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Ski Club Vail moving forward with new Vail clubhouse



Ski and Snowboard Club Vail is planning a 28,000-square-foot clubhouse to replace its current building at Golden Peak in Vail.



The planned Ski and Snowboard Club Vail clubhouse will include tuning facilities, video analysis rooms, warm up and cool down spaces, gear storage and community gathering areas.

VAIL — Ski & Snowboard Club Vail announced this week that it has received town of Vail approvals to build a new 28,000-square-foot clubhouse. In addition, the building will have 10,000 square feet of residential space as its third and fourth floors. That residential space will become one penthouse or two condominiums, the sale of which will provide the funding for the project. Also, the sale will allow for the formation of an endowment fund that will provide

scholarships for deserving Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athletes.

Ski & Snowboard Club Vail's current building was constructed in the late 1970s when the club had fewer than 100 participants. Ski & Snowboard Club Vail now has more than 600 kids and more than 100 coaches. Thanks to a donation of 12,000 square feet of additional land from Vail Resorts, the building could be designed with three large traffic lanes.

"It became apparent as coaches worked in cramped spaces and more than 600 kids no longer had adequate space to put on or store their gear, view video or meet with their coaches and groups, that we had outgrown our space," said Ski & Snowboard Club Vail Executive Director Aldo Radamus. "Everyone rallied around this need. I am so grateful for the leadership of our board of trustees, the generosity of Vail Resorts and the support of our families, the town of Vail and the community for enabling Ski & Snowboard Club Vail to accomplish so much for the youth of the Vail Valley."

Innovative plan

And just how did this come about?

"Well, a great deal of time and thought was put in up front examining and understanding the needs of Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athletes, staff, parents, neighbors and the community, along with the finances required to meet those needs," said Phil Hoversten, longtime Ski & Snowboard Club Vail trustee and board treasurer as well as past Ski & Snowboard Club Vail board president and parent of an Ski & Snowboard Club Vail alumna and U.S. Ski Team member.

Hoversten said they knew the clubhouse sits on one of the most beautiful parcels of land in the valley. So why not include residential space in the plan, with proceeds helping fund the project and also creating an endowment for scholarships?

"The town of Vail and its various committees and boards as well as neighbors of the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail Clubhouse worked thoughtfully and diligently with us, alongside K.H. Webb Architects and general contractor/construction manager Viele Construction, to arrive at final drawings, plans, finishes, renderings, costs, and ultimately the approvals needed to break ground in April 2015," Hoversten said.

A huge turning point in this process came in May, when Vail Resorts donated the 12,000 square feet of land, Hoversten said. Hoversten added that securing a buyer(s) for the 10,000-square-foot residential unit(s) on the top floors of the clubhouse is the next step.

home base

David Viele, Ski & Snowboard Club Vail alumnus, former U.S. Ski Team member, four-time All-American ski racer at Dartmouth, two-time World University Games Team member

capturing the GS title in 2001, and president and owner of Viele Construction, will oversee all construction management on the project alongside his team of experts.

“Although ski racing is thought of as an individual sport, racing against the clock to achieve your very best finish time possible, it was the Ski & Snowboard Club Vail community of athletes, coaches and parents that shaped me into the person I am today,” Viele said. “Without a clubhouse adequate enough to house this ‘community,’ Ski & Snowboard Club Vail was at risk of losing its ability to deliver on one of the most significant impacts it has on the youth of our valley — providing them with the confidence, leadership qualities and life skills needed to be successful in all that they do long beyond their years as a Ski & Snowboard Club Vail athlete.”

Viele added that the tuning facilities, video analysis rooms, warm up and cool down spaces, gear storage, community gathering areas and other details in the plan will enhance the world-class experience that Ski & Snowboard Club Vail seeks to deliver to its snowsports athletes.

For more information on the new Ski & Snowboard Club Vail Clubhouse and the penthouse units, contact Ski & Snowboard Club Vail at sschmidt@skiclubvail.org or 970-790-5161.

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