

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting  
Sept 23, 2005

1. Present were: Paul Schulman, Paul Reiber, David Alden, Judy Tarbell, Susan Keller, Dalen Anderson, Mike Dell'Ara A quorum was declared.
2. Minutes: The Board minutes for the meeting of 8/26/05 and 9/9/05 were tabled until the following meeting.
3. Correspondence: Correspondence was received from Chubb regarding obtaining terrorist coverage. Board unanimously agreed no such coverage was necessary.

Mike Sears wrote re EarthFaire in Gualala on 10/1/05.

A photo was received of the memorial bench done for Jorgo Wol. An invitation will be extended to his wife to help select a location at the center.

A card is being prepared for Susan Juhl.

4. Reports.

A. Finance: No bank balance report was available for the meeting.

Dalen reported that average monthly expenses from January through August 2005 was \$4882 and average income over the same period was \$5449

A discussion was had of the difficulties presented to the CC's donor program by the problems many people had in converting to the PayPal system. A normal credit card system would be an alternative. Although more expensive than PayPal, it could also be used for occasions such as the Folk Festival or any other money-taking opportunity. We may have lost more in donations because of the PayPal problems than we have saved in switching to PayPal. Jim and Judy Tarbell will research the merits of various available systems.

It was noted that the upcoming newsletter should include an article about our need for donations.

Judy Tarbell noted that we had a carryover from 2004 or \$12,837

B. Manager's Report:

Problems with allowing center renters additional free time for set up and decorating were noted. Dalen indicated that she will initiate a new policy of charging for this.

A hurricane benefit is scheduled for the center on 9/30/05. All musicians and food have been donated.

- c. Children's Garden— Louisa Morris believes that all wetlands plants identified as being on our property may actually be located to the east of our property. The Childrens Garden is looking into this.
- D. Kitchen Upgrade--Michael Potts has prepared elevations after meeting with Dan Dickson. He needs to finish east elevation and then give them to Dickson for final drawings. A very rough estimate of the costs of the facility would be \$100,000, or \$100 square foot. We will obviously need significant fundraising and/or grant money. A dinner is planned for 11/19 to raise funds.

The question was raised whether the new kitchen facility would bring in sufficiently greater revenue to justify its cost.

E. Community Garden.—no report

F.. Greenhouse. – the community garden people would like the greenhouse located near the Garden. The county would like us to file for a permit. It would save money for us to file one permit application for the kitchen and the greenhouse. Consensus was to wait and do a joint application.

- i. Septic system—Andy from Carl Ritterman's office joined the meeting and brought the soils report.
  - a. The existing leach field is one line of tiled pieces, no gravel. It s an old system. There is also a lot of soil infiltration in the system. It is presently working well because the soil is taking the water at the existing rate of use. The tank is a new 1500 Gallon tank.
  - b. In Andy's opinion, it would be hard to convince the regulatory agency that the system is capable of taking more use. Therefore, in order to expand the facility, at least through new uses, we would have to upgrade the system.
  - c. The new tank is probably OK for any expanded system. However, if a new system were needed we would need an expensive one. The site has shallow sandstone at 28 to 45 inched below grade. Therefore, a simple system will not be accepted today. A system with underground tanks holding a sand or aerobic bacteria system will be required. The leach field would have to be either perforated irrigation tubing or aboveground mounds.
  - d. To size a new treatment facility, one needs to know the ultimate design capacity: i.e., what the total future expanded use of the center might be. We have a total primary capacity of up to 1000 gallons per day in terms of the extent of available, acceptable leach field area plus an available replacement field. These systems cannot be built incrementally. A new system with up to 450 gallons per day capacity would cost about \$20,000. An operational permit requiring periodic maintenance and reports to county would also be required.
  - e. It is not at all clear that the expanded kitchen facility would trigger a requirement for a new system, since this is not a change in use but just an improvement to the existing facility. The issue ultimately is whether it may be

expected to generate more wastewater. Existing baseline levels have not been established with the county for the existing facility.

- f. If uses are not being altered, but an old system is simply in need of replacement, the standards are a bit different. It is possible that we might be able to get by with a more traditional system and avoid the treatment requirements in this event.
- g. Board members generally expressed the view that perhaps the Center should deal with its own septic issues as and if they occur, and not plan on a replacement system to accommodate new uses. Any new uses would have to address septic needs on a stand-alone basis.
- h.

J. Folk Festival – Two possibilities for headliner acts are being explored for the Sat. night event. Joe Craven indicated his availability with a trio for \$1500. Maria Muldaur can perform with a trio or quartet for \$2000 plus hotel accommodations. Craven has also offered to do a workshop on the subject of incorporating world folk music into modern compositions. The last Craven event yielded a \$900 profit for the CCC.

K. Website Sienna Potts is away on vacation. Judy will follow up with her about the website upon her return.

L. Community Coordinator Position—Judy will have a discussion with the USDA about availability of funding for water, emergency services and the like.

#### L. Other items

A newsletter is planned to announce the community meeting on 10/16 and to plug the Halloween festivities. Agenda for community meeting will include a report on the solar project, the childrens garden, the kitchen project; the need for new board members and a pitch for new pledges.

No one has heard further from Spike Wheeler.

The next meeting will be on Oct 7, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25