

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

**November 6, 2009**

### **I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:13 a.m.)**

**Board Members:** David Alden, Susan Juhl, Bette Goldfarb, Rhoda Teplow, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Jessie Lee Van Sant and Judy Tarbell.

**Absent:** Susan Keller, Annie Lee

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson.

**Guest:** Loraine Duff and Gunner.

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_

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

The minutes for the last meeting were approved as read.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Correspondence**

. There was none.

#### **B. Treasurer**

The Day of the Dead dinner grossed \$6,343.50 with a profit of \$5,232.61.

105 meals were sold. The bar took in \$546 and the silent auction took in \$2,625.50 plus \$7.98. The food took in \$1,416 and \$944 was sold for entertainment.

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

Dalen will be out of town next week. We received \$2,000 from the Tarbell Foundation for drapes, roll carts and equipment for the center. Marissa will organize a Christmas event for kids to make presents.

### **IV. Business**

#### **A. Kitchen**

Dan Dickson called in by phone. He stated he is at 85% done with our task. He will be able to figure out where he is next with us next week and will submit the kitchen plans to Planning Department in 5 weeks. David said our loan date will run out by then. Feb. 17 the project has to break ground. We have to go out to bid for 5 weeks. Mid December would be too late for us. We need to get approval in 2 or three weeks. USDA is nervous about this delay and sent us a letter. Todd knows the energy report is coming. Forest is working on the lights. We need a final structural review. Dan has not contacted Dave Hartwell. Judy clearly said we have to break ground on the 17<sup>th</sup>. David said to Dan that we need a deadline of two weeks to get our plans to the Building and Planning Department. David said this is an emergency situation and we are against the wall. Dan said he hears what we are saying. We asked Dan if we could call these people, and Dan

said that he wants to make the contacts himself. 2 weeks from now would be the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. The planning department might sit on it and the bidding time must be 5 weeks. The plans and permit have to be sent to USDA before it goes out to bid. Judy told Dan about an email from USDA asking us last night to state if we are going ahead or not. The unknown is if our plans will be sent to Ukiah or stay on the coast. Bette stated that if the project fell through the community would be very upset and no one would be paid for all their efforts. She urged him to get the plans done in two weeks. Dan said, "I will endeavor to get it in by the twentieth." Paul S. requested that our communication lines be open and David said he would be the point man.

David said we need a time line. Judy and David will call USDA and ask what the timeline is for the loan from Jennifer in Santa Rosa.

### **B. Playground**

The equipment was delivered in a huge box needing a forklift. We have to set it up in a timely manner to receive the grant money. Melissa is working on a Rotary grant for a swing set. Gunner came in at 10 am to update us about locating the stake positions and where the holes need to be dug. He said it would be difficult to start in the rain and difficult to get volunteers to work in the rain. He wants to rent a tent to work under. The board said renting a tent is too expensive. Paul S. asked if there was a point person and said he could call Al and James. Judy said we could put a tarp on the ground and the tent would get in the way of heavy equipment. Gunner said we need to lay a fabric over the ground before the chips are put down. A retaining wall is needed to support the dirt on the high end.

### **C. Cobb Oven**

Paul S. and David covered the oven with a tarp. John Wosniak would donate his labor if he did it in post and beam and have the wood donated. Paul S. said that Anderson recycled wood would donate ALL the lumber for the roof and for the playground. John and Paul S. will share the plans with Anderson. Judy would donate a tin roof. Dalen said we should allocate \$200 for incidentals and if it goes over Dalen will pay the extra.

### **D. Road Crossing**

Kendall Smith sent a letter to CALTrans supporting our request for safer crossing for our community..

### **F. Speed Bumps**

Bette went to Jackson State Advisory Meeting. Jackson State Park Staff went out and drove over the speed bumps and said there was a lot of metal to concrete. It was suggested that Ed Powers be given a timeline. Bette believes that eventually the bumps will be modified.

### **G. Sidewalk Proposal**

November 20 is the next hearing and if people are concerned they can attend the meeting and Judy will email people about it. The sidewalk will be a permeable cement. It will cost Mendocino County approx. \$250,000 for curbs, sidewalk and drainage gutters from the Shul to the Caspar Inn paid by the Fed Transportation Enhancement Grant. (T E Fund). This board has no authority to take a stand on this construction. Judy said this board should not be the arbitrator of this project. The venue is under the direction of the Department of Transportation and was discussed at a community meeting. Dalen said having a sidewalk would be a great gift personally for her blind husband. Because of this reason she will go to the hearings and not represent the board.

### **Fund raising**

Judy said it is time to send out a donation appeal and the letter is usually from the president. Susan J. agreed to write the letter and Judy will help.

### **H. Herbicides**

Lorraine brought up the fact that her driveway and a neighbors were sprayed with herbicides and wanted to know what to do. Bette said we will keep on working against the spraying. We have stopped CalTrans from spraying before. MUSD stopped the spraying from the paths where children walk.

I. Dalen brought up the need for a game plan. Judy suggested that we spend the first 20 minutes of each meeting on future plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow