

Caspar Community Board Meeting

January 27, 2023

Caspar Community Center + Virtual Meeting

Board Members:

Present: Dalen Anderson, Ariana Bayer, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman

Absent: Paul Reiber, Judy Tarbell

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Claire Amanno, Jesse Cisney, Anela Delaveaga, Sienna M Potts

I. Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by President Annie Lee.

II. Minutes: 1/13 minutes were approved.

III. Changes to the Agenda: none

IV. Community comments and input: none

V. Correspondence:

A) Rochelle reported that Michael St John is exploring the possibilities of adjusting boundaries and relocating zoning in the corner lot to reduce its value.

B) Sienna updated Caspar residents that Ian Forman was found incompetent to stand trial at his 1/23 hearing. His placement and medication orders will be determined on 2/22.

VI. Committee and Staff Reports

A) Office Manager: Sienna shared a [20 Years Report](#) showing our annual net income and total liabilities and equity. She noted projects completed each year & commented that each time we complete a large project we receive donations in support. To appreciate our donors with something they can enjoy now, she proposed moving forward on our outdoor expansion project as well as planning a complete floor replacement.

B) Finance Committee: next meeting 2/2, 11:30 am, zoom

C) Staff Support Committee:

1) Decision to be made between two candidates for Rental Management

2) Next meeting 1/30, noon, at Center

D) Events & Fundraising: Game Night, 2/10

[Valentine's Dinner & Concert, 2/14](#)

4th Sunday Breakfast, 2/26

Volunteer & Donor Appreciation, 3/12

Next Meeting: 2/1, 10 am, at Center

E) Rental Management: Ariana and English Country Dance reached a rental agreement allowing us to shift their regular 4th Saturday date to another day to make room for a Caspar or paid event as often as twice a year.

F) Facilities: Thank you to Paul R & Paul S for replacing the Postal Pavilion light sensor

G) Caspar Community Garden: Next Meeting is 2/4, 10 am, at Center

H) Community Planning/Development: nothing to report

VII. Working Meeting

A) Short discussion of Michael St John's "Corner Lot" proposal:

- 1) A greater land area would allow for more development
- 2) A [second driveway](#) could improve traffic and allow space for a dedicated bus stop (in collaboration with Mendocino Transit Authority)
- 3) Drainage could be improved with a rain garden
- 4) Expenses would be higher with more land

B) Short- and long-term planning for opportunities and maintenance:

- 1) Ariana proposed the purchase of a portable dance floor in time for events this year. Paul S and Glenn proposed first putting down a permeable surface – a level surface would support a simpler, easier to use dance floor. Support for permanent enhancements to our outdoor area was unanimous.
- 2) Anela Delaveaga offered to help us bring our outdoor expansion dream into reality. She has architecture, planning, and grant writing skills. There is a [T-Mobile Hometown Grant](#) which is a good fit. After looking at our permit, Anela stated that it may be possible to use our existing Coastal Development Permit to include improvements, resulting in faster approval.
- 3) Paul S proposed we move forward on the outdoor expansion project, working in phases so that results are visible in our summer season this year. After meeting was adjourned, discussion continued outside.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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1/30/23, 10 am Fundraising/Event Committee Meeting

2/4/23, 10 am, Caspar Community Garden Meeting

2/10/23, 9:30 am, Regular Board Meeting

2/10/23, 5:30-9 pm Game Night

2/14/23 Dinner & Concert with Alice DiMichele

2/26/23, 9-11 am 4th Sunday Breakfast

3/12/23, Volunteer Appreciation Party