

**June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)  
June 5, 2019 - Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Janet Hunt, Jil Stark, Lindsey Chargin, Joseph ?, Jora Fogg, Julie Brown, Matthew Paruolo, Jake Suppa, Nick Criss, Michael Draper

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1. Call to Order by Vice Chair Julie Brown @ 6:02pm
2. Public Comment
  - a. Jil Stark
    - i. Concerned about Southern California Edison (SCE) and the amount of water Down Canyon is getting. 81 Forest Service (USFS) cabins pay taxes because they are on USFS land there. Jil wondered if the County could find out what SCE's plans are? June Lake Public Utility District (JLPUD) came by the area to say that Silver Lake would be very full.
      1. Supervisor Gardner responded that the County had a call with SCE and projections are 150% of normal water amount. SCE won't be doing anything with it this summer, as far as runoff. Agnew, Gem and Wah were built for hydroelectricity and have been serving flood prevention purposes but new seismic laws only allow certain amounts to be held behind dams. They also reported that in 6-8 weeks the flow will be at its peak.
      2. Jil suggested staying in contact with the County so that homeowners know how to handle docks/boats/etc. when the water is rising.
  - b. Matthew Paruolo
    - i. Matthew is the new Sustainable Recreation Coordinator for Mammoth Lakes and Mono County.
    - ii. He reported that there is a new restroom at the Fern Creek trailhead. Your tax dollars at work!
    - iii. CAC Member, Janet Hunt, asked if Matthew could come to a Chamber meeting to discuss what he has going on. He agreed.
  - c. Jil Stark
    - i. On behalf of the June Lake Fire Council - Chipper Weekend is 7/13/19 & 7/14/19 @ 10am-4pm @ the June Mountain parking lot
3. Review/Approve 4/3/19 Minutes
  - a. David Rosky moved, Jora Fogg seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Reports
  - a. Supervisor Gardner
    - i. The Mono County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is working on the budget. In the budget are continued replacements of windows in the June Lake Community Center.

- ii. On 6/12/19 there will be a Fire Town Hall @ Mammoth USFS Auditorium @ 6pm
  - 1. Topics = Defensible space, home hardening, burn piles, etc.
- iii. Anyone with bear or mountain lion issues?
  - 1. A bear has been seen in town. Reminder to keep all food and trash put away.
- iv. There will now be 3 separate bulletin boards for specific categories for flyers at the Post Office.
- v. There will be no summer shuttle in June Lake this year. The Executive Director of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), Phil Moores, was in attendance to discuss.
  - 1. Phil has been in communication with people in Cambria who have a volunteer driver program and possibly a vehicle to donate to the Loop. That's still in talks.
    - a. They get mileage reimbursement from the County and ask for donations from community members. The Cambria program only carries disabled people and seniors, but it can be whatever we want if we developed a program. C-class license is all that's needed.
  - 2. The decision to cancel the summer shuttle is not purely demand driven, but because of a shortage of drivers.
    - a. Janet asked if ESTA could do contracted times for specific events or weekends. Phil said they would need to investigate it.

b. Chair – No Report

c. Members

i. Jora Fogg

- 1. June Lake 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trails Day is 6/22/19 @ 8:30am-1:30pm, meet in front of the Community Center. There will be breakfast, 2-3 hours of work and then lunch. A raffle and swag giveaway will also be part of the day.

ii. Julie Brown

- 1. June Mountain logging project is still being worked on. Need permits to cut wood but it is open and available in the June Mountain parking lot. There might be helicopters for a little while (4-5 days in late August/early September) as part of this project. But no contract in place for SCE helicopters this summer.
- 2. Lots of weddings scheduled for the summer
- 3. Party on the Mountain is 7/13/19
- 4. June Mountain apparel store is open in town across the street from Ernie's

iii. David Rosky – No Report

iv. Lindsey Chargin – No Report

- v. Janet Hunt – No Report
- d. County Staff
  - i. County staff accepted an application for a modification to the June Lake Specific Plan for the Highlands. They want to change the tract rules to allow short-term rentals (STR) on 5 lots (currently with no buildings). The final decision will undergo public comment and come back to the CAC later this summer.
    - 1. Jil Stark wondered if STR is currently allowed in the Highlands and County staff replied that it is not and that's why they're amending the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&R).
  - ii. A new developer was approved for a variance to encroach on the stream and road setback for the development of 5 units for affordable housing @ Bruce and Howard.

## 5. June Lake Shuttle

- a. The summer and winter shuttles previously provided by ESTA are to be discontinued. Julie Brown drafted a letter (that was presented at the meeting) regarding the unmet transit needs of June Lake. If the CAC approves, the letter will go to the Local Transportation Commission and the BOS. The following discussion took place.
  - i. There will be a meeting on 6/10/19 regarding unmet transportation needs where the letter will be presented.
  - ii. The CAC felt that the letter should address year-round issues, instead of just winter.
  - iii. Supervisor Gardner commented that other service providers could be contracted to continue the service. ESTA just can't do it because of a driver shortage.
  - iv. ESTA has 60 drivers between Bishop and Mammoth but needs more to provide full services.
  - v. A comment was made that the unmet transit needs study just finished.
  - vi. It was suggested that maybe once a week people can get picked up to do a Mammoth run for necessary services.
  - vii. Julie will edit the letter and send out to County staff to be sent to CAC, so it is ready for the meeting.

## 6. Cannabis Odor

- a. Jake Suppa gave odor nuisance presentation
  - i. Mainly geared towards grow operations
  - ii. The County is seeking input regarding how to craft this ordinance
  - iii. The County is setting a standard for odor nuisance thresholds and will have device that measures smell
  - iv. Staff will present recommendations on the future policy

## 7. Winter Camping

- a. David Rosky presented on the unmet demand of non-existent winter camping

- i. Four ideas were presented and discussed with pros/cons.
  - 1. Make camping allowed at June Mountain and charge for it. This is a common practice at many ski resorts.
    - a. Julie will check on feasibility.
  - 2. One of the in-town private campgrounds remains open all year
    - a. Lindsey will research further.
  - 3. Keep Gull Lake campground open
  - 4. Keep one loop open/accessible at Oh Ridge campground
- ii. This will be a future agenda item after further investigation.

## 8. Community Updates

- a. Women's Club (JLLWC)
  - i. The JLLWC is once again working with the County to get flowers planted in front of the Post Office.
  - ii. There will be a "Red, White and June" Flea Market on 7/4/19
- b. June Lake Chamber (JLLCOC)
  - i. New signature event coming on 10/18/19-10/20/19 = Leaves in the Loop: A June Lake Autumn Experience
  - ii. The first Eastern Sierra Fishing Summit held on 5/15/19 was a success!
- c. Trails
  - i. See Item 4.c.i.
- d. Mountain Lions – No Report

## 9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Winter Camping

## 10. Adjourn @ 8:06pm

Next Meeting: August 7, 2019 (July Meeting Cancelled Due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday)

*Prepared by Lindsey Chargin*