

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2016

Patti called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Committee member attendees included Ann Tozier, Patti Heinrich, Jil Stark, and Bob Gardner. Tim Alpers was also in attendance.

Review of April 5, 2016 minutes: Bob made a motion that the minutes be adopted, the vote was unanimous and the minutes were adopted.

Public Comment:

Gull Lake cabin owner Jim Roorda brought up concern over the milfoil weed invasion in Gull Lake. He said it was growing rapidly by the marina and the west end of the lake. It floats on the surface making it difficult for boats to navigate. He stated that the USFS said it was native, but there was some disagreement with that. Secondly he wanted to bring up [as noted by others] the number of unsightly dead trees on the loop, most notably as you come into town along June Lake, but also on June Mountain where there was the fire a few years ago. He felt they should be removed. Courtney Weiche said she would follow up on the dead trees. There was some discussion of the cause, particularly in regards to possible effects from salt used by Caltrans for road ice mitigation in the winter. Al Heinrich mentioned that he heard that 45% of the trees could die from the drought, per Sue Farley of the USFS. That may be a factor also.

Jil Stark brought up bear activity in the Silver Lake tract. She said 18 cabins incurred bear damage this winter, and 3 were actually broken into. She mentioned that there is a group out of Tahoe called Bear Busters (www.tahoebearbusters.com) who have ideas of how to deal with this problem. Also, locally, (Scott) McIntosh Services (760-914-1491, 91 Texas St.) has devices that can be installed at homes to help prevent break-ins.

Agenda Items:

Supervisor Tim Alpers' report:

Tim has been working on a proposal to improve the June Lake Community Center. There is not much money available for projects like this from the county, so he is working on a community based funding concept. Mono County might put up \$2000 to start, and then the community would try to get private donations, and volunteers to work. Alice Suszynski is interested and involved, and Tim wants her to get with Joe Blanchard (Parks & Facilities Superintendent) to start a "June Lake Community Center Improvement and Maintenance Fund." Each year he will try to get some money from Mono County into the fund, but money needs to make its way into the fund from other sources. The fund could be managed by the county, and would have a line item budget. Stacey Simon (County Counsel) and Joe are working on a volunteer document (form). Someone from the building department could oversee working on the nuts and bolts of the proposal. The idea is to set up a community-matching program, where the community matches the county contribution. Tim envisions working with the JL Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce, businesses, second homeowners, residents, and other individuals or groups. Donations would be tax deductible.

Alice stood up and presented some of her renovation ideas. She would like to expand the use of knotty pine on the walls, get rid of molding around the doors, and maybe add wainscoting. She would also like to see more color, replacement of the closet sliding doors, and window replacement. She commented that Joe Blanchard already has a bid for \$14,000 to replace all of the windows, but there would have to be a decision as to which to replace first, because of the dollar amount involved. They would seek volunteers with applicable skills. Jil Stark asked if they would please make sure that donations would be tax deductible. There was open support from Paula (JL Women's Club), and Patti Heinrich.

June Lake Trails Committee report (Jil Stark):

Saturday, June 25, will be this year's June Lake Trails Day. There will be snacks provided by the JL Women's Club, and lunch by the Sierra Inn. The day will start, as usual, at the JL Community Center.

There will also be a regular committee meeting on June 6th at the Double Eagle Resort at 9 am, and it will revolve around planning for the trails day.

Jim Roorda brought up a concern about a sign on the trail around Gull Lake that indicates that you may walk on the sensitive meadow area. Jil is checking into this.

Conway Ranch Strategic Facilities Plan (Tony Dublino):

Tony is conducting community meetings to get ideas from the public as to what they think the county should or should not do with the Conway Ranch property recently acquired. The Bridgeport RPAC waited to make a consensus statement, while the Lee Vining RPAC made individual comments. On May 10th the BOS has an agenda item to view the input from these meetings. There will be more discussion happening in the future at the RPAC meetings. Per Tony, most likely no action will be taken on May 10th, so folks should not feel pressured. The June Lake CAC wants to review the ideas and have a discussion. Patti is going to make sure to get the plan document that was handed out at this meeting, to the other CAC members. Here is the link to that draft plan:

<https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/rpac/page/conway-ranch-strategic-facility-plan>

Note that Appendix D has a summary of the responses received.

Sustainable Agriculture Land Conservation Grant (Jake Suppa, Mono County staff):

Jake presented a PowerPoint on the Sustainable Agriculture Land Conservation Grant (SALC). The grant is concerned with all aspects of large farmland and rangeland. [Mono County has received \$100,000 in grant money from the state. I could not find a link to his PowerPoint online, but you may contact Jake through the county if you are interested.]

Some information on this grant may be found at:

http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/SALCP/Documents/SALC_Attachment_2_Strategy_Grant_Recommendations.pdf

Skate Park Proposal update (Jeff Ronci):

Jeff was unable to attend, so this item was tabled.

Report of Development Activities in June Lake (Courtney Weiche):

The project for beautification of the Carmichael's retaining wall on Highway 158 in the village is within Caltrans right of way, so it must go through a process of approval by Caltrans and then by the BOS.

There has been an application for a setback variance at a small home on Granite St. Patti Heinrich noted that location is adjacent to a seasonal stream with willows, and thinks there may be issues with the endangered Willow Flycatcher. Courtney made a note of this.

No update on the TROD. It was dropped from the agenda of the last Planning Commission meeting. Next Thursday they will take a look at the proposed changes. After that it will go before all of the RPACs. At the moment there is a moratorium on any new residential TROD applications.

There was a handout at the meeting about "The Home Program," a program to help first-time homebuyers in Mono County. Anyone interested can call the Mammoth Lakes Housing Inc. at 760-934-4740, or visit <http://www.mammothlakeshousing.org>.

Next regular meeting of the CAC will be on June 7th in the adjoining room, as Primary Elections will be happening in the main room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

CAC Minutes were taken and submitted by Ann Tozier.