

Caspar Community Board Meeting

December 1, 2023

Board Members:

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

Absent: Suzanne Jennings, Judy Tarbell

Others Present: Sienna Potts, Nick Gueli, Linda Jo Stern

Quorum present? yes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:34am by President Ariana Bayer
- II. Minutes: November 17, 2023 minutes were approved.
- III. Changes to the Agenda: none
- IV. Community comments and input: Michael StJohn reported that there are grants from Coastal Conservancy and Fire Safe Council for gorse eradication. Michael said that Helene Chalfin would be interested in writing the grants. The question to the board is: Would Caspar Community be willing to be the intermediary or will Jughandle Farm support it? The Board would like a proper proposal before making any final decision.
Paul Katzeff reported that he has concerns about fire safety on Road 409 and also reported that he is on the Health Care District Board and is concerned about our hospital staying in Fort Bragg.
- V. Correspondence: none
- VI. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Office Manager: Sienna is working on the End of the Year letter to mail to supporters.
 - B. Finance/Treasurer: Bob reported that our \$50,000 CD was rolled over for six more months. He added \$25,000 from our account, so we now have a \$75,000 CD that will mature in May 2024.
 - C. Staff Support Committee: The committee will meet with employees on Monday December 4, 2023 starting at 9:30.
 - D. Caspar Community Events & Fundraising: Meeting Monday, December 4th at 11:00am to discuss upcoming events: Open Mic, Makers and Bakers, and New Year's Eve.
- VII. Caspar Community Center
 - A. Rental Manager & Committee: Nick reported that he would like help with the contract for the landscaping workers. The Board discussed and came up with a temporary solution for the next contract year.
 - B. Facilities: nothing at this time
 - C. Caspar Community Garden: Next meeting February 3, 2024
 - D. Communications: Nick will do the social media postings.
- VIII. Caspar Community Planning
 - A. Community Meetings: December 17, 2023: Sea Level Rise and Coastal Plan
 - B. Linda Jo Stern sent us a proposal by email to assist us in focusing on our mission/vision and designing a strategic plan for the next three years. Her email proposal included the components, process, final product, timeline, and fees. We discussed with her in person what we wanted to do and how we think the Board is working. We concluded that we were not ready to commit to this process at this time.
 - C. Patio Planning: the committee will contact Todd Newberger and tell him we are ready to proceed with the building permit and or Coastal Development Permit.
 - D. Emergency Preparation: Annie will check in with Lisa Weg to find out what is going on.
 - E. Gorse Project: see above IV. Community Input
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am