

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
March 4, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by chair John DeCoster at 5:07 p.m; the Pledge of Allegiance was toward the flag flying over Gull Lake Marina.
 - a. Other Members Present: Julie Brown, Jora Fogg, Sarah Holston, Bob Marks
2. Public Comment
 - a. Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works, gave a report on traffic calming efforts in the Village. He said staff had studied the option of one-way streets, but found that traffic circulation and snow storage (among other issues) rendered that option unworkable. They then focused on signage, and have money in this year's budget to install signs this FY. They are still considering signage on the pavement, and speed bumps, but if feasible those could not be funded until the next FY budget. Public comments included concern about the speed of vehicles entering the Village, and that flashing speed limit signs catch drivers' attention and so should be considered.
 - b. A member of the public asked Tony about the follow-up to the December 17, 2019 meeting of Peterson tract residents concerning the Zone of Benefit (ZOB) road maintenance and plowing in the tract, in particular regarding the establishment of an advisory group. Tony said staff was looking at May as the time that would be done. Another citizen observed that Clark Tract has no ZOB and something needs to be done about roads there. She asked for help from Supervisor Gardner, and that the issue be placed on the CAC agenda.
3. Review/approve the minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting. Julie moved to approve, Sarah seconded, and they were approved.
4. Reports
 - a. Supervisor Gardner not in attendance.
 - b. Chair; none
 - c. Sarah thanked June Mountain and the EMTs for their help to her after she sustained an injury skiing.
 - d. Jora commented on the speed calming efforts in the Village. She reported some opposition to a stop sign at Bruce and Leonard, and that residents remain in favor of speed bumps and are willing to install and store them over the winter. Sarah reported that fundraising up to \$650 might be available for speed bumps, that there is skepticism about the effectiveness of signage, and that a meeting with Bruce St. residents might be helpful.
 - e. Mono County staff.
 - i. Michael Draper reported on two land development projects. Staff had received and was processing an application from Don Morton for a mixed development project (housing, commercial, and office units). The amendment to the Highlands specific plan to allow short-term rentals has increased to 17 parcels.

The review standards and process are the same as that for condo development. A Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for the third Thursday in April.

- ii. Gerry Le Francois of the county planning staff said that county RPACs and the June Lake CAC were welcome to comment on plans and policies, but not on specific projects. Decisions on specific projects are made by the county Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. The chair observed that there are plenty of public venues for anyone to comment on specific projects. Gerry then provided an update on the Tioga Inn specific plan and EIR. Staff has received over 1,000 written comments; there was a workshop in Lee Vining on March 3 on the project; a consultant is editing the specific plan and EIR in light of those inputs. There will be a public meeting on the specific plan and EIR in Lee Vining on Monday March 28 at 3:00 p.m.; the public will be able to make 3-minute comments. Gerry observed that in endeavoring to be transparent the Planning Commission had gone above and beyond CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) requirements.
5. Unmet Transit Needs. Phil Moore of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority asked for input for their planning purposes of those in our community who might not have vehicles or are otherwise unable to get around on their own (e.g. shut ins, elderly, infirm). Several employees (some year-round, others season) of June Mountain said they had no way to get to Mammoth to shop or attend to other matters, and need shuttle service at least once a week, but preferably two. Phil responded that a TTh shuttle, departing JL in the morning and returning later in the afternoon (8:30 or 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) is possible. Others raised the need of some for temporary assistance getting to and from Mammoth Hospital for health care; for commuting to work; and for setting up a rideshare program. To the chair's comment on the need for daily shuttle service between JL and Mammoth, Phil said that was not impossible. For all of these ideas and input, Phil said the ESTA will put together a matrix covering all the communities in its service area; do a cost analysis; and look for funding. He thanked those who made comments and asked anyone to call him if they know of neighbors in need.
 6. The 2020 Census. Michael Draper underscored the importance of the census to Mono County because federal funds and congressional redistricting are based on the census. He then reported that residents with PO Boxes will NOT get census forms in the mail. They will have to go online (2020census.gov) to fill out the form, or a census taker will visit their homes. The census process will go from March 9 through July 31. Census takers are now being hired (at \$18/hour) for work that will continue through October.
 7. Community updates
 - a. Women's Club. Jora reported that the St. Patrick's Day dinner and fundraiser is coming up on March 17.
 - b. Chamber of Commerce. No update.
 - c. Water Subcommittee. Following up on Supervisor Gardner's suggestion at the Feb. 5 CAC meeting that one way to strengthen collaboration between the community and June Mountain would be via a group working with June

Mountain to plumb the viability of re-establishing June Mountain's snow-making capability, Julie reported that she had approached the June Lake PUD to check out the existing piping and setup, especially for snow making at the bottom of the mountain (especially around the base of J1). Julie discussed with the PUD whether it could sell 1-2 million gallons for snow making; that appears to be feasible but no price was discussed at that time. She observed that snow making does not consume and use up all of that water, and that studies show that a substantial amount (80%) goes back into circulation just as natural snow does when it melts. There was considerable discussion of how much water 1-2 million gallons was. Bob reported that he had collected several reports for a separate project he is working on that are relevant to understanding the hydrology of the June Lake area as it pertains to the supply and demand for water. Sarah asked if it might be possible to get a grant for the project as a water recycling or sustainable forest project. John asked if Julie had encountered any resistance to the idea of the snow-making project. She said she wants to be as transparent as possible, wants input from the community on how important they think snow making is for the June Lake community and economy. John made the important point that the Water Subcommittee is ad hoc, not a formal subcommittee of the CAC, and therefore not covered by the Brown Act.

8. Future agenda. None other than what was discussed.
9. John adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Next meeting: April 1 at 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Marks, Secretary*