June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee August 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Committee member attendees were Ann Tozier, Rob Morgan, Julie Brown, Jora Fogg and Dave Rosky. Bob Gardner was also in attendance.

Chairperson Jeff Ronci had car trouble and was unable to make the meeting, so Jora presided over the meeting.

Agenda Items:

Public Comment:

Bob Gardner: The CAC has a new member, Dave Rosky.

Jil Stark: The Fire Safe Council announced that Chipper Weekend next year will be July 14-15, at the June Mountain parking lot.

Review of Minutes: The June 7th minutes were approved as corrected (the date at the top had been incorrectly left as May). The July 5th minutes were also approved.

Board of Supervisors Report (Bob Gardner):

Bob noted that the Grant Fire was currently 90% contained and limited to 400 acres. Caltrans will be opening the road, Highway 158, at 9 pm this evening. [Please see the rest of the text of Bob's report at the end of these minutes.]

Chairperson/Members Reports:

Chairperson Jeff Ronci: (absent)

Rob Morgan: (no comment)

Ann Tozier: Ann noted that the dirt road down to June Lake from the resort, the road that goes to the part of the beach dogs are allowed on, is so bad that cars either cannot get down there, or get stuck. She wondered who was responsible for maintaining it. Also, when she was down there she noticed vehicles were driving out on the beach, across the plants and grasses, and wished the USFS would put rocks to keep people from destroying the vegetation. (There are signs that people are ignoring.) Bob Gardner said the USFS is short staffed and suggested writing Congressman Paul Cook with these concerns. [Note: Less than a week after this meeting Ann went back and the road had been graded. Not sure who did the good deed.]

Jora Fogg: She said she would talk about the JL Trails Committee later in the agenda.

Julie Brown: There is a new owner of June (and Mammoth) Mountain. June Mountain has been very busy with weddings. An upcoming effort to restore the White Bark Pine forest on June Mountain will start this summer. A logger has been hired and will be coming to remove dead trees. The restoration will be part of a three-year project conducted by Cal Trout, the USFS, and Mammoth Resorts. Much of the wood will be chipped and left up on the mountain, but they may also arrange to offer some for sale, if possible. The trees are dead from beetle kill, as well as from the fire a few years ago. The steep pitch of the front hill makes that area different from the upper mountain, but it is all in the plan to remove dead trees in both locations. Their goal is restoration so dead trees everywhere will be removed, not just on the ski runs. Cal Trout will be coming out with a press release.

Dave Rosky: (no comment)

June Lake Trails Update (Jora Fogg):

The regular meeting will be tomorrow, August 3, at 9 am at the Double Eagle Resort. On August 22 at 6 pm, at the JL Community Center, they will have their second JL Down Canyon Trail Concept workshop. These workshops are an effort to get the community involved in the planning of this proposed trail concept.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Initial Outreach (Scott Burns):

Wendy Sugimura was to have presented, but she was unable to make the meeting so Scott covered for her. Mono County has a Hazard Mitigation Plan that needs to be updated in order to remain eligible for Federal funding. The County is in the process of doing this. There is a survey for this on their website. They have hired the company of Michael Baker International, as a consultant, to help with their efforts. They hope to be done in the spring of 2018.

Report of Planning Activities:

Scott Burns said the big County Planning issue right now is the handling of the changing marijuana laws, and outreach is in process regarding potential land use regulations. The County will draft a plan, which will go through a public process. Different communities may feel differently about the regulations in their area. Bob Gardner added that we should beware of the cost of regulations, even with the taxation piece, so the process should not be rushed. He wants the County to work with the Town of Mammoth, and to also learn from other government entities that have already been dealing with this issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Next meeting will be on September 6th at 7 pm.

Minutes taken by Ann Tozier

June Lake CAC BOS Report Bob Gardner August 2, 2017

- We welcome David Rosky to the JL CAC. David is a resident of the Clark Tract and a second homeowner. He has been active in the community and was out shoveling asphalt today with Ann's work crew.
- Here's an update on the Grant fire between Silver and Grant lakes.
- I have checked into the concern regarding an **escape fire road for the Petersen Tract**. This has been proposed before, and is on the list for possible projects for the county. The challenge will be to find grant or other funds to pay for the road. I am working with County staff and will keep the community informed.
- I am still working with SCE on the **blinking streetlights** in the Village.
- Thanks again to Ann Tozier and other volunteers for their money and labor for the continued work on the status of roads in the Clark and Petersen Tracts. We had a great crew out again today to put one and one-half tons of asphalt on various potholes in the Clark Tract. We will continue to keep everyone informed on possible solutions for improving our roads in these areas.
- We will be having another Town Hall meeting on August 15 at 6:00 PM in the Community Center with SCE staff and other agency representatives on the status of their operations with the three SCE dams in the Rush Creek area, and the runoff. The meeting will focus on their plans for removing the equipment installed in the Agnew Dam area.
- We continue to have **bear problems** in the community. We will be holding a meeting this coming Monday, August 7, at 6:00 PM in the Community Center to provide information for residents on bears and how to protect our homes.