Bike Park.

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Director McCormack asked what VVMTA was forecasting for maintenance costs for 2021. Mr. Saeger estimated maintenance and staffing costs for summer 2021 to be about \$18,000. Director McCormack stated that he would like for VVMTA to keep Mountain Rec informed on projects involving spaces within the District boundaries. Mr. Saeger stated that he, Ms. Bartnik, and a local trail builder had visited the Haymaker site to see how a bike park might fit in the site identified in the concept plan for the property.

iii. 10th Mountain Lacrosse Club

The 10th Mountain Lacrosse organization came before the Board earlier this year requesting a partnership to access Mountain Rec space to start a girl's lacrosse program in Edwards. This request focuses on two programs – (1) a Fall 2020 Sunday box lacrosse league from November through March for high school aged boys, and (2) a winter 2020-2021 instructional program for girls. Both programs are intended to fill the gap between high school and club seasons. Programs are drop-in based, allowing players to pursue other sports as well as to focus on skill development, not winning and losing. A grant would allow the price to participants to be kept low. The application requests \$6,000–12,000 in in-kind fee waiver support.

Mr. Marks stated that this summer has been a challenging one to host sports activities. He stated that a partnership with VSSA has not become a reality. The 10th Mountain Lacrosse Club is wanting to host a box lacrosse program that begins as Vail Lacrosse Club practices finish. He noted that the girl's lacrosse opportunities have not been filled by Vail LAX or the high schools. The first girls' season in the valley began in June. The main goal is creating a college pathway for lacrosse players. He stated that the cost of field space would be approximately \$12,000 and that any amount would be appreciated.

Director Pryor asked how much Mr. Marks received as a director of the Club. Mr. Marks stated that he was not paid. He hoped to grow support for the program to begin to pay coaches. He stated that he is hoping to make the program an elite recreational league.

Director Curtis asked how 10th Mountain differentiated between lacrosse programs in the valley. Mr. Marks stated that 10th Mountain focused on high school age players and played a different season than the other club. He stated that he was working in cooperation with Vail LAX.

Director Curtis stated that the application projected growth from one team to 15 or 16 teams in the near future. Mr. Marks described the age groups he hoped to add.

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Director McCormack stated that parents have wonderful things to say about Mr. Marks as a coach. Mr. Pryor added that his son has played for Mr. Marks.

Mr. Pohl stated that his business assistant was involved in the 10th Mountain program, particularly with the girls' lacrosse program. He stated that he felt the community service effort Mr. Marks would be requiring of the players was very positive for youth development.

Director Jones stated that these requests would be considered in the business portion of the meeting. She asked if there was anyone present from the public who wished to address the board. There was no one present to address the board.

5. Business

a. Community Partnership Grant Program Applications

Ms. Bartnik stated that funding was available in the amount of \$15,000 for FY 2020. The board had considered four requests and awarded \$7,950 in cash and in-kind support to all four applicants. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, neither the Roller Dolls Melee in the Mountains nor the Vail Valley Soccer Club's College ID camp were held, effectively raising the budgeted amount available for grants \$10,950 this final review period. Grant funding is limited by program policy to \$5,000 per organization per year. She added that the staff committee recommendation, which did consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the budget had been included in the action report.

Director Pryor stated that he felt the rubric used for rating grant applications was missing criteria. He felt that applications could be limited to every other year to allow for a wider pool of awards. He stated that consideration should be made as to the other sources of support received by applicants.

Director Curtis stated that she would like to see the program become more of a partnership than have the District serve as a funder. She suggested that a work session could be held to discuss the program in detail to determine how it could be operated differently in the future.

Director McCormack provided insight into the way Vail's special event grant program operates.

Director Curtis asked if the time requested by 10th Mountain Lacrosse was at a time used by other groups. It was after hours for November and December when others have not traditionally rented. Mr. Johnson is waiting to see if the 2021 dates were not going to be used by a renter from previous seasons.

Director Jones stated that given the impacts of the pandemic, she felt more inclined to be conservative and to offer more in-kind support than cash support. Director Pohl concurred.

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Director Curtis moved to approve \$2,400 in in-kind funding for The Cycle Effect in FY 2021. Director Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve \$2,400 in in-kind funding for The Cycle Effect in FY 2021.

Director Curtis moved to approve \$2,500 in cash funding for VVMTA in FY 2020. Director Pohl seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve \$2,500 in cash funding for VVMTA in FY 2020.

Director Curtis moved to approve \$2,500 in in-kind funding for 10th Mountain Lacrosse. There will be flexibility in the time frame for the use of the support across fiscal years. Director Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve \$2,500 in in-kind funding for 10th Mountain Lacrosse.

The board directed staff to have a conversation with applicants about limiting the frequency of requests and ensuring that Mountain Rec is recognized for its contributions to their programs. The board directed staff to schedule a work session to discuss the program in early 2021.

b. Other Business

There was no other business before the board.

6. Financial Matters

a. Financial Statements

b. Accounts Payable

Ms. Platter shared that the financial reports are not significantly different from the past few months. Staff is doing a great job of watching expenses and the COVID-impacted revenues are not where we have seen revenues in the past.

Director Curtis asked about the Decypher invoice on the payables. Ms. Platter stated that Decypher Technology bills for service in advance.

Director Curtis asked about a payable to “restaurant”. Ms. Platter stated that was a credit card expense that she set up as a general restaurant vendor in the system rather than establishing a vendor account for every restaurant at which a purchase may be made.

Director Curtis asked about the payment to the Gypsum Recreation Center capital fund. Ms. Platter stated that the payment was made payable to Mountain Rec.

Director Curtis asked about the negative number in the scholarship line item. Ms. Platter state that the line item is cleaned up at the end of the fiscal year. The

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line reflects donations received when participants register for a program and add on a small amount to support the scholarship program.

Director Pryor asked where savings for field operating costs were being realized. Savings on electrical costs for lighting will not appear until the November and December financial reports since utility costs will be reduced for October and November and billed in November and December respectively.

Director Curtis moved to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report as presented. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the financial statements and accounts payable report.

c. FY 2021 Proposed Budget

Director Jones opened the public hearing for consideration of the FY 2021 Proposed Budget, stating that the hearing had been advertised in the paper of record on October 8 as legally required.

Ms. Bartnik provided a summary of the FY 2021 administration recommended budget, and the challenges associated with preparing the budget in a pandemic. She thanked the staff, who were all involved in developing the detail behind each revenue projection and expense request.

Ms. Platter provide an overview of the proposed budget, including cost center summaries, following the information explained in the budget transmittal letter.

Director Jones stated that she appreciated the budget transmittal letter.

Director Curtis asked if the Gallagher Amendment Repeal should fail if that would have an impact on the FY 2021 budget tax revenues. Mr. Marchetti stated that it would not impact FY 2021.

There will be a more thorough review of the proposed budget at a work session scheduled Tuesday, October 27 at 11am in the Edwards Field House.

7. Staff Reports

- a. Administration**
- b. Facilities Division**
- c. Recreation Programs Division**

Ms. Bartnik stated that Mr. Goulding had submitted a written report on the Eagle Sports Complex construction project and was available by text if there were questions.

Director Pryor asked if the repainting of the Edwards Field House roof was included in the capital modeling for the facility. Mr. Ruff stated that the roof was not included in the modeling in the event that it could be included in the capital expansion project.

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Director Jones stated that she appreciated seeing the customer comments in the reports.

8. Reports & Info

No discussion.

Adjournment

Director Jones moved to adjourn the board meeting. Director Pryor seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.