

## Notes from Caspar Community Meeting of 1/12/25

Roughly thirty Caspar folks came to this meeting, curious to know more about the Local Coastal Plan update process and to share their views. A wide-ranging discussion ensued. The principal outcomes were these:

1. The group endorsed the draft letter to the Planning Department and Coastal Commission enclosing the “Draft Consensus Planning Statement for Caspar Village and the Surrounding Area” that was drafted at the conclusion of the planning process that took place in Caspar in the period 1998-2002.
2. The group favored the idea that Caspar Community would engage a planner to lead efforts to articulate a vision for Caspar and to communicate that vision to those working on the Local Coastal Plan Update Project.
3. The group envisioned that we would schedule another community meeting on this topic within a month and that we would invite Bernie Norvell, John Haschak, Ted Williams, Donne Brownsey and others to attend that meeting so that, hopefully, we would have their support going forward.
4. There was universal agreement that Caspar folks should have a voice in the Local Coastal Plan revision process and that the timing is tight, given that the process is well underway already.
5. Other topics mentioned:
  - The impact of vacation rentals on the availability and affordability of permanent housing here in Caspar
  - The possibility that Senator McGuire’s assistance could be enlisted for a project having broad community support
  - The petition to the Supervisors about an enhanced, renewed amnesty program for undocumented housing
  - The possibility that Caspar could get grant funding for a community planning effort.
  - Paul Katzeff brought a document drafted in 1976 showing that Caspar folks have been thinking creatively on these topics for a long time.
  - Josh McDonald mentioned the promise and burdens associated with ownership of the Caspar water resource.

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