Dark-Sky Friendly Rating 7.13.26

Location **Date** **Assessor**

Scoring: Rate each criteria on a scale of 0 to 4: **0** = Does Not Meet: **4** = Fully Meets

1. _____Location: Away from city/town lights, business signs, with wide view of the sky in all directions.
2. _____Fixtures: All exterior lights fully shielded, and aimed downward; source of light not visibly exposed; fixture targeted to light only intended area.
3. _____Illumination Level: All exterior lights are the minimum illumination to serve the intended purpose and protect visual function.
4. _____Color temp: All outdoor lights are ≤2700K color temperature, warm spectrum, including LEDs.
5. _____Controls & Scheduling: All exterior lights are on timers/motion sensors with short durations or guest controls; lights off overnight by default, including solar path lights; No all-night pole lights or street lights.
6. _____Window & Interior Light Management: Curtains/blinds to shield interior lights at night.
7. _____Pathway and Signage Lights: Minimal, low-glare, shielded pathway lights and minimal signage. No up-lighting or accent lighting for landscape or buildings.
8. _____Security Lighting: Minimal, motion-activated or on timers,
9. _____Guest Info & Policies: Clear instructions and guidance to minimize night lighting; red flashlights/star maps and light pollution educational materials provided.
10. _____Amenities & Site Context: Viewing area, binoculars/telescope and red flashlights provided; local stargazing info provided, as appropriate,

_____ Total

Interpretation & Actions

- 30–40 (Excellent): Promote dark-sky features; note rating on Chamber of Commerce website.
- 20–29 (Good): Make improvements as suggested and resubmit for Chamber of Commerce rating.
- 10–19 (Fair): Replace fixtures, lights and controls as suggested. Establish policies and procedures.
- 0–9 (Poor): Conduct a full lighting audit; plan improvements, create policy, ask for assistance.