

## **Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 16, 2007**

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

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

**Absent:** Schulman, Duff

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson.

**Guests:** Bette Goldfarb; Elizabeth Alden

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No       

### **II. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the Board meeting on Nov. 2, 2007 were tabled until the next meeting.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Rotary club, signed by Wilma Tucker, along with a check for \$1,862.50 for new chairs and chair storage racks. The letter was a nice complement to the activities of the Caspar Community Center.

Meredith at the Mendocino café called in regard to the possibility of exploring ways to construct green kitchens. She believes that suppliers may come and make presentations if we collaborate to get enough people together. Also, there may be grants available for energy efficient kitchen appliances. Dalen will follow up.

#### **B. Treasurer:**

The Caspar Community Checking has \$8,667.25. Caspar Community Center account has \$14,457.

The Caspar Cooks checking has \$12,731, some of which will be transferred to the Schwab account. The Caspar Cooks Savings account has \$1,550.62, which will be closed and deposited in the Schwab account. A full treasurer's report will be submitted at the next meeting.

Our raffle was very successful.

#### **C. Manager's Report**

The Mendocino Ballet is rehearsing at the CCC now. The Holliday Fair will be held Dec. 1 with the usual snow event. The next breakfast is on Nov. 25. This Sunday a movie on East Germany will be shown as part of the Third Sunday film series.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Fire Safety Council**

A report was made about Julie Rogers' director of the Fire Safety Council for Mendocino, presentation at the last community meeting. The grant possibilities she has identified were described, including the FEMA and Bureau of Land Management grant programs. A display board is being prepared concerning fire safety. An evacuation map has been prepared by Ray Duff and Caroline Schooley. A five dollar donation is being requested for copies of the map.

##### **B. Kitchen Project**

We are still awaiting the Coastal Development permit. We need to begin putting together more detailed plans for the interior in anticipation of filing for the building permit. We need to plan for an end-of-year fund raising push. It was proposed that the Board adopt a resolution regarding not spending any of the funds raised for the kitchen on other projects. After discussion it was decided that such a resolution was unnecessary, since the Board has always operated under a policy that funds which have been clearly earmarked for specific projects, including the kitchen project, are to be spent only in regard to that project.

##### **C. The Caspar Cattle property**

Considerable discussion was had about whether to approach USDA in regard to any grant programs they may have for the kitchen project. While it would certainly be appropriate to seek grant funding from that source, USDA has also been identified by individuals within the community, as well as by Frank McMichaels of LAFCO, as a potential source for grant funding to finance the development of a Community Services District. It was proposed, therefore, that before any approach is made to USDA in regard to funding the kitchen project, the Board should continue its discussion, commenced at the last Board meeting, about what its priorities are and, in particular, whether the Board feels it should take a lead in pursuing organization and funding for a community services district in Caspar. The Board decided to continue its discussions in regard to the CSD idea, as well as the ideas which have been discussed for forming a Community Land Trust, at the next meeting, and to defer approaching USDA.

##### **D. Driveway/Parking Area**

Judy Tarbell reported that the County has agreed to install a new culvert at the driveway, and to do the grading, ditching and other preparation work necessary to install an asphalt apron at the foot of the driveway. Judy had obtained preliminary estimates on costs and the Board voted to approve the expenditure. However, after listening to the discussion, Susan Juhl informed the Board that she would like to donate the cost of the apron as her end-of-the-year contribution to the Caspar Community. Susan's generosity in support of the Caspar Community is much appreciated by everyone, and hopefully also will serve to stimulate the giving spirit in us all.

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