

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2009

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.)

Board Members: David Alden, Susan Juhl, Bette Goldfarb, Rhoda Teplow, Paul Reiber, Judy Tarbell.

Absent: Paul Schulman, Susan Keller, and Annie Lee.

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

Guest: Gerrard Eisenberg

II. Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes for the last few meetings.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Bette read some letters she received regarding the crosswalk on #1.

B. Treasurer

Dalen reported what the finance committee discussed. We will be withdrawing our funds from Schwab. \$120,574.31 has been shifted to Schwab's cash account and we can write checks on it and thus close the Schwab account.

C. Manager's Report

Dalen is considering going to an EDD seminar in Ukiah.

IV. Business

A. Kitchen Update

Dan Dickson hasn't answered Paul S.' calls. Dalen will show kitchen hood specs to Oscar and then she will walk over and give them to Dan.

B. Playground

Gunner got a \$1,000 donation for the playground and Melissa is expecting another \$3,000 donation to come in today. He has been researching playground equipment. \$17,851 is the estimated price including tax and delivery but not installation for the new equipment. The Board will have to advance the playground committee another \$1,000. Our whole loan to them is \$10,000.

\$4,700 will be reimbursed by the Tobacco Tax Grant. The rest will be raised by fundraising.

D. Garden

Gerrard is the director of The Association of Behavior Consultants No Barriers Program. His clients (8) are disabled adults who would like to be able to work and grow their own vegetables in our garden. They are low income and want to work. One of them would like to create his own garden business in our garden. He would like to put up a hoop house (12' x 15') so he could grow perennials to sell to the Botanical Gardens. It would only be used in the daytime 10-2pm M-F. They would need to use our bathroom and they would come with a staff person. Judy said the hoop house would need a Coastal permit. To add an amendment to our permit would be \$640. Bette suggested that ABC share our existing greenhouse. Gerrard will write up a proposal to share part of the existing greenhouse.

E. Cobb Oven

It needs a roof. Judy had an idea to tent it. Nathan Anderson would donate wood if Paul Garvin would build a shed roof for it. Dalen will call him for a cost proposal. Judy said it could be done as a 'barn raising' to teach timber framing. Rhoda mentioned that it should be wide enough for people to work under and with drop down tarps in storms.

F. Eucalyptus

Rhoda reported on the firewood project. Last Monday a group of volunteers with State Parks employees cut down the new eucalyptus sprouts and moved the firewood to a location from where it can be sold to community customers.

G. New Board Member

Jess Van Sant is still interested and will come to two more meetings before the board discusses her joining.

H. Rummage sale

April 10 is the date of the Community Rummage Sale. Bette and Bob can pick up things in their truck. Rhoda offered her garage for space. Better will get volunteers.

I. Halloween

Dalen thinks that more people will go to Frankies and not here. It was poorly attended last year. We received a very supportive email from Frankies. Dalen suggested a Day of The Dead Feast here November 1. Susan suggested alternating Halloween between Caspar and Frankie each year. Judy suggested that Eleanor Cooney do a reading and Rhoda suggested that Eleanor could star in a house event as a Caspar fundraiser. We need to collect items for a silent auction.

J. LONG RANGE PLANNING

David stated that a lot of our energy is spent in running the building and that we don't have a capitol maintenance fund ex: new paint, new septic. We need a reserve fund for maintenance and building. We need to see the kitchen project in light of a strategic plan which we don't have. We are reactive now and don't have a long range plan for Caspar Community, Inc. The kitchen could be part of the new plan. He doesn't want to derail the kitchen now. He requested that we create a long range plan. Rhoda suggested that we have a long range planning committee consisting of 2 board members and 2 community volunteers. Judy stated that we should continue with the kitchen project and go ahead with a long range planning and a community services district publicly elected. Paul R. suggested that we bring in 5 ideas for future planning for a half hour discussion at the next meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow