

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

February 24, 2006

(Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)

I. Present:

Board Members: Ray Duff, Susan Keller, Paul Reiber, Judy Tarbell and David Alden.

Absent: Paul Schulman

Staff:

Guests:

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for Board meetings on January 27, 2006 and February 10, 2006 were tabled until next meeting to allow review.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Treasurer:

No report was made. It was noted that at times donors check the box on our donation form asking to be contacted by someone at the CC. Susan Keller volunteered to do this.

C. Manager's Report

Due to Dalen's absence, there was no report.

IV. Old Business

A. Kitchen Remodel

Nothing new to report. We do have sufficient detail to permit going forward with an application for a coastal development permit, and Judy Tarbel and Dave Alden will be working on that application. Dan Dickson wants to have a joint meeting of the Board and the kitchen committee. They will be asked to join the Board at its next meeting on March 10, 2006.

B. Headlands Trails

Nothing to report.

C. Land Purchase

S. Keller raised the question of whether there was anything the Board could do about the oral promise that the Caspar Cattle Co. had made in the past to convey the section of land bordering the CCC on the corner of Caspar St. and Caspar Rd and running partway up Caspar St. While there does not appear that there is any enforceable contract worth pursuing, there was discussion about the potential negotiating power the Board might have in terms of supporting changes to zoning/density allowances on the remaining Cattle Co. property, as well as certain tax advantages which the Board could provide as a recipient of donated property.

D. Juhl Donations/PO Box Cover

Ray Duff discussed the proposed cover to the PO Boxes with the Postal Service. They have no objection to us building such a cover, but will not contribute to its costs. Since Ray did not have an opportunity to discuss this at length with them, he will approach them again about financial contribution. It was also agreed that design ideas should be sought from the mail carrier. Some sort of overhang is probably necessary to help keep mail dry during loading.

E. Insurance:

The scope of insurance coverage as it relates to events at which alcohol is sold is still under review.

F. Children's Garden

The Children's Garden is still considering the CCC site. There has been no resolution of the wetlands issue, except that they have learned they may need a fifty foot setback from wetlands areas (a "buffer zone"). They have commissioned a botanical report.

The CG desires a total site of approximately 10,000 square feet (inside and outside facilities). (The CG is required to have 75 ft² outside space and 35 ft² inside space per pupil.) Part of the remaining issues also include the status of the Cattle Co.'s property along Caspar street, and whether it will be available for parking and access to the CG facility. The Board also discussed varying locations on the CCC property where the CG facility might best be located. It was suggested that we give serious attention to where it should be located as that might affect CCC planning in general.

G. Disaster Preparation

Nothing new to report. It was noted that one clear need we have is to stockpile basic medical/emergency supplies.

V. New Business

A. Kitchen Fundraising:

Names were sought and discussed for formation of a fund raising committee. Geraldine _____, Mike Dell'Ara and Rhoda Teplow were suggested as people who might be able to provide valuable advice. It was suggested that having someone from outside the Board play a dedicated role in this would be a good idea. Paul Reiber suggested that getting someone with major experience in this sort of thing to speak with the Board would be a good idea. Judy Tarbel will try to get Susan Norgaard to meet with the Board. Other possibilities include those persons active in the aquatic program and golf course proposal in

Ft. Bragg as well as those active in the Big River fundraising project. We will try to schedule someone to meet with the Board at its meeting on March 24, 2006.

It was decided that the efforts of the fundraising committee should be three pronged: 1) seeking grant funding; 2) seeking individual donor participation and 3) fund raising event planning.

Grants for up to \$40,000 may well be available for disaster planning and water related issues from the USDA as well as from the Mendocino Community Foundation. Judy Tarbel suggested it would be a good idea to explore the availability of grant funding with Al Aleo at USDA, who has been our contact person at the agency.

B. Newsletter

Articles have been assigned to various people. Bob Winegar and Deb Dawson have agreed to do an article on the kitchen project, and Dave Alden will be writing one about fundraising for the project.

The goal is still to publish at least two weeks ahead of the April 2 community meeting, with a submission deadline of March 5.

C. Planning Retreat

Judy Tarbel had a conversation with Michael Potts in which he expressed disappointment that he was not included in the group to be invited by the Board to assist it in drafting a Mission Statement and Five Year Plan. He also expressed the view that the Board's approach to the planning meeting was further evidence of a lack of transparency by the Board in its activities. After discussion, the Board decided to include Michael Potts and Rochelle Elkin on the list of invitees. D Alden will circulate a final draft and send it out by Monday, Feb 27.

It was decided that having a facilitator at the planning meeting would be a good idea. Judy Tarbell will approach Joe Curren to determine his interest and availability. If he cannot do it, Ray Duff will contact Cynthia Wall.

The agenda for the planning meeting will be discussed at the next two board meetings. The agenda should at least include a recap of the history of the CC formation, the current issues with which the CCC is dealing and a discussion of what the community's vision is for the future. This should include a discussion of what dreams the community has for itself. Finally, and most importantly, the discussion should include what specific steps the Board should take over the next five years to implement that vision.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. Next meeting is March 10, 2006.