

Vail Gymnastics Center Renovations
Working Group Virtual Meeting Agenda
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
(MEETING RESULTS)

Invitees:

Maggie Swonger, Nicky Teavers, Paul Wisor, Mike Ortiz, Scott O’Connell, Kim Rediker, Tom Saalfeld, Bill Pierce, Kit Austin, Sandra Jennings, Mike Cuthbertson, Tim Carpenter, Suzanne Silverthorn, Greg Hall, Mark Novak, Mike Vaughan, Scott Robson, Tom Kassmel, Jessie Kleiforth, Marcie Laidman, Julie (VGC), Jason Morley

- Introductions
- Purpose of the Meeting
 - The purpose of the working group meeting is to further explore the feasibility of renovating the existing Vail Gymnastics Center into a multiple use facility combining both community recreation and early childhood education.
- Desired Outcomes and Objectives
 - Explore options for creating a multiple use facility
 - Identify technical issues requiring additional exploration and resolution
 - Develop a preliminary probable cost estimate and tentative renovation schedule
 - Create an opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the design and development process
 - Getting to “yes” is a shared objective
 - Identify a path forward resulting in a win/win outcome
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - The working group is made up primarily of technical professionals whose area of expertise is needed to identify issues and resolve problems as they may arise.
 - The working group members are asked to actively participate towards achieving the desired outcomes and objectives
 - The Vail Town Council shall be the final decision-maker as representatives of the owners of the property
 - The working group is apolitical in nature and not tasked with making a recommendation
 - All issues, questions, and concerns identified by the working group members will be shared with the Vail Town Council.
- Overview of Schematic Program and Spatial Plan – (Bill Pierce/Kit Austin)
- Identification of Issues, Questions, and Concerns – (Working Group Members)

- Next Steps

MEETING RESULTS:

The following notes are highlights from the Vail Gymnastics Center renovations virtual meeting held at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, May 26th.

- Bill Pierce and Kit Austin provided an overview of the schematic program and Spatial Needs Plan prepared as preliminary documents for the discussion.
- Per State Licensing Requirements, in order for an early childhood education center shall adhere to the requirements of the State Licensing Office as well as comply with the requirements of the local zoning code, uniform building code, and fire code.
- The Town has retained Steve Thomas of Colorado Code Consultants to serve as a sub-consultant and third-party reviewer of proposed plans, etc. Colorado Code Consultants is further charged with preparing a life/safety report. The report will be shared electronically with all members of the working group for information and review.
- Snow accumulation from the proposed outdoor play areas needs to be addressed to include snow removal, snow storage, and any potential safety concerns resulting from the accumulation of snow.
- Additional means of interior connections and circulation require further study. All classrooms shall be access separately from a common corridor and not require passing through one classroom to get to another.
- The design of the sky lights, if warranted, need to be further studied and appropriately designed and configured to avoid any safety issues or concerns. Special attention needs to be given to avoid children from climbing onto the sky lights.
- The multiple use concept of the proposed building creates unintended consequences which need to be better understood, explored, and resolved. For instance, vehicle parking, vehicle circulation, loading and delivery, pedestrian crossings, overlapping of uses, pick up/drop off times, noise attenuation, proximity of uses to one another, emergency vehicle circulation and access, etc.
- Tom Kassmel, Town Engineer has been initially tasked with assisting in understanding the issues and helping to develop a possible plan for vehicle ingress, egress, circulation, etc. The possible plan alternatives will be shared with the working group for feedback and input at an upcoming meeting.
- What is the anticipated duration of disruption to the VGC use given the proposed plan?
- What is the USGA required runaway distance for indoor vaulting, etc.
- State licensing requires a percentage of each outdoor play area to be protected and screened from the sun and weather. What is the percentage amount required per play area?
- From safety reasons an approved evacuation plan needs to be prepared and approved? The plan should coordinate with plans already in place for Red Sandstone Elementary and Vail Gymnastics Center. How are fire drills conducted?
- The separation of the toddler area on the first floor from the non-toddler area on the third floor is non-traditional and requires more exploration. While operating under one licensed premise this configuration poses challenges to operations. More exploration into this issue is needed.

- All working group members are invited to tour the outdoor areas of the existing Children's Garden of Learning with Maggie and others to witness of the program presently functions and experience being provided.
- The next working group meeting will be held after the Vail Town Council on June 2nd. Exact date and time to be determined.