

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee

May 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm. Committee member attendees were Ann Tozier, Jeff Ronci, and Patti Heinrich. Bob Gardner was also in attendance.

Agenda Items:

Public Comment:

Jil Stark gave a report of the June Lake Trails Committee. June Lake Trails Day is June 24, from 8 am to 1 pm; the Sierra Inn will provide lunch. Also, there are two upcoming Down Canyon Trail meetings, one on July 15 from 9 to noon, and the other August 22 from 6-9 pm. Both meetings are at the June Lake Community Center.

Joe Blommer (Caltrans) informed us that he has a chip seal project on 158, from the south JL Junction to the closure gate at SCE that will begin on June 19. [Note that this project has since been moved to September.] Businesses and campgrounds will be notified, and areas in the Village will be posted “no parking.” No work is allowed in July or August. In addition, the paving in Bridgeport will resume, but not over the July 4 holiday. Monday a project will also start in Walker, up to the Nevada state line, with daily lane closures.

Bob Lavenberg reported for the Fire Safe Council. Chipper weekend cannot be held at June Mountain, due to all of the SCE helicopter activity, so it will be a Chipper “Day” at the south June Lake Junction kiosk on July 15. They will be providing coupons for the dump, as well. The Defensible Space contract ends next year on May 31. Due to all of the paperwork that will need to be done, they will probably shut the program down this fall. Next meeting of FSC is July 5 at 6 pm.

Jake Suppa brought up a disturbing event that happened near his house down canyon. A neighbor shot a bear that had been breaking into his house. He wants us to stop killing these animals we cohabitate with. Not only that, but he has a young child and the firearm was discharged right near his home in a no-shooting area. He would like to see more public education around this problem. He brought pictures of the dead bear. There was an article about it in The Sheet on May 20. The shooter was not charged with any crime.

Review of Minutes: The April minutes were approved.

Board of Supervisors Report (Bob Gardner): Please see the text of Bob’s report at the end of these minutes.

Chairperson Report:

Patti Heinrich said the JL Women’s Club is having a Pancake Breakfast at the Gull Lake Park on July 4 from 8-11 am, followed by a BBQ from noon to 3 pm. There will be a pie contest, watermelon eating contest and flea market. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

She also wanted to tell us, on behalf of Rob Morgan, that he cannot make 5 pm meetings due to his work. [This meeting was scheduled early to accommodate the Short-Term Rentals Workshop to follow.]

Report of Planning Activities: (there were none)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm

Minutes taken by Ann Tozier

June Lake CAC BOS Report (Bob Gardner)
June 7, 2017

- We continue to make good progress funding the \$2500 for **ESTA to make the June Lake summer shuttle bus** free this year. I appreciate the strong support of the community for this effort. The free shuttle will start July 1 daily, and run through Sunday August 13, then weekends through September 4.
- You may have heard that **Caltrans and the Yosemite Park staff have succeeded in reaching the Tioga Pass gate**. The park will be doing more road cleanup work to make the road safe and passable. An opening date has still not been set, but we hope it will be soon. We hope the Sonora Pass road will also open soon.
- I am still working with SCE on the **blinking street lights** in the Village.
- We had a good meeting on May 16 here in the Community Center to talk about the **status of roads in the Clark and Petersen Tracts**. A committee of interested citizens had been formed and is working on possible solutions for improving our roads in these areas. Thanks to Ann Tozier for her continued hard work on this project.
- I have been working with SCE staff and other agency representatives on the **status of the three SCE dams in the Rush Creek area**, and the expected runoff. As many have noticed, there has been much work occurring recently in this area. There will be a community meeting on Monday, June 19 for SCE to present information about the dams and the expected runoff. I encourage residents to attend this meeting.
- We continue to have **bear problems** in the community. I want to remind everyone, and encourage you to remind your friends and neighbors, to keep all garbage containers either inside, or make sure they are bear-proof. The Sheriff will respond to reported bear intrusions or other problems, but cannot provide patrols to prevent bear problems in the community. California Fish and Wildlife will also respond when requested. We will be holding a meeting in July to provide information for residents on bears and how to protect our homes.