

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Caspar Community Center
April 5, 2019

Board Members:

Present: Dalen Anderson, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman

Absent: Glenn Rude,

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Sienna M Potts, Paula Glessner, Janine Rhymes, Ray Duff, Judy Tarbell, Lisa Weg, Mary Desautels

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Bob Frey.
2. Minutes of 3/1/2018: Approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input: discussed under Preparedness.
5. Correspondence:
We received a notice from County of Mendocino Department of Planning & Building regarding the regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units in the Coastal Zone. Project Information is online:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=27745>

After the March Community Meeting, Star Decker told Sienna, "I was proud of our community last night. And it was fun."

6. Reports
 - A. Office Manager, Event Manager
Sienna has been busy with renewing insurance policies, preparing tax info, and the 2020 calendar.
Paula requests that anybody who wants to help her to find volunteers for events call her directly to find out what is needed.
Acting on a request, Paula researched individual bottled water for sale at events. She felt the community would not welcome plastic bottled water sales. Water will continue to be offered from the jug and filtered water fountain in the hall. Guests wanting bottled water will be encouraged to bring their own bottles. Paula will purchase a supply of smaller bottles of bubbly water for sale since they are more popular than the cans.
Paula has been busy giving tours to current and potential renters.
 - B. Finance/Treasurer
Bob reported that the Finance Committee has decided to invest \$120,000 in CD's to get a better interest rate than our Schwab savings account (which gets slightly better interest than our Savings Bank savings account). He is researching how best to purchase CD's to maximize efficiency. Thirty thousand dollars was transferred from our Savings Bank savings account to checking account.
Caccamo Construction will be paid for the barn foundation from the funds in the Savings Bank to reduce the amount of money in that

account. Sienna will work with Ruth to make sure it is allocated correctly.

Next Finance Committee meeting is April 18, 10 am.

C. Events

Dalen is cooking for Pub Night and Breakfast in April.

No Event Committee meeting scheduled.

D. Caspar Community Garden

Rochelle reported that she had received most of the 2019 bed rental fees. One bed is available. A Work Day is scheduled for April 13, 10 am to noon, to focus on the South fence area, cleaning up compost, and the fence attached to the shed.

Next Garden Committee meeting is May 2, 2 pm.

E. Facilities

Paul Schulman reported that there are some choices to be made on next steps for the barn restoration project. There is some bug damage and the siding is not in great shape. All siding could be replaced now or just damaged areas. It may be less expensive to replace the siding during this project than later, and it would also be less expensive to paint all new siding.

There will be a large roll up door and a person door on the South side.

There is an internal door between the main room and the shed.

Whether or not we will include windows needs to be decided. A tamped gravel apron is the current plan around the entrance, but concrete is an option to consider. The roof was replaced 15 years ago and should be good for another five or so years.

Facilities Committee will meet on April 9, 9 am to determine plan.

F. Fundraising/Marketing

Sienna asked if she and Paula could review and raise alcohol prices for our bars at events, and was given permission to do so.

G. Community Planning/Development

The first 2019 Community Meeting was focused on community cooperation. It was attended by board members and staff from Jug Handle Farm, Gowan Batist from Fortunate Farm, the State Parks District Superintendent, Terry Bertels, and 16 other community members (total attendance was 24). Marie Jones of the Jug Handle Farm board assured the community that the county noise ordinance is understood and there will be no amplified music after 10 pm. The lost trail from East Caspar to Jughandle Beach was discussed at length. It does not seem possible to restore a trail right away but it may be possible to coordinate efforts with State Parks in the future. Sienna suggested we may not need another Community Meeting this year but she is holding a spot in case a topic comes up which invites a meeting. If we do not have a specific topic to discuss, a community potluck might be appropriate instead. The next date she is holding for a Community Meeting is October 20, 2019, 4 pm.

H. Human Resources Committee

Nothing to report.

I. Preparedness

Members of the Caspar Community Emergency Preparedness Project (CCEPP) are working on an agreement with Red Cross for possible use of the Center as a shelter in a local emergency. There was an assessment and agreement signed in 2013, but it is outdated. In 2013 representatives from Red Cross evaluated the facility as a possible shelter and we agreed to be on their list of shelter locations. The agreement does not give permission to Red Cross to run a shelter here.

In an emergency, the Caspar Board can contact Red Cross for assistance which could range from minimal support to Red Cross taking on management and liability for the shelter. Bob was concerned about another organization coming in to run our building without understanding our systems. Mary Desautels, coastal Red Cross volunteer, assured him that Red Cross would need and welcome the expertise of Board members and CCEPP, as well as local, non-Red-Cross volunteers.

There are issues which would come up if Red Cross takes on liability and management of a shelter here (kitchen and pet regulations being a big concern for CCEPP). It was suggested that the CCEPP continue to research options for Red Cross assistance and include Red Cross involvement in planning efforts. The better idea we (as well as Red Cross) have of requirements and possibilities, the better prepared we will be in the event of an emergency. Mary pointed out that disasters don't have much respect for plans, so having options is vital to quick action when needed.

Bob reported that the Mitchell Creek Fire Safe Council meeting, on April 3, was well attended. They are working on evacuation plans and an alternate exit route for their neighborhood. Judy Tarbell suggested that Caspar Fire Safe Council should be revived and look in to our own plans in case of fire in East Caspar.

Next Preparedness Meeting is April 22, 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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