

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

**August 25, 2006**

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

**Board Members:** Paul Reiber, David Alden, Judy Tarbell, Paul Schulman.

**Absent:** Ray Duff; Susan Keller

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson

**Guests:** Mike Dell'Ara

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No       

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

Minutes for Board meetings on July 13, July 28 and August 11, 2006 were approved.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Correspondence**

A thank you card was received from Rhoda in re the burlesque show. An email was sent in re the fundraiser on 8/26 by Antonia Lamb and a thank you note will be sent to Richard Miller in re his donation to the Kitchen Fund.

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

No formal report was presented. The folk festival generated approximately \$6,100 in profits.

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

A band of young musicians has rented the facility on 9/3/06 for a concert. The Ukiah Players will be here on 9/15, and Hit & Run Theater on 10/14 and 15.

The community breakfast on 10/22 will be part of Come Home to Eat, and will feature totally home grown food.

A potluck presently scheduled for 10/21 may have to be rescheduled.

A major fundraiser is being planned for November 11, 2006 with an Island Theme. Mike Arago's group will play, as will Kevin & the Coconuts. There will be a silent auction, and word should be spread in re donations to the auction, especially gift certificates.

We are trying to identify a Sunday evening for a documentary on Katrina. Tentatively scheduled for 10/8, 6 to 10:00 p.m. at the moment.

### **IV. Old Business**

## **A. Kitchen Report**

We are still awaiting the cost estimates which Dan Dickson is having prepared. The models are ready for viewing. The agenda at the next community meeting on 9/10 will hopefully include a viewing of the models and discussion of costs and alternative designs. A final decision making meeting is scheduled for 9/7 at 4:00 pm.

Judy is working on a business plan for how the kitchen might pay for itself once it is completed. The question was raised for thought, about whether the kitchen should be rented out as a canning kitchen. The board consensus was that the kitchen be made available to anyone for any legitimate purpose.

## **B. Folk Festival**

A wrap up meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm on 9/6 at the CCC.

## **C. Website**

A redesign is underway. The redesign work will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$200/month for the next several months. We can evaluate the work done and make further decisions at that point.

## **D. Caspar Cattle Co. Property**

Mike Dell'Ara reported that he had spoken with Ann Smith, Oscar Smith's wife. She informed Mike that they are anxious to sell. (It is believed that the "property owners" are the Smiths and the Hoppers, another couple.)

Ann called Mike in part to let him know that she and Oscar are upset over the use of the "town square" property adjoining the CCC. They do not believe we asked about using it for the Folk Festival this year. In addition, fences around the parcel are being cut. [According to Dalen, we notified the insurance company about our using the Caspar Cattle Co parcel, and sent Oscar a copy of that report.

Ann also called to let Mike know that the owners are now ready to sell the property "in pieces." In particular, they will divide the parcel which includes both the west and east sides of the highway into two parcels, defined by Highway 1. In addition, William's Place, the lot across the street from William's Place, and the managers house will be marketed individually. They are also will to hear proposals on other divisions.

She asked Mike if the CC would make an offer on the corner parcel (the town square) by the CCC. Mike told her we had put substantial effort into performing our part of the oral agreement to have Oscar donate the town square parcel in exchange for our efforts in supporting his development effort.

A discussion ensued about this issue: It was noted that the septic studies which were done for the parcel behind the CCC were done to see if it had septic capacity to serve the parcels to the south of Caspar Street as well as the town square property. The question was raised of whether it was worth making a token offer, reflecting in part Oscar's earlier commitment, and how to approach him. Alden asked for an opportunity to review Mike's file on the earlier discussions with Oscar regarding the property.

## **V. New Business**

**A. Caspar Municipal Advisory Council**

Tre Loy has approached Judy about making a presentation on the possibility of forming a Caspar Municipal Advisory Council. Judy will invite him to the next meeting of the board.

**VI. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.