

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

April 4, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:07pm by Chairperson, Jora Fogg. Other committee members in attendance were Lindsey Chargin, John DeCoster, and Janet Hunt. Supervisor Gardner (Bob) was also in attendance.
2. Public Comment – None.
3. Approval of 3/7/18 minutes – Tabled for next meeting due to no quorum.
4. Supervisor Gardner’s Report
 - a. Short-term rentals and cannabis regulations are going to the Planning Commission on 4/4/18 and to the Board of Supervisor’s (BOS) this month or in early May.
 - b. So-Cal Edison (SCE) fixed the light poles in the village. They should be on at all times when it is dark.
 - c. Bob is working with SCE to schedule a May or June community meeting regarding the Rush Creek dam project and the associated helicopter flights.
 - i. Dream Mountain Road residents might want a separate meeting with SCE regarding last year’s activities.
 - d. \$50,000 worth of recreation funds are available to work with the National Forests to streamline activity. Bob wants to use this year’s funds ASAP to work on improvement projects such as; parking at trailheads, porta-potty’s at trailheads, restrooms that have been closed, opening campgrounds sooner, etc.
 - i. **If anyone has any other ideas for these funds, please email Bob at bgardner@mono.ca.gov.**
 - ii. Jora asked if the monies are for only federal lands or also county parks? They are for both.
 - e. Got in contact with Caltrans to get a better idea of when Tioga and Sonora passes will open; waiting to hear back.
 - f. The Forest Service is making progress on burning woodpiles. There are still some left and we can expect smoke in the next few weeks.
 - g. The June Lake Loop free summer shuttle, operated by Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), is planned to run this year. They need \$2,500 from the community to do so. **Any donations are welcome.** As was suggested at the March CAC, ESTA is open to an AM and PM set schedule with dial-a ride services during the day.
 - h. The Bear Busters from Tahoe will be here in April or May to rig wires around buildings, if needed, for bear deterrent. No bear issues have been reported.
 - i. **Sandbags are available at the June Lake Community Center. Get them before the storm comes.**
5. Chairperson Report – Jora Fogg
 - a. The June Lake Trails Committee is having their first meeting of the year on 5/3/18 at 9am in the Double Eagle conference room (upstairs of the fitness center building). Their meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from May to October. More information about the committee can be found here <https://monocounty.ca.gov/rpac-june-lake/page/june-lake-trails-committee>.
 - i. One committee member has been working on a website that will have trail descriptions and other info.
 1. Lindsey asked if there was a June Lake trails map available to the public. Jora responded that the Forest Service has trail maps of the overall area (including June Lake) that are available at Visitor Centers. A member of the public stated that Ernie’s has a June Lake only trails map and Jora commented that it would be great to have that map digitized for the committee’s new website.
 2. John asked what types of trails the committee focuses on. Jora responded that at this time it is only non-motorized but that if there was interest, that scope could be expanded.

- b. Jora wondered if June Mountain was not being groomed this week because groomers were laid off. Julie Brown (June Mountain General Manager) was not in attendance but comments were made regarding the safety and visitor experience concerns, if this is the case. Jora and Bob were reaching out to Julie.

6. Members' Reports

- a. Lindsey Chargin
 - i. Mono County is looking for volunteers to work in June Lake or Lee Vining Emergency Shelter's if and when they are needed. Training is provided. You can find more information here <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/social-services/page/emergency-shelters-disaster-services> and there is also a flyer attached to these minutes.
 - ii. Mono County has a "reverse 911" system that residents can sign up for to be notified when there are emergencies or other urgent matters happening in the area. You can sign-up here <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/09531DC35832>.
- b. John DeCoster – No report.
- c. Janet Hunt
 - i. Janet wondered what the status is of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce.
 - 1. Much discussion followed and John commented that his understanding was that it is somewhat dissolved but that it is healthy for small towns to have a Chamber in place. Members of the public expressed their desire to see an active Chamber and stated that businesses have been regularly paying their dues. The idea was given that perhaps if the Chamber is revamped and the money is there, the funds for the ESTA Summer Shuttle (\$2,500) would not have to be donated. Janet, John, and Bob will be in contact with the current Chamber coordinators to follow-up.

7. Discuss recycling services

- a. Wendy Sugimura (Mono County staff) reached out to the Solid Waste Superintendent for Mono County and he responded with more information regarding current recycling options (email attached to these minutes).
- b. John commented that if many people would be interested in recycling perhaps we could get better deals than what is being offered now.
- c. Janet commented that Mono 350 might want to be involved in some sort of recycling program.
- d. Jora commented that a cardboard recycling bin somewhere in town would be useful.
- e. This item will be put back on next month's agenda for further discussion. Wendy suggested that if the CAC can come up with a better idea of what the community would like to see, the CAC might just start with a request to Mono County.

8. Presentation on Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

- a. The consultant team hired by Mono County to develop this plan made a presentation. The presentation is attached to these minutes.
 - i. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to get funding if and when it is needed. The current plan expired around 2012 so it has been of high priority to get the plan updated and back in place. It is a joint effort between Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
 - ii. Also being updated is the Community Wildlife Protection Plan that involves local, state and federal agencies.
 - 1. There are 13 measures identified and June Lake has some level of all of them (see attached presentation).
 - a. The highest priorities that the plan identifies for June Lake are avalanche, dam failure, landslides, and wildfire.
 - i. Bob commented that flood should be added to the high priority list.
 - ii. A member of the public wondered where earthquake is on the list because of the faults located near June Lake. The consultants responded that earthquakes are evaluated as part of the plan but not of the highest priority here.

- iii. As a result of the identified hazards there are 5 mitigation measures included in the plan. **These are what the County would like your feedback on.**
1. Work with SCE to identify power issues.
 2. Develop a zoning overlay that includes avalanche warnings.
 3. Work with landowners to plant vegetation to control land slides.
 4. Update water storage for fire fighting.
 5. Request FEMA to update flood plain maps.
 - a. Jora commented that maps would help with flood insurance requirements for residents.
 - b. Bob commented that we need more than the maps, that the plan should look at areas where berms could be constructed and that “down canyon” residents have strong feelings about flooding and causes.
 - i. The consultants responded that they would follow up with Bob on getting more information regarding historical flooding events in the area.
 - c. John commented that climate change should also be accounted for when looking at flooding in the future.
- iv. These draft plans are going out for public review in the next couple of months, then to the Planning Commission and the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal EOS) and FEMA for review, then the final plans will go to the BOS for approval around August.
1. John wondered what type of outreach is involved and Wendy responded that everything is posted online as well as sent out to those that have subscribed to the BOS or CAC emails. Anyone is also welcome to post correspondence around town to get the word out.

9. Report of planning activities

- a. On 4/4/18 at 9am in Mammoth Lakes (with a teleconference in Bridgeport) the Planning Commission will discuss the General Plan amendment that includes short-term rentals and cannabis regulations. As long as the Planning Commission takes action, it will go to the BOS on 4/17/18.
 - i. Also on that agenda is the June Lake Motel garage conversion to hotel units, proposal.
 - ii. More info and the agenda can be found here <https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission>.

10. Meeting adjourned @ 7:21pm by Chairperson, Jora Fogg.

Minutes prepared by Lindsey Chargin