SCCC Board Meeting Minutes 10.21.26
Basalt Library

Board members present: Ned Andrews, Sierra Flanigan, Martha Ferguson, Jill Sabella.
Pete McBride on Zoom.

Guests: Molly Child, Heather Conroy, John Gunther

NEW BUSINESS

Drones at the Monastery
An email was sent to the board by a resident of Capitol Creek Valley that the new owner/ management of the monastery is using continuous nighttime flights of drones with bright lights. Daylight flights for security surveillance is understandable, but the resident finds the night drone activity with lights disruptive and is asking the Caucus to address this issue with the BOCC and Parks and Wildlife. The Board discussed contacting the County Attorney and Commissioner Jeffrey Woodruff.

Two Creeks Land Use Proposal
Two Creeks has resubmitted another proposal for the building of three ponds on the land located at the junction of East Sopris Creek Road and Capitol Creek where several sources of water merge. They are proposing "agricultural ponds" and "stream restoration on the 26-acre parcel and Mitch Haas, the land planner states they are meeting CPW guidelines. The Caucus has til October 30 to respond. In April 2024 the Board did not approve Two Creeks LLC claim to water storage rights using water from Little Elk Creek to fill their ponds. Ned is considering having the County attorneys handle this rather than have the Caucus incur legal fees as was done earlier.

CAUCUS COMMUNICATIONS

Website Review
Jill reviewed a recent meeting she and Molly and Steve Child had in which they looked through the current website with an eye on what could be edited out and what should remain to make the site have more permanent articles - like histories of the valley, a welcome letter, Master Plan and By Laws, committees, contacts for wildfire and emergencies, and WildSky Old Snowmass. A source like Constant Contact would be useful to use for current issues and notifications - agendas for meetings, fire alerts, celestial viewings. Also, websites of caucuses are posted on PitkinCounty.com.
Tied into the website would be fundraising, which is needed. Martha spoke about the benefits of having a Zeffy connection since they are linked to an Alpine account and efficiently respond to any donations with a tax deduction note sent to a donor and a thank you. Thus would save the Caucus from having to do this.
Martha spoke about her contact with the writer Craig Child, whose most recent book The Dark Night could be presented at an event at TAKAW as a fundraising event sometime in the spring. Pete McBride will be doing a talk at TAKAW just before Thanksgiving and is going to see if part of his proceeds could be given to the Caucus.
Since there was not a quorum, a vote by email with a motion made by Martha will follow this meeting to approve Amber McKeague's PikaDesign business to redesign the Caucus website, build up to 10 pages and hosting through WordPress, and website care and maintenance for 12 months, make simple links for donations and use of Zeffy.

ELECTIONS
Elections are coming up, closing on November 3. Applications can be made on the Caucus website.

The meeting was adjourned.