

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2007

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)

Board Members: Paul Reiber, David Alden, Paul Schulman, Susan Keller, Susan Juhl, Judy Tarbell.

Absent:, Duff

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Bette Goldfarb; Elizabeth Alden

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were distributed for review and later approval.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Dennis Fleming reported that he has called LAFCO and is trying to set up a meeting for the first week in October.

We received a notice that M. Potts' hearing before the Coastal Permit Administrator is on Sept. 27 at 10:00 a.m.

B. Treasurer:

No report. Judy Has received an inquiry as to the balance in the kitchen fund and will be responding.

C. Manager's Report

There is a grant application deadline of October 1 for Rotary grant. Also a Mendocino grower fund deadline of October 15.

The dinner last Friday was not very well attended. The event did not lose money, but did not make any either. Dalen believes that we may have maxed out on the level of volunteer effort and community response to fund raising meal events. Board will be considering whether to scale back; perhaps have only seasonal dinners.

Matt Rollin has asked if he can rent space at the Center so he can use our dishwasher. He has been using Crown Hall's. The Board decided more information was needed.

IV. Old Business

A. Property Issues/Community Meeting Issues

Bette Goldfarb presented a letter to the Board expressing her views on the issue of the development of the Cattle Co. property, and requested that it be published in the upcoming news letter. The Board felt her letter clearly articulated a valid point of view, and unanimously agreed it should be published. It was also suggested that M. St. John's letter, forwarded earlier to the Board be published as well. In sum, Bette suggested that the Cattle Co property be allowed to float with the market, and "self-develop". Under existing zoning this would mean the addition of up to 17 to 20 new homes (including, it is believed, the 6 existing residences which are leased from the Cattle Co.) if, in fact, development pressure leads to their eventual development. Bette believes this would add gradually to the town of Caspar without unduly stressing its culture, which could continue to grow around the Community Center as a focal point.

This led to a long discussion of the varying views expressed within the community. It was also suggested that the issue of acquiring water rights might be pursued separately from the land purchase question. The Board generally agreed that it should begin to seek grant funds for the pursuit of the water rights. All of this would be addressed in the newsletter and at the upcoming community meeting.

It was again suggested that the Board revisit the issue of becoming a member organization.

B. CasparFest/Kitchen Project

The Caspar Fest is well underway; volunteers are needed. (A number of Board members signed up.) The North Coast Brewery has donated beer, and overhead for the Fest is generally down compared to previous years.

C. Caspar Fire Safety Council/Gorse

Parks is pulling scotch broom on the headlands. Carolyn Schooley has complained (justifiably) that articles about the gorse issue have not been posted on the website. Alden said he would inquire.

While they did not pull any gorse, Bette Goldfarb and Mary Flannery Kraut performed a general cleanup while out walking, and it was suggested that people be encouraged to do the same.

D. The Newsletter.

The next community meeting will be on October 14, 2007, so Judy is imposing a newsletter deadline of Oct. 9 for publication. This means that articles will have to be in by October 2. She will solicit contributions on the future of Caspar. Also a calendar of community meetings will be included. Upcoming events to be highlighted include Halloween (soup and bread), the upcoming breakfasts, and the silent auction/dinner scheduled for November.

F. Web site and Minutes

The Board previously approved the expenditure of about \$500 to \$600 for implementing Sienna Potts' proposed steps for upgrading our website. The board directed that she also be asked to investigate how the Website might incorporate an interactive, "bulletin board" element, which would facilitate the dissemination of ideas and points of view within the community. The Board also reaffirmed that agendas and minutes should be posted on the site.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.