

## **June Lake CAC Meeting February 5, 2025**

### **6:00 call to order**

CAC members present: Julie Brown, Claire Landowski, David Rosky, John Decoster, Kelsey Glastetter, Janet Hunt.

### **Public comment – none**

### **Nominations**

Chair – Claire Landowski nominates Julie Brown, seconded by John Decoster

Motion passes 6-0

Vice chair – Claire nominates David Rosky, John seconds

Motion passes 6-0

### **Approve minutes from June and October**

Julie moves to approve, Kelsey Glastetter seconds

Motion passes 6-0

### **Unmet needs re: transit**

Aaron - staff report from Mono County and Brian Ognisty from ESTA (Mammoth Lakes Operations Director)

Public hearings happening throughout the region in spring,

ESTA will submit recommendations in August, then LTC reviews recommendations

Julie: need to improve availability of information about Walker route, which goes to Mammoth on Tuesday, and is a dial-a-ride type service.

Paul McFarland - the Walker route saw the most growth in ridership over the past year

Janet Hunt - there's a mismatch in the timing of the main north-south route and the lack of a stop actually in town to connect trailheads to the transit

Brian - Reno route is full already but will bring this topic to the board

Janet - is there any more conversation about having a route within the loop

Brian - there's a concern of consistency of use over the course of a few years

Janet - pre-pandemic there was a route briefly but there was confusion around the timing and the stops, we'd love to help revisit the idea and there could be support from the local community groups

Aaron – there was talk also of a need to add a route to June lake beach since it's paid now

Dave – important to commit to running the route for a couple of years and pair it with a promo campaign

Julie – there was some financial support from the businesses previously, and could be again

Paul – need to make sure stops are well known and well marked

Claire – not specific to June Lake, but the timing for the airport stop in doesn't make sense for the commercial flights currently available

Brain – it's something we've been thinking about a lot and looking into providing that service

Brian – is there any need for a dial-a-ride service to June Lake?

Kevin – there are a couple of older folks in town who don't drive and are on their own and need to go to the hospital periodically for appointments

Julie – are there any specific requirements for a dial a ride, like does the person have to be delivered to a specific location

Brian – nope, dial a ride is meant to go anywhere needed

Paul – Walker has a service like this run out of the Walker Senior Center, they bought the vehicle out of social services funding

Janet – how would we demonstrate a need for this? How many people would we need to have expressed interest in a program like this in order for it to be really considered?

Brian – not sure, but it would take this kind of community grassroots communication with folks. We would also probably need to be making some local stops and rides, not just taking people to mammoth all the time. But I'll suggest we consider something like a June-to-Mammoth daily express that could possibly link up a few places in June Lake

### **6:33 – Supervisors Report from Paul**

Sworn in and appointed to the boards of Great Basin Air Pollution Control District, ESTA, YARTS, Local Transportation Commission, and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments.

Got a letter from the June Lake Fire Protection District – the fires in LA have alerted people to the vegetation around their homes and the condition of the fire hydrants, as well as the request for an emergency egress route for the Peterson tract.

We had a meeting in Mono City to talk about emergency response. Is there interest in having this type of a meeting in June Lake? (general agreement that such a meeting would be welcome)

Met with district director for Senator Padilla, I showed her this building and explained the land use exchange that we need to happen in order for any improvements to happen for the county resources here

Also talked about the need for a locality pay here and how it's an issue for retention of federal workers here.

Town to Trails – concept trail – requested that the June Lake alignments be shifted to go around Gull Lake rather than down Leonard. Reach out to me if you're interested in being involved.

Kevin – is there any discussion around what might happen this summer if the Parks and FS are not able to staff at all, is there concern that Highway 120 may not be able to open and Lee Vining will suffer

Paul – Caltrans plows up to the gate and then yose plows the rest. Cicely Muldoon left, acting Yosemite Supervisor is Joe Meyer, I met with him and Yosemite's lead on roads. In 2023, Mono County offered to pay for porta potties on the road and have them pumped, I made the same offer and asked them to let me know if there's additional support we can provide in order to help get the road open.

June 17 board meeting will be in Lee Vining and Park Service been invited. We hope that there will be NPS staff there.

Marcella Rose at Mono County is staffing up with the expectation that the county will need to help fill in at the visitor center and other places.

Vista Recreation, who operated the campgrounds and June Lake Beach, was bought by Explore US, an even bigger company. The consolidation of concessionaires is happening really fast. That will affect operations here but we don't yet know how.

#### **6:49 – CAC member reports**

Chair report from Julie - At June Mountain we opened Canyon Trail after 5 days of snowmaking at the bottom of the hill and trucking it up. We are in conversation with Alterra about building permanent snowmaking capabilities on Canyon Trail.

Kevin – no report

John – no report

Dave – JLTC has been in conversation with the Forest Service about how we can help them this year. We are thinking about recruiting more folks to the JLTC and trying to contribute more events during the summer.

Claire – Sierra STEM is running a Valentines Day program here at the June Lake Community Center

Kelsey – no report

Janet – June Lake Arts Program has been looking into upgrading the facilities at Gull Lake Park and also looking to adding a permanent community stage at the park. We're moving forward with fundraising for that in hopes that we will in the future have clarity around where it could be placed. We are looking for letters of support from the community. We'd like to bring a draft letter to the CAC for consideration at a future meeting

#### **6:59 Planning Department update**

Wendy Sugimura - No movement on Bear Paw RV Park

New proposal for 4 units in the village

Denial of application in the Williams tract - Feb 18 appeal with Board of Sups

Short term rental application in the village will go to planning commission in March

Planning lost two staff members in Bridgeport, we are flying those positions and have some good candidates and hope to fill them soon

Looking to finish and formalize the new short term rental policies and bring them to the RPACs for review in the next couple of months. The tribes have not yet weighed in (they provide feedback because it's a change to the Mono County General Plan) and then the regulations are revised and go back to the board

**7:03 – Womens Club Report – Janet – no report**

**7:04 – Chamber of Commerce report**

Kevin - We have new banners for the lightpoles, we just need to get them up. County has volunteered to help, we just need to straighten out communication

**7:06 – future agenda items**

None

Next meeting is March 5

**7:10 adjourn**