

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2010

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.)

Board Members: Bette Goldfarb, Susan Juhl, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell, and Jessie Lee Van Sant.

Absent: Susan Keller and Rhoda Teplow

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: David Alden, Miriam Davis, Liz Haapanen, and Art Love

Quorum Declared: Yes X No _____

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of April 23 were corrected as follows. The \$25,000 profit from the rummage sale was actually \$2545.95 and a suggestion was made that the sale be an annual event. Typos were corrected and the minutes approved as amended.

III. Reports

A. Art Love of Sea Cottage Real Estate presented several copies of a special report on the Caspar real estate currently for sale through Ann Holden-Smith. There are basically four listings:

1. The Manager's House and 55 acres east and west of Hwy One, including duck pond
\$2, 500,000
2. Parcel east of Company Store, along old highway, 4 rentals, pasture and triangle with water system east of Hwy One 13 acres
\$2, 950,000
3. Company store on corner above Caspar Beach on Caspar Rd., .27 acres
\$1, 200,000
4. 60.78 acres on right side of duck pond, up Fern Creek to staked ribbon on right
\$1, 980.000

There was discussion about unused certificates of compliance within the Coastal Zone and the potential complexity involved in the purchase of the parcels. The Board thanked Art for the thorough and thoughtful presentation. Bette asked if the Board wanted to create a subcommittee to investigate possibilities; Judy felt it was appropriate for the Board to provide a forum for the community but not to become "embroiled" in planning issues. Bette suggested we keep aware of developments. No action is contemplated at this time.

B. Correspondence

Bette announced that Vince Taylor was asking for public input at a JDSF

meeting May 20, 10-3, in Ukiah. Bette commented that CAL FIRE is still pro-clear cutting and Forestry has interests on the Board, so public input is needed for balance.

C. Treasurer

We need to have a Treasurer. Officers need to be elected at the next meeting. Jim Tarbell is willing to join the Finance committee, which now includes Rhoda, Annie, Jesse, and Dalen. The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, May 13, at 4 p.m.

D. Manager's Report

Dalen displayed the insurance policy; though it has been reviewed in the past, Board members are welcome to take a look.

We have been audited for Workers Comp, payroll sheets and 1099's. N.B.: any contractor we hire needs to have a current license or we have to pay Workers Comp.

IV. Business

A. Garden

Liz Haapanen reported that the garden is somewhat abandoned; there doesn't seem to be enough interest. ABC will still be using the greenhouse and one bed. Perhaps community groups can be encouraged to build beds. Dalen has talked with Susan Lightfoot of the Noyo Food Forest. If we propose a plan, they may have garden managers eager for space. FNFF has a clear list of rules and privileges. Liz is interested in creating a request list and we need to consider funding for maintenance and supplies. Paul S. suggested a Get-The-Garden-Going Subcommittee; Liz, Dalen, and Bette volunteered. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday morning at 10.

B. Kitchen

The plans have been approved by Environmental Health, including the septic system, and now go to Plan Check.

Dan has been responsive. Paul R. would like to clarify his pay and how decisions will get made. The Kitchen Committee (Judy, Dalen, Miriam, and Susan Juhl and Paul S.) will review decisions as necessary. Mtg. Thurs., May 13, at 10 am.

Paul has put in 29 hours so far. Judy asked Board to consider how to make decisions when there are options. USDA \$125k and CC \$200k includes structure. Could be that the money will not cover appliances. Judy suggested including costs of appliances and installation so if we don't have enough money we can pull items out. We can't count on getting more money from the community to cover everything, including Dan, Paul and fees.

David mentioned that the loan is paid out as disbursement. Could have extra money for appliances. The first \$125k is ours, and then the loan kicks in. Check with USDA for details.

It was decided to offer Paul S. a stipend of \$20 per hour for an average of 10 hours a week. He will be a volunteer on site and paid for off-site organizing and administration and will check in at Board meetings. Bette suggested that committee members could take on some responsibilities. Judy calculated that

construction that began at the end of June and continued for 2-3 months/14 weeks would be 140 hours or about \$3000. David commented that oversight is usually paid at 10%.

C. Playground Party

Miriam will do face painting, John will barbecue. All ready to go.

D. Highway Crossing

The pedestrian crossing signs are in place. Bette has thanked Ralph Martinelli and suggested the Board send a letter to Caltrans thanking them and requesting they continue efforts for pedestrian activated flashing system.

E. Caspar Fest

CasparFest Committee met on May 6 and will meet again on Thursday, June 3 at 4 p.m. Basically the committee did note designating – who will provide what. CC will take on sweets, drinks and all food plus front gate and recycling. Many volunteers are needed. Sue and Jenny will take charge of kids' activities. NFF will manage compost, Culinary Showcase, workshops and films.

F. Gorse

Bette spent an hour cutting back the sprouts. The piles are low and there is little sprouting. She also called Renee Pasquinelli regarding the agreement and Bill Maslach asking him to make a comparison to Jughandle where they are still spraying.

G. Jessie attended a meeting about animal rescue in a disaster; Homeland Security is scouting emergency shelters.

H. WiFi and Cable

Dalen does not want to work in an environment with WiFi and reports that people are happy with cable.

I. Cats

Jessie and Bette will let them loose on Monday and have set up a feeding schedule.

Reminders

Get-The-Garden-Going Subcommittee (Liz, Dalen, and Bette)

Tuesday, May 11, 10 am

Kitchen Committee (Judy, Dalen, Miriam, and Paul S.)

Thursday, May 13, 10 am

JDSF meeting Thursday, May 20, 10-3, Ukiah

Board Meeting Friday, May 21, 9 am

CasparFest Meeting Thursday, June 3

Board Meeting Friday, June 4, 5 pm

Board Retreat Sunday, June 13, 10-5 Susan Juhl's house

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lee