

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

**January 26, 2007**

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

**Board Members:** Paul Reiber, David Alden, Paul Schulman, Susan Keller, Judy Tarbell and Ray Duff

**Absent:** Susan Juhl

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson

**Guests:** Cal Winslow and Rick Childs

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No       

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

Corrections were offered for the minutes of January 12, 2007 and the minutes were corrected and approved as corrected.

It was suggested and approved that all minutes from January 1, 2007 forward be posted on the web site. It was also suggested and approved that the meeting agendas and minutes be distributed to old board members and other closely interested members of the community who have expressed an interest in receiving them.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Correspondence:**

Paula Dieter from the Planning Dept has inquired about what notices we want to receive in regard to permits and other development related proceedings. We will tell her we are interested in variances, land splits, and other development related permit applications, as opposed to simple building permit applications. Also, the area of our interest is the area (ocean to inland forest) from Russian Gulch to Jughandle.

John Teller has asked us to give him our "wish list" for kitchen supplies.

Sita Francia just graduated from college and sent a note saying hello to all.

Beth Bosc has asked if we want Barack Obama to come and give one of his speeches here.

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

No report. Annual internal audit is underway.

About 90 thank you notes are under preparation in re donations received at end of year.

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

\$728 was made last weekend at Carnaval. The next breakfast is this Sunday. We need to promote the Joe Craven concert, since ticket sales are slow.

MCN has told us we can get a listserve set up at no cost that would allow us to communicate more easily with members of the community on our email list. Board approved moving forward with this.

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

##### **A. Kitchen Report**

Dan Dickson is still working on his drawings. We will need to make a decision on whether to include the mail shed in the permit application. We have an alternate design of a post and beam construction, which will cost about \$16,000. Also, Susan Juhl has been talking to Paul Reiber about doing some carvings for the mail shed. These could be paid for through a grant program from the Mendocino Foundation. It was resolved that we include a post and beam roof over the mail area with the carvings included as part of our permit application.

It was also resolved to move the no parking signs for the mail parking spaces down and forward to make them more visible. Since it was his proposal, even though he was simply passing on suggestions from members of the community, and has no particular personal stake in the matter and, in fact, couldn't care less, Dave Alden was arbitrarily and unfairly tasked with making this happen. Alden raised no objection to the lack of a formal vote, even though the whole thing was blatantly contrary to the procedural requirements of the Bylaws and *ultra vires* of the power and jurisdiction of the Board, since it was manifestly apparent that the whole deck was stacked against him. He will presumably proceed with all deliberate speed.

Susan Keller is organizing the fund raising committee.

##### **B. Greenhouse**

Those who are planning the development of the greenhouse are seeking input on whether the glass skylights can be tempered glass, or whether some sort of trelliswork is necessary to prevent damage/injury should one break. They will be looking at all options.

##### **C. Town Square:**

Susan Keller will be meeting this Sunday with Scott Dietz to discuss how to put an offer together for presentation to Oscar Smith.

##### **D. Disaster Preparation:**

18 people have signed up for the two weekend instructional seminars on disaster response.

##### **E. Folk Festival Planning Meeting:**

A number of people met to review the history of the Caspar World Folk Festival and to discuss ideas for its future. Representatives of CELL and the Noyo Food Forest were included. As a result it was decided to change the date of the event, with September 29 and 30 being tentatively selected, to avoid conflict with the Reggae on the River event. It

was also decided that the focus should move away from the “narrow” concept of world folk music, to encompass more of a harvest/craft/community festival in addition to music. The name of the event will also be changed to the CasparFest. Music will continue to be a large part of the event, but workshops on food, crafts and music will be added. CELL is considering hosting its annual dinner as the Saturday evening main event.

The next CasparFest planning meeting will be February 19 and Dalen Anderson and Paul Schulman’s home.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Municipal Advisory Council**

The Municipal Advisory Council exploratory meeting has been changed to March 13, at the CCC.

### **B. Spring Bike Rides**

Jim Katzel has proposed a series of spring bike rides. People who are interested should contact him.

### **C. Meet your Neighbor**

Jim Katzel is also proposing a Meet Your Neighbor event where he would do a presentation on the subject of ticks.

### **D. Traffic Controls on Highway One:**

The subject of having Caltrans institute traffic controls at the intersection of Fern Creek Road and Highway One has been raised by several people. It was decided to ask Tony Miksak to contact and explore this with Caltrans.

### **E. Proposed Transfer Station:**

Cal Winslow and Rick Childs, informally representing residents of Rte 409 and Gibney Lane joined the meeting to make a presentation on the subject of the proposed Transfer Station. This is a County proposal being actively supported by Fort Bragg, to construct one single Transfer Station to handle all of the garbage collected along the coast. Six sites have been selected for review, including the site of the current Caspar dump and the site of the old mill site on Gibney Lane. Other sites include a site off Highway 20, the GP Mill site, north of Fort Bragg on the White property and the old GP Bark dump in Fort Bragg. The residents of Gibney Lane (who have obtained over 100 signatures in opposition) and Rte 409 oppose locating the station on either the Gibney Lane or Caspar sites. Cal and Rick came to ask the Caspar Community to support their opposition.

Cal and Rick gave a brief overview of the history of the transfer station proposal. The Caspar Dump is jointly owned by Fort Bragg and the County. The Pudding Creek station is owned by and used by Waste Management. This proposal would consolidate the collection of all garbage on the coast into one central transfer station which would handle commercial, curbside and drop off disposal.

The Board suggested that this was an issue not for the Board, but one which should be brought to the community. The Board offered the use of the CCC for a meeting, and initially said that the item could be put on the agenda for the next community meeting. A planning

meeting was schedule for February 7, at 7 pm at the CCC to plan how the meeting would go. Upon further discussion, the Board decided that the issue of the transfer station was sufficiently large and discrete as to justify a standalone meeting. Accordingly, it was decided that the CCC would be made available for a meeting to be organized by the residents of Gibney Lane and Rte 409.

**VI. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 am