

Caspar Community Board Meeting  
Caspar Community Center  
June 16, 2017

Board Members:

*Present:* Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude

*Absent:* Dalen Anderson, Paul Schulman

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* Office Manager Sienna M Potts, Event Manager Dana Fox, Michael Potts, Mike Dell'ara

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Bob Frey.
2. Minutes of 6/2/2017: Approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input:

Michael Potts reported that, after consultation with the Tarbells, it has been determined that a Community Land Trust is too big a project for Caspar, though a broader coastal effort would be worth supporting. Our lawyers have informed us that in order to control Caspar's water (currently owned by Caspar Cattle Co.), we would have to form a public water system. That would involve very expensive engineering, and extensive ongoing compliance requirements. Our legal team suggested we not take this on unless thorough testing showed ground water contamination.

Michael has also been working with Anna Birkas to determine what Caspar Community can do to protect its own water system at the Center, from rainfall to the last use. Anna advises the addition of a greywater system for as much of the Center's water as possible (dishwashing sink drain and toilets being the only exclusions). Anna recommended we improve our septic system and field to process our waste water better and to protect our ground water. To augment our fragile septic system, she suggests building a high-quality composting toilet, developing our own well to provide back-up water in case of failure of the Cattle Co. system, and add water storage such as a large underground cement tank. She pointed out that the County's protections are minimal. We can do much better, so long as we do what the County approves as well.

Michael proposed that we 1) get our water tested once our well is back online, and 2) ask Anna to prepare a prioritized plan for the next steps in good order to assure water security for the Center. Board agreed. Michael will work with Anna to come up with a start to finish water security plan, including cost effective steps we can take now.

Mike Dell'Ara shared a conversation he had with Jim Kimball, a real estate developer who is interested in the remaining Caspar Cattle Co. land. Jim is very interested in the history of our community and understands that development should suit the community. His ideas include a restaurant and a live/work performing arts studio.

5. Correspondence:
  - A. Movie license is due for renewal. Bob will research our options as Dana wants to continue our Movie Night event.
  - B. Bob spoke with Mary Mayeda about our options for using the grant for gorse eradication. We can do the work on our own, to be reimbursed when the work is complete, or Mendocino Fire Safe Council can administer it. We have enough available in the Fire Safe reserve funds and might be able to do a more complete job on our own but it would be easier to let them do it. We have permission so far from one landowner out of 4 and we need all four for the grant. Fortunate Farm and Jughandle Creek Farm will get \$1,500 each for California Department of Corrections crews.
6. Reports
  - A. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna reported that Superior Pump has begun the work on the water tanks and pump house. Big River Rock will do the parking lot in July. The Gwyneth Moreland concert was a success for us, bringing in about \$300 with rent and bar proceeds (after expenses). The next Pop-up Dance Party is Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> with 9 local musicians.

Dana is wrapping up the kitchen reorganization and working on the Green room. He is working on a food proposal for Disaster Planning. Red Cross is on board for Disaster Fest on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - B. Finance/Treasurer

Next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. There may be a perception that we are doing so well that we don't need donations. This could be addressed with an article about our ongoing work and expenses in an upcoming newsletter.
  - C. Pub Night, Breakfast

June Pub Night had a low attendance but it was a successful evening. Dana is working on developing the volunteer base.
  - D. Caspar Community Garden

Next meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.
  - E. Facilities

Outdoor lights need more adjustments. Paul Reiber is working on getting locks changed. Mike Dell'ara will have the garden outside the office window tidied up. He requests that we recover the flag pole and replace flags.
  - F. Fundraising/Marketing

Dalen is on board for Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 18th. We need to get an answer from the Mixed Nuts about New Year's Eve. Dana asked about CasparFest plans and was asked to work with the newly formed Event Committee to propose a plan.
  - G. Community Planning/Development

Community meetings scheduled: September 17, 2017, February 18, May 20, and October 7, 2018.
  - H. Human Resources Committee

Nothing to report.

I. Disaster Preparedness

Next meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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