

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

December 1, 2006

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

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

Absent: none

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests:

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

No action taken.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

A letter was received in re the proposed Petersen development. Three units on 35 acres are being proposed. The letter suggests the Board get on a distribution list for all announcements and activities in re the development, and in regard to development in general. Judy Tarbell will call Planning to make sure we are on such a list. It was also decided that the Board would post notices somewhere about any proposed development.

Judy had canvassed members of the community by email concerning a proposal to raise pigs at the CC. She received two positive responses and two strongly negative responses. The general sentiment expressed at the meeting was against the idea. Judy may experiment on her own.

B. Treasurer:

The November 11 dinner/auction raised about \$9,000. Treasurer recommended and Board approved transferring the money to the Schwab account.

A discussion was held regarding whether significant savings could be made in electrical usage at the CC.

C. Manager's Report

Caspar Creek Learning Center wants to use the CC for classes during construction on their own facility. They will use it about 30 hours per week. We quoted them \$15 per hour, which is our standard rate, and they asked if it could be lowered at all. After much discussion, it was decided to offer them a rate of \$12 per hour.

A proposal has been made in re sponsoring the bar for a benefit for Annie Lee and her

husband on New Year's Eve. Questions were raised about the advisability of setting precedents in this regard, and whether guidelines were needed, but the Board ultimately decided it was a no-brainer and should be done.

A new MAC computer has been purchased for \$1799, including 3 years support and necessary software, including QuickBooks for MAC.

IV. Old Business

A. Kitchen Report

The new dishwasher is fantastic and has no problems. A new counter top is still needed for the top of the washer.

Susan Juhl announced that the Cantus Foundation established by her and Jerry will make a matching donation of \$200 for each donation made to the kitchen fund of \$200 or more through the end of January 2007. The board expressed its warmest thanks and belief that this would undoubtedly stimulate a number of donations.

An "end of year" letter will be going out. Paul Reiber will give his annual State of the Community address, and Dave Alden will supply a short explanation of certain charitable donation issues, including the new IRA law.

Dan Dickson reports he is working on the permit application.

B. The town square property

Oscar Smith's wife and realtor suggested that we work with Scott Dietz if we wish to make an offer on the town square property. The board was reminded that our original offer to Oscar was to trade the property for our support with the Planning department to allow six affordable houses on the Northeast corner of the Manager's house property and two commercial units on Caspar Road. A meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec. 12 in the afternoon (4:30) at Susan Keller's office to work up an offer.

C. The Gorse Project

A reply was received from the County Ag Commissioner to our request that the status of gorse be changed to permit an eradication program. He described what draconian measures such a program would entail, and suggested that we consider a different approach, perhaps through working with the county to adopt some sort of program to encourage gorse control. Ray Duff volunteered to try to coordinate a meeting of all the interested stakeholders and government agencies so that a coordination of available funding and programs could be effected.

D. Road 500

Betty _____ wrote a long letter summarizing her discussions with CDFA in which CDFA expressed a strong position against any closure of the road. Her letter underscored the issues which the residents of East Caspar have with Ed Powers' activities, including the road closure issue, noise, general unknown development plans and the particular use of the large industrial building he constructed.

Judy Tarbell volunteered to contact CDFA to get a notice list for timber harvest plans.

V. New Business

A. Flu Shots

Jim Katzel is setting up a flu shot clinic for Monday, Dec. 11 at the CC.

VI. Adjournment:

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