

Caspar Community Board Meeting

October 6, 2023

Board Members:

Present: Rochelle Elkan, Paul Schulman, Dalen Anderson, Bob Frey, Ariana Bayer, Annie Lee, Judy Tarbell, Paul Reiber

Absent: Suzanne Jennings, Glenn Rude

Others Present: Nick Gueli, Sienna Potts, Michael StJohn, Julia Dakin, Sam Karlin, Jim Tarbell (via Zoom)

Quorum present? Yes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Ariana Bayer
- II. Minutes: 9/22/23 minutes were approved as corrected.
- III. Changes to the Agenda: none
- IV. Community comments and input:
 - A. Julia reported that she has a mobile seed van for her Seed Library Project and she would like to do workshops at the Caspar Community Center. She asked if it would be possible to use some space in the garage for supplies and a table for a printer. Dalen offered to show Julia the space to see if this arrangement would work.
 - B. Sam Karlin and Michael StJohn were confirming that a Gorse Walk and Talk would happen at the next community meeting on November 19, 2023 from 1-4 followed by a potluck. It was reported that Scott Cratty from the Fire Safe Council was looking at gorse funding for the community. Sam is willing to make a proposal to the Board about funding for testing at least one acre plots to eradicate gorse.
 - C. Jim Tarbell would like to propose a community meeting for discussion about the Local Coastal Plan specifically to address sea level rise. A map of sea levels for 2050 was available at the meeting. [Map](#)
- V. Correspondence: none
- VI. Committee and Staff Reports:
 - A. Office Manager: Sienna reported that expenses were up and suggested that the Board and the Finance committee need to discuss rental rates and facility expenses. Sienna is meeting with the bookkeeper next week. Taxes are finished and ready to pick up.
 - B. Finance/Treasurer: stocks and bonds are down. A Finance meeting will be set up by email.
 - C. Staff Support Committee: a winter check-in with employees is in the works
 - D. Caspar Community Events & Fundraising: Fall Fundraiser Dinner poster almost done. Breakfast Chef for October is Dalen.
- VII. Caspar Community Center
 - A. Rental Manager & Committee: Paneless Windows washed the windows.
 - B. Facilities:
 - i. Rochelle reported that there is still glass on the driveway from the Monday Recyclers. Nick said he would contact them again.
 - ii. Paul S. reported a leak in the fire hose and failed float valve in storage tanks. Superior Pump was called to repair.
 - iii. The Board discussed various options for our very expensive EV charger; change sign, add QR (Quick Response) code for immediate payment, attach a timer, do a fundraiser.

iv. The Finance committee will discuss the landscaping expenses.

C. Caspar Community Garden: Next garden meeting is November 4th at 11am. Annie reported a large leak in the drip irrigation system and turned the system off. Rochelle and Annie will speak to the gardeners about removing the drip systems because of potential large water loss if (when) it fails unattended.

D. Communications: *none*

VIII. Caspar Community Planning

A. Community Meetings: Next community meeting is Sunday, November 19, 2023 from 1-4. Potluck to follow. Future community meeting, Local Coastal Plan, possibly in December.

B. Emergency Prep: *none*

C. Patio Planning: Annie Lee made a motion to accept the initial proposal from Todd Newberger to prepare a Design Development Patio Plan in the amount of \$3000. Paul Schulman seconded. Approved unanimously.

D. Gorse: see Community Comments. Michael would like a copy of the letter to the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture that was sent on 8/25/23 about gorse funding. Rochelle will send to Michael.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rochelle Elkan