

Caspar Community Board Meeting, November 1, 2024

Board Members:

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

Absent: Judy Tarbell

Others Present: Sienna Potts, Nick Gueli, Michael StJohn *Quorum present?* yes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:31am by President Ariana Bayer
- II. Minutes: 10/18/24 minutes were approved
- III. Changes to the Agenda: none
- IV. Community comments and input:
 - A. Glenn reported that he was concerned about the speeding by his house on Pacifica Drive. The Board suggested that he contact Mendocino County DOT (dot@mendocinocounty.gov or (707) 463-4363). Signage posted on private property was also discussed.
 - B. Michael StJohn discussed the Tarbell Foundation Gorse Grant, a Gorse Control report project, Helene's funding, Erica Fielder and future collaboration with Jug Handle Creek Farm, Fire Safe fund availability. Michael drafted a short term, part time employment opportunity: to create a report that documents the history, the success and failures of the Caspar Gorse Control Project and the technology of gorse control. Timeline: 2025, Grant amount: TBA <https://casparcommons.org//doc/GorseReporterJobOffer.pdf>
- V. Correspondence: Ariana discussed concern about absences on board and how it affects the quorum. More to be discussed at an upcoming retreat. End of year letter is in the works, with Board member input needed by 11/6/24.
- VI. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Office Manager: Sienna reported that the 2023 taxes are done.
 - B. Rental Manager: Nick is out of town from November 5-14. Nick will pick up phone messages and emails while away. Ariana is backup.
 - C. Finance/Treasurer: November 12th at 11am: discuss employee raises and 2025 budget
 - D. Staff Support Committee: none
 - E. Caspar Community Events & Fundraising: Heather King will chef the November breakfast.
- VII. Caspar Community Center
 - A. Facilities: The culvert under the Community Center driveway has been cleared. It seems that some skunks made a home in there.
 - B. Caspar Community Garden: Meeting, Saturday, November 2nd at 11am.
 - C. Communications: none
- VIII. Caspar Community Planning
 - A. Community Meetings: in discussion to have a community meeting in collaboration with Erica Fielder, the executive director of Jug Handle Creek Farm.
 - B. Plaza Planning: Paul has been in touch with James Benedetti. More later.
 - C. Emergency Preparation: none
 - D. Local Coastal Plan: none
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Rochelle Elkan