SCCC Board meeting 2.17.26
Judy Frey's house

Board members present: Sierra Flanigan, Ned Andrews, Michael Kinsley, Martha ferguson, Chris Collins, Jill Sabella, Judy Frey, Forrest Thomas, David Chase

Guests: Taylor Ferguson, Jeffrey Woodruff, Rob Ittner

INTRODUCTION

Rob Ittner introduced himself as a candidate for the District 1 County Commissioner. He's lived in the valley for 26 years, and from 2011-2015 he served as a commissioner, has run several restaurants in town, and worked for local organizations like the Buddy Program and the Deaf Camp.The primary is in June and the election in November.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ned moved to approve the Minutes of 1.20.26. David seconded. All in favor.

Forrest briefed on the Treasurer's Report procedures. There will be a quarterly report showing the new format for each of the three funds - unrestricted, water restricted, and Dark Skies funds. The treasurer's report at the end of March will have these itemized funds. There will be a new link on the "donate" button on the website for specific designated uses of any donations, including making an anonymous donation.

Ned spoke about our Form 990 from the IRS from 1999 which has our Letter of Determination as a 501 (c) (3), and our EIN #84-1230969. This is updated every year by our accountant but currently needs a new contact person and address on the form. Sierra moved to update the form, using her name as contact person. Ned will check to see if we can use the caucus' PO Box number as a permanent address.

WILD SKY OLD SNOWMASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Martha proudly announced that WildSky is now an officially certified Dark Sky International Community. She thanked the Board for their support in this three-year project, which she described as engrossing and exhausting. Dark Sky International wanted proof that there was full support for the program from the community to fully embrace the dark of night and our connection to the universe and life on our planet and was impressed by our commitment to information and education about how we value our environment as well as the dark sky. Martha has organized educational programs at ACES, TACAW, Aspen and Spring valley campuses and taken light measurement readings in various parts of the caucus area..

There will be several press announcements coming soon and there was discussion about using this publicity to do some fundraising. Mid-April will be a Dark Sky week, and that would be an appropriate time.
More general fundraising could be done mid summer with dark sky events instead of waiting til the end of year effort.

SPRING CLEANUP AND NEWSLETTER

The spring cleanup will be Saturday, May 9th from 9-noon, with possibly one in the fall as well. A roadside plaque stating the Caucus' involvement will be looked into.

Sierra spoke on the newsletter she's been working on about water conservation and fire which would be sent out on Constant Contact. Brook Stott, Angie Davlyn and Jeff Davlyn have been county advisers on these issues.

VISION 2050 COMMENTS

Sierra led a discussion on the Caucus' comments to be submitted to the BOCC and P&Z for their March 3 review meeting. Water was a main topic. Ned said we need a strong statement on ponds and discouraging "landscaping ponds" as being not a good use of water. He said about 400,000 acre/feet of water/year evaporates from ponds, and that irrigation ponds come with water rights but any other pond needs to 1. go through state court; 2. have a storage right; and 3.have an augmentation plan.

Jeffrey encouraged the Board to address the issues that the Caucus is particularly concerned with, not try to analyze the entire new draft. To concentrate on issues like development outside the urban growth boundary, connectivity of wildlife and wilderness, water use, fire and climate change.

COLORADO WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE

David addressed the County's requiring all caucuses to approve the plan and recommended that we approve it and then promote it. It involves mandatory fire resistance building materials for all new construction structures of 35 acres or less and some landscape requirements as well. Chris said he supports it as a builder and home owner. David moved to adopt the plan and Chris seconded. All in favor, except Michael.

The March Caucus meeting will be held at Judy Frey's again.

Meeting was adjourned.