

Snowmass Capitol Creek Caucus Board Meeting November 20, 2018
Snowmass Fire Station Annex

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

Board members present: David Chase, Chris Collins, Vicki Treece, Michael Kinsley, George Johnson, Jill Sabella

Guests: Kevin Heath/Studio B Architect, Louis Wilsher/Landscape Architect Mt. Daly Enterprises LLC, Will Douglas/property owner, and Alan Richmond, Land Planner for the Collins/McCabe Ranch.

Minutes from Snowmass Capitol Creek Board Meeting of October 16, 2018 approved by David Chase.

Treasurer's Report

The Caucus' account has \$19,565.10 in the unrestricted fund and \$24,980.51 in the restricted Snowmass Creek water fund, for a total of \$44,545.61.

Discussion about a proposed budget for 2019 as per inquiries from caucus fundraising.

There are about \$4,500-\$5,000 annual expenses currently (web design & maintenance, postage, printing, non-profit liability, Secretary of State fee, caucus panic, miscellaneous, water mitigation fees). Projected budget of \$4,800 for 2019. Vicki proposed creating a contingency fund of \$1,000 for such things as firefighters fund, liability, advisory fees.

George moved to accept the SCCC proposed budget and add a \$1,000 contingency fund. Michael seconded. All approved.

Land Use Committee

Discussion of the Douglas Property on 876 Snowmass Creek Road. Activity Envelope /Site Plan included Louis Wilsher presenting drawings of the proposed plan which included: 150' setback from Snowmass Creek, visual mitigation of "scenic view protection" as regulated by Pitkin County), building a lined pond of 20,000 gallon storage for fire and landscaping per county regulation, consideration of restricted building schedule because the land is on the elk migration route, driveway widened for access. Buildings will be up to 21'10" height, house estimated 3,000 sq. ft with 900 sq. ft garage space, and grey wood siding.

George brought up the pond/water issue of removing silt loads in ponds, recommending a diversion around the pond and design of a smaller but deeper pond.

Chris addressed no solar plan, his concern for the power line (no provision for underground), and for the visual of light reflected off windows at night when driving down valley.

Chris moved to approve the Douglas Site and Activity Envelope. Michael seconded. All approved.

Alan Richmond presented the McCabe Properties LLC Extension of Vested Rights proposal. Chris Collins recused himself from this discussion and vote.

The proposal is proactive to ensure that vested development rights are continued, not necessarily to act on them, and to extend those rights for 20 years, until 2040. There are no new development plans on the McCabe Ranch except for one already approved house. Current deed restrictions include: no enlargement of the ranch manager's house, and the three historic sites being the old red barn, the irrigator's cabin, and the McCabe homestead house.

The McCabe Ranch manages cattle and irrigation in much of the Capitol Creek Valley (McCabe Ranch, Monastery property, Child Ranch). The Board expressed approval with their management, notably in keeping with the valley's ranching character which the Caucus promotes.

George moved that the Caucus Board approve the proposed extension of Vested Rights of 20 years to the McCabe Properties LLC.

Michael seconded. All approved.

Election

At this point there are six nominations. Nominations close Nov. 28/29. Nominations are posted on the website.

The December Caucus meeting at 7 pm December 28th will be to "count votes". David Chase will be at the Snowmass Fire Station Annex for the count.

David will speak to Glen Russell and encourage him to join the Caucus Board. Glen Russell has bought the Llama Farm on Capitol Creek Rd.

Water

Michael attended the Snowmass Water & Sanitation meeting on (date?) held on the projected use of Snowmass Creek water and to express SCCC's interest in keeping the creek viable.

Joint Caucus

At the Pitkin County Joint Caucus Committee meeting November 13, 2018 two topics were discussed:

1. Policy on public participation in Pitkin County Commissioners' decision making processes. David approved what the Joint Caucus proposed and will let Valerie Braun, presiding chair of the committee, know of our support.

2. Airport Advisory Groups.

Four distinct advisory groups for communication between communities and Pitkin County, especially considering the proposed \$400 million budget for a remodeled airport, were established.

- a. Airport Vision Committee (holistic look)
- b. Community Character Working Group (community values, character and quality of life)
- c. Airport Experience Working Group (overall airport experience)
- d. Technical Working Group (translate technical topics into understandable concepts)

Additional Concerns

David addressed what the Caucus should budget for water issues/studies to be considered in April/May 2019. The restricted Snowmass Creek water works account monies usage are ill de-

fined. Chelsea will be contacted for clarification as she knows the primary donors to the restricted account. There is need to research the restrictions on that account and to whether monies can be applied to Capitol Creek, and whether the account was originally meant to be used by all creeks in Old Snowmass.

David moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm