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RE: Mark Noel

Dear Mr. Simcock,

By means of an introduction, my name is Gyles Thornely and I am a partner and co-owner of Connect One Design, a Landscape Architecture and Land Planning company based out of Basalt. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mark Noel since 2009 when we first launched Connect One Design and worked on Tony and Rachel Sherman's home on South Starwood Drive.

My first impression of Mark was not when I met him, rather it was after reading the Starwood Architectural Review Design Guidelines that Mark had a hand in writing. Having practiced in the AE industry since 1997, I have read through my fair share of design guidelines for master planned resort and residential communities from Kansas City to Lake Tahoe and more often than not I find the documents to be either so bogged down in minutia that the community becomes a characterless military base, or the guidelines are so loose and open to interpretation that the review committee needs to make democratic subjective decisions that results in law suits, or the Design Guidelines are written so far out of context with the PUD and CC&Rs that they become discarded appendices. The Starwood Design Guidelines were remarkable to me in so far as they allowed for Architectural expression, were highly considerate of neighbors, views and the land that makes Starwood what it is today and will continue to be in perpetuity.

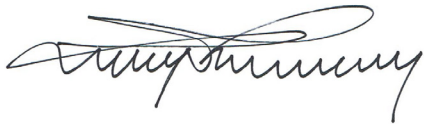
Since working with Mark in 2009, I have worked with him on a total of seven different residences in Starwood from remodels to new builds and as the face of the Architectural Review Committee, I look forward to meeting him every time. As a professional, I respect Mark as an Architect who has the exceedingly challenging day to day job of balancing the needs and directives of the boards and homeowners he serves at Starwood with the consultant teams who represent the desires of their Clients. Make no mistake about it, Mark makes my life and the life of the Architects brought into Starwood a challenge and it is more often than not that I return to my Client having met with Mark with news that we will need to reassess the budget to accommodate adding such items as a 15' berm or add a dozen 30' tall spruce trees or that a large area of the proposed roof cannot have solar panels, or the driveway needs to move to a less visible alignment but at the end of the day, I understand the logic and long term outcomes associated with his directives. I do not envy his job and I cannot tell you how lucky you are to have found an architect of his caliber serving on behalf of you and your board.



Connect One Design is fortunate enough to have projects in and around Aspen and Snowmass Village that work with HOAs and Architectural Review Committees including Double Bar X, Red Mountain Ranch, Horse Ranch, Mountain Valley, Owl Creek Ranch, Two Creeks, Star Mesa and White Star and none of them come close to the responsiveness, clarity of directives, representation of the community objectives, consistency and personality that you have personified in someone who is the face of Starwood to the scores and over his tenure hundreds of professionals, realtors, general contractors and potential buyers who meet with Mark.

Being in my profession in a small valley, voices carry very fast and reputations are at stake on a daily basis. In the nearly ten years I've known Mark, I have never heard in my professional community anything negative about Mark. He has a reputation for being firm but fair and consistent. I sincerely hope that I will be lucky enough to be working in Starwood for decades to come and I will be working with your most effective asset to Starwood – Mark Noel.

Kindest Regards



Gyles Thornely
Owner, Connect One Design

