

## Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

May 4, 2007

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

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

**Absent:** Susan Juhl

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson.

**Guests:**

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No       

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

Minutes for the Board meeting on April 20 were approved as amended: 1) M. Fox's recipes were featured at last breakfast and 2) the proposed path would be along the east side of Caspar Rd. from Caspar St. to Pacifica.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Correspondence**

Margaret Fox sent a thank you note and a generous donation from sales of her books at the last breakfast. Zoe Duff Berna also sent thanks and a very generous donation.

CDF bulletins have stopped being sent. Dalen will follow up.

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

No treasurer's report was presented.

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

The County Health & Human Services Dept has written informing us of changes to the Food Code, in particular in regard to food safety certification requirements. Dalen is planning on taking a course on June 6 to obtain certification. The board approved the fees. Greg V is gone for a while. Martine Practel's workshop is next weekend and other bookings are normal. Flynn Creek Circus is rehearsing at the CCC twice a week.

Following up on the last board meeting discussion, Dalen is proposing that we raise the rent for the CCC by 10% for Saturday nights, and 20% across the board by the end of the year. Current charges are \$28/hour for non-profit organizations and \$35 per hour for private parties. Considerable discussion was had, including about the issue of competitiveness with other venues. It was noted that there is more business than we can handle for Saturdays, but we have a lot of vacancies on Fridays. RESOLVED: a 10% increase should be made for Saturday night bookings, except for those already reserved. Rent will go up 20% for all

rentals except Fridays by the end of the year. Fridays will stay the same. Dalen will also work on a proposal for imposing a separate kitchen use fee.

Dalen said CERT had asked if they could use the facility at no charge for training. The Board approved the notion.

The idea of marketing the CCC for use as a conference center was warmly received, and Dalen will investigate. She is working up a brochure now, and will consider one focusing on conferences.

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

##### **A. Timber Harvest Plans**

Comments filed by Bette Goldfarb in regard to the Ed Powers' logging proposal were distributed. It was decided to distribute to email list, and to invite Powers to respond. David Alden will draft letter to Powers.

##### **B. Kitchen Project**

The permit application is in process. Dan Dickson says we should begin firming up the interior design, since the County will be asking for that soon. The board decided to schedule a meeting for interested people on June 18, 2007.

Judy talked again with Dan Dickson about the septic upgrade issue. The board had tentatively decided not to do anything until problems showed up. It was noted that any proposed development on the Caspar Cattle co. property might influence this decision. Judy will speak with Dan about this.

##### **C. CasparFest**

A meeting is planned for May 9, 2007 to plan financial elements. At the last meeting the group decided the name should be the Caspar Green Fest. Remaining decisions to be made include the layout for the Fest due to the newly fenced in cow pasture. It was decided at last meeting of planning group to charge a \$5 admission, with extra charges for special events, such as the dance and dinner.

##### **D. The Pulley**

Bruce Hunt will move the pulley. Continuing a hoary tradition of volunteering his labor in his absence, it was apparently suggested that David Alden might be the person to build the sign structure. [Please note that one begins to see a "Caspar pattern" here: Notwithstanding the fact that he is perhaps the Casparado least qualified by experience and training to undertake such a project, his name immediately came to mind because of his one apparently determinative attribute: that of not being present during this discussion.]

There is no timeline at present for building the sign [Please note: Since no one had any idea about what Alden's schedule might be, and therefore knew of no conflicts, it would have been the perfect opportunity to establish such a schedule.] Judy has already completed an actual sign, so all that is needed is to build a structure that will be attractive, creative, not violative of any zoning or coastal rules and regulations, and able to support the weight of a relic we have to have brought in by a commercial tow truck! [Perhaps Alden's

boyhood experience with erector sets and tinker toys will finally be of use to him?]

Dalen suggested that we schedule a workday on July 1 to hang the pulley, [the thinking being, I presume, that even Alden could build something by then on which to hang it?] Other "chores" at the CCC could also be attended to at the same time [by Alden, one presumes?].

## **E. Property Issues**

Dave Alden and Ray Duff attended a workshop held by the County Planning Department to discuss the revision to the County's general plan. However, the workshop focused exclusively on non-coastal zone areas, so they left.

A meeting was held Apr. 29, 2007 at Michael St. John's and was attended by very few Caspar residents. It is proposed that minutes of the meeting be distributed to all, and all should be invited to meetings and more should attend if possible. The meeting was contentious [N.B. DWA would describe it as "spirited" in its discussion of issues.] Topics discussed included affordable housing, senior care, traffic impacts of development, the number of units desired and the type of units. A vacancy tax and other means of controlling absentee owners/vacation rentals also were discussed. Michael St John later called and described meeting as "interesting".

Jim Katzel followed up the last meeting by contacting David Raitt, and determined that he might still be interested in getting involved. He mentioned the concept of eco-tourism as a possible component of any plan.

Additional meetings are planned but not yet scheduled. This proposal (the St. John's project) is current and alive, and deserves close attention of the community. Ray Duff stated that the community needs to pay more attention to these proposals and how they match up with what the Caspar Community vision is. A newsletter should be sent out to community asking for additional direction. Relevant issues which the community needs to understand include the limits of the property available, the cost of land, the possibility of development.

## **F. The Flag**

No activity to date.

## **G. Gorse**

A meeting was held on May 3, 2007 at the CCC at 1:00 pm at which interested community members and the relevant local agencies convened to discuss the issue of gorse removal and control. It was suggested that a Fire Safety Council be formed in Caspar in order to qualify for or be seriously considered for grant funding. This would likely raise the visibility of this issue with those in local political office, and would be a logical extension of the disaster planning efforts.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Caspar Path**

See approval of minutes, above, in re plan. Judy sent a letter to Michael Alexander

expressing our interest in the path and the desire to coordinate it with the driveway/drainage work that needs doing.

**B. Barbed Wire**

There was some discussion among participants interested. It will be left to them.

**VI. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.