

Notes from the June 7, 2006 June Lake Coalition meeting held at the June Lake Community Center.

Welcome and Introductions

Overview of the today's agenda by Dave Wilbrecht

Vikki Bauer presented population data

Questions were raised about the number of voters that have changed overtime.

Igor indicated concerned there is an attempt to show there is a reduction in residents.

Vikki responded that the voter data represented the change in population but that taking a step back and looking at the number of full-time people in town today compare to the recent past also showed a decline.

Conclusion

Connie Black commented that future employees she has spoken to are concerned about lack of schools in June Lake.

Vikki reviewed history of Lee Vining School

Elementary and Middle Schools in Lee Vining are good schools

Peter commented that without good schools you it is difficult to attract families

Danny reported that his children went to Lee Vining schools and that he is satisfied with their education

Igor thinks the problem lies in affordable housing. Less affordable housing mean less housing therefore fewer schools.

There was general agreement that affordable housing is a basic need in June Lake and solution to many problems.

Igor pointed out that reviewing voter information may skew the facts because 1/3 of population is not registrar voters.

Vikki responded by that voters were one indicator. Census data show that families are moving out.

Ron felt that June Lake was a real community – it many different types of residents and as a part time owner, this is an important thing to him.

A question was asked about the status of visitor population? Response is that it is about the same for summer and winter.

Mindy indicated that the PUD has hired only one person with a family in past 24 years.

Ron asked about the kinds of job in June Lake? What is the pay? Response: about \$50,000 a year for two incomes.

Igor asked about the impact of decreasing families on local business? Response: less demand all around equals less business

Connie indicated that she would prefer to focus on solutions?

The conversation moved to a discussion about new Federal land on line for affordable housing. Molly indicated that land exchanges were based on fair market value for the basis of cost, not need by community.

Dan Lyster review the Job Creation Plan

Peter asked if have there been any tangible benefits from the plan. Response: Not really. No tools

Ron asked about the kinds of businesses that produce jobs? Response: Infrastructure i.e. broadband, second homeowners businesses, services, products or materials they need. Jobs require a viable business that is sustained over time.

Vikki felt that consultants universally jump to tourism as the main business.

Ron asked about the kind of business tourists need? What will work? Response: general discussion about tourist activities and the need for seed money to encourage new business.

Connie indicated the June Lake economic group she has been working on developing a list such as, affordable housing, infrastructure if new types of business are to be brought to the community.

Ron was interested in what Intrawest seen in other communities? What are they doing i.e. home care. Response: Carl: this is a tourist based economy i.e. ski area development and fishing, economist can talk about spin off benefits.

Agreement that this a tourist based economy.

Peter: what is the year-round job base and seasonal job base? How many jobs total? Response: People are working

2 -3 jobs and businesses are willing to work around personal schedules to keep good employees.

Affordable housing

Mark Magit and Larry Johnston presented the County Affordable Housing Ordinance.

Igor discussed the option that 300 second home owners could build granny units now. There could be benefits with people living in those units.

Currently it cost \$400 per square foot in building costs in California and \$225 in Reno to build a single family home.

There was a discussion on mixed use on the Rodeo Grounds. How mixed is mixed on the Rodeo Grounds? Should developer be able to mix up affordable housing with other types, keep it on site or keep things together so neighborhoods can be created? Satellite projects might be undesirable. The question speaks to community character. What about hotel condo? How will it work for full-time residents living next to transient housing? There is a need to find balance with this issue.