

Crown Mountain Board of Directors Candidate Q & A for Jerome Simecek

Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I have been in the valley since 1993 after moving here from Seattle. (Still a Seahawks fan, what's up with Russel Wilson to Broncos?) I have a Bachelors degree from the University of Washington. My wife and I have raised our two daughters here and supported the community in various roles for many years. Professionally, I am vested in our local community as a property and small business owner in the Town of Basalt. I am a property manager specializing in Associations and Special District management for The Romero Group.

Why do you want to join the Crown Mountain Park board of director's?

I am interested in serving my community on the Crown Mountain Board of Directors because I believe we have a duty to give back to our communities and that I would be able to add value in this capacity. As a longtime resident of unincorporated Eagle County and user of Crown Mountain Park facilities, I know that this Board provides direction for the current, and future, of one of the mid valley's most valuable public assets. Having been involved in development, recreation, Special Districts, and property management-residential & commercial, I believe I would bring balanced perspective to this Board. I am in contact daily with a broad spectrum of people with various priorities who provide me with a well-rounded outlook on the issues facing our community. Several community members suggested that I run for a Board seat.

What are some of your prior board leadership experience?

I have served on several volunteer Boards previously, including the Oak Grove Townhomes Association Board, Blue Lake HOA Board, Basalt Soccer Club, and Roaring Fork Valley Soccer Club Board. On those Boards I have held various offices, including Treasurer and President.

What skills, connections, resources, expertise do you have to offer the organization?

I believe I offer several good points to the organization as I have strong familiarity with Special District management, including budgeting, elections (both TABOR and regular Board elections), and administrative duties through my professional role. To further my skills, I recently graduated from the Roaring Fork Leadership program. I am well connected to our local soccer and tennis communities, as well as other park user groups.

What are your hobbies/interests ?

Along with my family, my hobbies include hiking, camping, skiing -X-county & downhill, running, our pets, gardening, fishing, and all the things this valley has to offer! For all these reasons and more, my family and I are consistent, year-round users of the both the developed athletic facilities and the open spaces at Crown Mountain Park.