

8/28/25 Woody Creek Caucus Meeting Minutes:

Attendees:

Allen Jones  
Martha Ferguson  
Amber Kurkoski  
Ellen Anderson  
Kristi Keasler  
Donny Mack  
Robert Oxenberg

- 1) Martha Ferguson told us about the Dark Skies Initiative that she started in Old Snowmass. The standards for certification as a Dark Skies area are set by the Dark Sky International organization: <https://darksky.org/>. Old Snowmass is still seeking its certification as a dark sky area. Martha takes readings with a Unihedron Sky Quality Meter to measure for the qualification. The basic criteria for outdoor residential lighting is a limit of 1000 Lumens and 3000K in color. Lighting must be useful, targeted, and have dimmers, timers or motion sensors. Seasonal lighting must shut off by 10 pm and only lit during holidays. All of this has been adopted as part of the Pitkin County land use code. Martha says that enforcement has worked well in Old Snowmass and suggests taking a picture, noting the address for enforcement.
- 2) Land Use: There were no objections to the application for the building of a barn with a CDU at 174 Twinning Flats Rd. and I explained the situation with the weddings at Chaparral and everyone agreed that they should only be allowed 3 paid events at their barn per year.
- 3) I announced that the WCC DPC had settled on not revising the accepted 2016 Master Plan after going through a long decision making process because that served us best in dealing with the county as it goes through its 2050 Vision process. Everyone was concerned with the now larger plan to build 115 units on the Phillips property with a water plant with capacity to handle more building in the future as well as the prospect of rezoning WC into a "transition zone" etc.
- 4) We did not have time to discuss the airport ballot measure