

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Caspar Community Center
March 3, 2017

Board Members:

Present: Dalen Anderson, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman

Absent: Marty Johnson, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Office Manager Sienna M Potts, Michael Potts

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Bob Frey.
2. Minutes of 2/3/2017 and 2/17/2017: Approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input:

Michael Potts continues to work on determining the most efficient way for Caspar to control its own water. It may be best to secure the property with the water on it and develop a Community Land Trust (CLT) later. Michael has been working with a team of lawyers to get the best advice possible before acting to avoid unnecessary expense and exposure.

In addition to Goldfarb Lipman Attorneys, he is working with Eric Robinson, a Sacramento based lawyer whose specialty is water law. If we own the land, we can probably get a California grant to fix a non-compliant system which would not be available to the property owner.

The project is within budget but not time frame. It is a complex issue and well worth spending the time to determine the best course of action. The water lawyers will give us a proposal on how best to secure the water.

5. Correspondence: ASCAP sent a packet on music licensing which Bob will look over. They have not responded to his emails.
6. Reports

A. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna encouraged attendance at the Pop-up Dance Party in the evening.

B. Finance/Treasurer

Sienna will send finance reports after reconciliation with Ruth on March 9th. Bob says our Schwab account is up about \$2,100 from our recent investments.

C. Pub Night, Breakfast

Karina is cooking German food for Pub Night. The Board is responsible for Pub Night running smoothly this month and it seems most of the tasks are delegated. Merideth is talking with the Americorps crew that visited at Breakfast about being our volunteer staff for serving and dishwashing.

Paula Glessner and Wayne Brown are doing March Breakfast with help from Dalen. They are working on vegan sausages for a sausage with biscuits and gravy menu. They will get the \$250 chef fee.

The Cancer Resource Center donated 5.5 cases of beer to the Community after their retirement party for Sara O'Donnell. It will be used for the bar at the Pop-up Dance Party and Pub Nights.

D. Caspar Community Garden

Work Day March 26th at 11:30, after Breakfast. Next meeting in May, time still being determined.

E. Facilities

Sienna spoke with Sean from Big River Rock about the parking lot. His recommendation is to rework the whole section South of the driveway. He would dig out 6 inches of the rock and soil there now, which will be spread on the property, lowering the financial and environmental cost. That area would be covered with fabric, 6 inches of drain rock, fabric again, then 6 inches of road base. This would allow the water coming from behind and beneath the building to drain below the lot. It would also raise the level of the lot so the edge would be sloped out to make a smooth transition from the reworked section and the solid areas in the North half of the lot. Sean's very rough estimate of the project is \$13,000, plus \$700 to fix the ruts in the driveway. That estimate does not include the addition of more rock to the Northern half.

Sienna will ask Sean for a formal estimate, including the driveway and adding rock to the Eastern edge all the way to the Mail Pavilion. Bob and Paul S will install the new wifi.

F. Fundraising/Marketing

Dalen will talk to Jima Abbott to make sure we are doing our annual flea market with the May Breakfast.

G. Community Planning/Development

The Community Meeting is March 19th at 4 pm. The Disaster Preparedness Committee will report on their progress with shelter planning. We will introduce Dana Fox. We will ask Michael Potts to speak about water. We'll report the plans for the parking lot and ask for donations and pledges.

Sienna will include an invitation to the meeting with the email news announcing Pub Night menu and hopes to have a pdf newsletter as well. Bob will write a short intro about Dana and the Disaster Preparedness Committee will submit an article. Submission deadline for any articles is March 14th.

H. Human Resources Committee

Dana Fox is hired as our Event Manager with a \$20 per hour wage. All were very happy with the process. It was decided that no further formal policies are needed for our small organization. Job reviews will take place at the first Board meeting in December.

I. Disaster Preparedness

Judy Tarbell emailed minutes from the February 27th meeting. Caroline Schooley offered an outbuilding on her property for temporary storage of emergency supplies. Paul S will get a quote for raising the barn to allow space for permanent storage.

Bob was unable to attend the meeting but shared his idea for a Community emergency barrel preparation party. We could make bulk orders to share costs and put them all together as a group. Some feel this is a better idea than the large-scale preparation the Committee is planning as it would get people prepared in their own homes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.