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Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District – March 2, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
Of the Board of Directors
Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District
March 2, 2022**

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 2, 2022, at 9:00am, in the Edwards Field House, 450 Miller Ranch Road, Edwards, Colorado, 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
- Mike McCormack
- Mikayla Curtis
- Tom Pohl
- Chris Pryor (attending remotely)

Also in attendance were:

- Janet Bartnik, Executive Director
- Anna Englehart, Superintendent of Recreation Programs (attending remotely)
- Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Business Operations
- Scott Ruff, Superintendent of Facilities (attending remotely)
- Eddie Campos, Marketing and Communications Manager (attending remotely)
- Lizzy Owens, Community Engagement Manager (attending remotely)
- Brad Johnson, Facility Supervisor – Edwards
- Sheryl Staten, Facility Supervisor – Eagle (attending remotely)
- Rachel Zacher, Program Supervisor – Camps and Seniors (attending remotely)
- Matt Kreutzer, Program Supervisor – Sports (attending remotely)
- Ali Longwell, Vail Daily (attending remotely)
- Ken Marchetti, Marchetti and Weaver
- Todd Goulding, Goulding Development Advisors
- Matt Owens, Axios (attending remotely)
- Dee Wisor, Butler Snow
- Jonathan Heroux, Piper Sanders (attending remotely)
- Kevin Sharkey, Vail Mountaineers Hockey Club (attending remotely)
- Kris Miller
- Suzy Smith
- Joanna Kerwin (attending remotely)
- Tracy Erickson
- Eric Eves (attending remotely)

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1. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District was called to order by Chairperson Jones on March 2, 2022, at 9:01am, noting a quorum was present to conduct business.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were none.

3. Public Input

Director Jones asked for those from the public in attendance wishing to share comments with the board to do so at this time. She asked members of the public to limit their comments to three minutes or less.

Kevin Sharkey (Eagle) thanked the board for hearing the club and working toward accelerating the ice rink request. He felt it was important to show that work is planned to help with fundraising.

Tracy Erickson (Edwards) stated that he was confused about Mr. Sharkey's comments because he was not aware of any actions being taken with the club. He stated that he was pleased to hear that the board was working with the hockey club. He stated that he felt the ballot question should be pushed to November to collect more public input from the community, particularly the two core communities in the District. He stated that he was for the ballot issue, but that the board should take the time to get more buy-in.

Mr. Pryor joined the meeting.

Kris Miller (Edwards) stated that the program plan survey included a required question that should not have been required.

Suzy Smith (Edwards) stated that she had been researching the work the District does. She stated that the District had lost her vote because the improvements included in the issue did not meet her needs. She stated that the marketing firm Vail Health paid for should be fired. She felt that the District had not done its homework to identify true needs of the community. The District is spreading itself too thin by trying to be something to everyone.

4. Business

a. Election Resolution

Mr. Wisor had prepared an election resolution that will place a TABOR question on the May ballot. Director Jones asked the board for discussion.

Director Jones stated that a decision to go in May or November is not an easy decision and that the board has weighed the pros and cons. She recognized that there are always challenges to going to ballot at any time.

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Director McCormack stated that He stated that his family is a hockey family, and while the hockey community is not large, it is a program that deserves attention. He thanked Ms. Bartnik and Mr. Goulding for working with the hockey club representatives to address their concerns. He agreed that adding more to the plan could water down delivery of service in other areas. He stated that Mr. Goulding had looked at costs for leveling a piece of ground for ice so that it is ready to be built in phases.

Director McCormack noted that currently teens and seniors are not well served in the District's current facilities.

Director Pohl stated that he agreed with everything Director McCormack has shared. He added that there has been extensive public outreach for the last four years. He stated that he sees the need up and down the valley corridor. He desired for the District to make services more accommodating for the community as a unified organization, and not consider services in siloed area hubs. He stated that board had been using a long-range vision for its planning, considering more than just today. Related to timing, he agreed that there is no perfect time to go to ballot. He feels that a big risk is that prices will go up for the improvements needed. He appreciates that some neighborhoods have access to similar types of facilities and that he has heard from many voices that do not have access in their neighborhoods. He encouraged everyone to get involved or to stay involved because this board values public input.

Director Curtis stated that she appreciated all the comments heard throughout the process. She stated that marketing offers only a short window of time to share a message and so those messages must be brief. She stated that her full-time job involves youth and that this age group needs these spaces. She asked if the word "annually" should be added to the election resolution's ballot language to ensure the annual debt service limit was clear.

Director Pryor stated that he also appreciated the comments shared. He felt that the work the District has done to reach out to the public has been ongoing. He stated that the board had addressed several of the issues identified after the last ballot question. He stated that the District was formed to serve everyone.

Director Jones added that she has heard feedback about the equality of the investment of dollars proposed. She stated that the needs across the district are not equal. She agreed that the District is not able to reach everyone. The District does not have community centers like other communities and that District spaces are used as centers without adequate space to do so.

Director Jones acknowledged the support of the Education Foundation of Eagle County (EFEC) board. She shared appreciation for all the organizations that supported the issue last fall.

Director McCormack spoke to comments made by Gypsum Councilmember Tom Edwards. He stated that Mr. Edwards had personally been involved in the significant investment in recreation in Gypsum. There are few people who have

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given more to their communities. He wished that the District could do more for Gypsum in this plan. McCormack suggested that equality is achieved over time and looked forward to bringing more to Gypsum in the future. The vibrance of the Gypsum Rec Center is something that this board desires to bring to Eagle and Edwards.

Director Pohl appreciated that progress toward ice could be included.

Director Jones asked the board to address the resolution.

Director Curtis asked if the ballot language referring to the debt service payment limit should include the word “annually”.

The board discussed options related to the addition of funding to move forward with site prep for ice. Mr. Wisor stated that the board could choose to include language in the ballot question or could consider a motion to add that to the All Access Rec program. Board members indicated interest in adding language to the ballot question.

Mr. Wisor indicated that the language could be amended to read, “community spaces and *site development for an additional ice facility* to provide access to improve the health and wellbeing” to the ballot language.

Demonstrating a commitment to the hockey community was important.

Ms. Miller stated that Edwards has sufficient space to meet the needs in Edwards and that SOS Outreach and Howard Head should rent space elsewhere to make that happen. She suggested that board members were pushing the issue, not the community. She stated that the cost of the ballot issue could push her out of her house.

Mr. Erickson said that if the board earmarks funding for ice then the board should earmark all the details of the improvements planned. He stated that meetings should not be held behind the scenes. He wanted to know where the money was found to move up the hockey issue. He said it looked like the board was changing the ballot language to gain a group of voters.

Director McCormack stated that this same group demanded the board work with the hockey community.

Ms. Smith stated that she hoped the Vail Daily is on the call to see what is happening here.

Ms. Kerwin asked that the board postpone until November.

Director Pohl stated that he struggled adding language to the resolution and would prefer a separate motion to add ice to the program to provide assurance to the hockey community. He hoped that the public understands that the board is doing the best that it can to meet the needs of the entire community.

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Director Jones stated that she was supportive of including ice in the projects but did not see a need to list that in the ballot question. Director Pryor felt it should be included to set a reasonable expectation that there would be progress made toward getting more ice available.

Director Curtis stated that felt that there were other ways to demonstrate commitment rather than changing ballot language.

Director Pohl moved to adopt the 2022 Election Resolution with the additional of the word “annually” and no other changes. Director Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adopt the 2022 Election Resolution as amended.

Adjournment

Director Jones moved to adjourn. Director Curtis seconded the motion. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 am.