

**June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
November 4, 2020 – Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order by Chair John DeCoster at 6:01 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was to a virtual flag. The meeting was held via ZOOM.

Other members present: Julie Brown, Janet Hunt, Bob Marks

2. Public Comment. None
3. There being no quorum, the approval of the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting was postponed to the next meeting. Chair John Decoster asked Julie Brown to chair the meeting.
4. Reports.
 - a. Supervisor Gardner reported on (i) the Mammoth Lakes rent assistance program. The program is available for all residents of Mono County; of the 66 so far, none are in June Lake. Supervisor Gardner asked that we let anyone who might be in need know about the program. (ii) Snow plowing in the Peterson tract will be done by the County. There was no response to the call for bids.
 - b. Chair: no report
 - c. Members: Bob Marks reported that as far as he is aware there has been no follow up to the activity this summer regarding the issue of road maintenance and plowing in Peterson tract and the establishment of a working group to advise the County. Supervisor Gardner suggested contacting Tony Dublino [Tdublino@mono.ca.gov 760-932-5459] or Kevin Julian [Kjulian@mono.ca.gov 760-932-5449] with comments, questions, or concerns.
 - d. Staff reports: Michael Draper reported on (i) the approved placement of a cargo container near Lake Front Cabins, and (ii) that the former Escoto building is being transformed into a to-go food business.
5. Follow-up on Suddenlink services.

Dave Rosky being absent this item was postponed to the next meeting.

6. Discussion of Balance Rock beautification

Ralph Lockart and Jamie Schectman have been working on this, but were not available to discuss it. Supervisor Gardner reported that Cal Trans had been approached about it and indicated that they were favorably disposed and could do something, but that they needed a specific proposal.

7. Southern California Edison permitting and communication with the County.

Bob Marks said he brought this issue to the attention of Supervisor Gardner based on recent experiences that replicate the problems faced by residents Down Canyon earlier this summer when crews arrived and started cutting trees without giving notice (see the minutes of June 3 and July 1, 2020). Despite assurances from SCE that they would notify residents and property owners of work they or their subcontractors would be doing, recent experience in the Peterson tract demonstrates that problems remain. When electrical subcontractors began work some weeks ago, they told residents on Mono St. only at 8:30 a.m. that work would start that day, and that they would not be able to enter or exit. No other Peterson tract residents were informed, with the result that for two days roads were blocked. Bob said that was not merely an inconvenience, but that it is a public safety issue to have roads blocked. Additionally, the road blockage meant that D & S waste could not collect trash in the tract. Bob said that in his view he no longer had confidence in SCE or Cal Rossi's commitment to inform residents of work to be performed. He wants the County to create a process whereby SCE (or other similar contractors) have to apply at least 30 days in advance for permission to work on a project, to notify residents and property owners at least 7 days in advance so their needs and concerns can be addressed. A resident Down Canyon said that SCE's idea of "notification" was to post something on a tree, not in the mail or on a door. The suggestion was made that if contractors pose a public safety threat, to call in the sheriff.

Bob Marks said we need a better process and will contact other residents and pursue the issue with County staff.

8. Discussion and updates on COVID-19 impacts and response

Supervisor Gardner reported on a covid-19 outbreak at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Pickle Meadow. A group of 1700 marines from North Carolina arrived several weeks ago, and new arrivals apparently brought the virus with them and infected at least 60 marines. The outbreak is confined to the base. The base informed the Mono County health office, but Dr. Boo and his staff have not been involved with the base. The issue for the county is that this outbreak might affect the tier that Mono County is in. If these statistics are counted as being in Mono County, our current "yellow" tier ranking could be lowered, requiring additional restrictions that might impact restaurants and other businesses. The county is asking the state that this situation be considered exceptional and not affect our tier status and hopes to hear back from the state in about a week.

9. Community updates

- a. Women's Club. Janet Hunt said that June Lake Cares remains their top priority, and that they hosted a dinner for 200 at Ohana's. The Club plans to give expressions of appreciation to teachers in Lee Vining schools. The Cares Fund is intact and will be available if the need arises.

- b. Chamber of Commerce. Janet reported that the Chamber is planning to have a general meeting and board elections at its December meeting. The CC has a new logo and branded merchandise. The county has reimbursed the CC \$2700 for the rental of dumpsters and porta-potties the Chamber brought in to address the problems arising from the crush of visitors over the summer.
- c. Water Subcommittee. Julie Brown reported that several meetings with the June Lake PUD have resulted in a draft operating agreement (MMSA lawyers are reviewing it) that will enable June Mountain to begin making snow this year, beginning with the area around Chair 1. Julie said she's waiting to see the "pillow" of snow around the lift. There was discussion of whether the amount of water being used would impact June Lake village. Julie said the water being used was flowing over the Snow Creek weir, and that the PUD was protective of June Lake needs. Noting that this development was good news, there was additional discussion of getting the word out through a press release and perhaps working with the Chamber of Commerce to amplify it.

Julie took the opportunity to inform the CAC of steps the Mountain is taking in coordination with Dr. Boo regarding covid-19 preparations, including the installation of "touchless" lockers, and outside food service options at the chalet, Stew Pot Slim's, and a new food cart.

10. Future agenda items: Suddenlink; Balance Rock beautification; EV charging stations in June Lake.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Marks, Secretary