

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2009

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:03 a.m.)

Board Members: Susan Juhl, Rhoda Teplow, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Susan Keller, Jessie Lee Van Sant, Annie Lee and Judy Tarbell.

Absent: David Alden, Bette Goldfarb

Guest: Matt Williamson

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Quorum Declared: Yes X No _____

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Matt Williamson spoke to us about the 2010 Census. It is done every 10 years and counts citizens and non-citizens following a constitutional requirement. The 10 questions will be sent out in March to physical addresses. POB people in the nation will be visited by census workers. Mendocino County is not normal and we will need more census takers to visit all the people with mailboxes. During 3 days in March they will count the homeless nationwide. Matt is willing to give local groups fliers to spread the word.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Dalen got a question regarding our next newsletter. The board is thinking about a Jan. 15th deadline for a newsletter. Our first board meeting in 2010 will be Jan. 15th.

B. Treasurer

No report this meeting,

C. Manager's Report

Dec. 15 is a Gorse Grant Writing Group meeting. The grant award is \$115,000. Jessie Lee said this meeting date should be put out to the community. Paul S. said the information should be shared with the whole community. Annie Lee said all landowners' with gorse should be able to be at the meeting. Dalen will contact Julie Rodgers regarding who should attend this meeting.

IV. Business

A. Kitchen

No word from Dan Dickson.

B. Playground

Paul S. said the site has been leveled and the holes were dug by hand. They will start assembling the equipment today. Spare Time Supplies donated ground cover cloth.

C. Garden

Discussion was held regarding those involved in it.

D. Contingency fund.

1/12 of our mortgage amount goes to savings annually. Dalen said we need more pledges monthly.

We should go around and ask our friends to make pledges. It is easy to do if you put a small amount on your credit card. Paul R. said contributors should get perks. Susan will ask people personally at the breakfast.

E. Highway crossing.

Clark Davis said we could get a crossing and flashing lights by next summer as the project was accepted.

F. Septic tank fund.

At some point the leach field needs repair. The tank is working fine says Paul S. Judy said we need a French drain in the East.

G. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Paul S. said the demonstration showed the sidewalk going from the corner of Caspar Road and Caspar Street on the East side all the way north to Pacifica. There will be many points where community input can scale it back. It will be a long time until the plans are finalized.

H. Night Meetings.

Susan Keller would be here more often if meetings were at night. Susan Juhl suggested one evening a month. Jan. 15th meeting will be at 5:30 pm Friday night.

I. End-of-the-year appeal letter.

Susan Juhl read her draft letter.

J. Long Range Planning.

Dalen said we need a board retreat for a game plan because it isn't working talking about it during meetings. Rhoda said to read Caspar2020 on the web to find out what was discussed at our last board retreat for future envisioning.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow