

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Committee member attendees included Connie Black, Patti Heinrich, BZ Miller, Don Morton, Alan Sagot, Ann Tozier and Jil Stark. Tim Alpers was also present.

Minutes from the September 3rd meeting were reviewed. Jil moved to adopt them, the motion was seconded by Connie, and a vote approved the adoption.

Public Comment:

Jil Stark - Deb Hess at SCE has a DVD of the dam building for those interested.

Patti Heinrich - Movie night this coming Sunday for a fundraiser for the June Lake Historical Society. They will show 2 cartoons and then the movie "Oblivion."

Ann Tozier - Commented that Stella Moss in Lee Vining is selling "Sierra Bounty" breads this winter. You can get on her weekly list; support local business. Also, Praxis submitted plans to Caltrans for the right of way request necessary for the June Lake Digital 395.

Agenda Items:

Tim Alpers, Board of Supervisors update - Ron Cohen and Rusty Gregory made an appearance at the BOS meeting. They will have a meeting in June Lake discussing staff, time tables, and infrastructure for June Mountain. There is \$10 million overall in marketing money, including June Mountain.

John Urdi spoke about the situation with the USFS being "closed" due to the government shut down; there is chaos about which campgrounds are open, etc. The Mammoth Lakes Tourism office is handling questions and redirected visitors from the USFS office over to theirs. Highway 120 over Tioga Pass was briefly closed, but is now reopened. However, it is only a pass through and no one can stop in the Park to recreate.

Jil Stark commented that Silver Lake Resort and campground are still open.

Jim Leddy commented that the Digital 395 crew has a permit to close 158 in the avalanche zone for trenching. People will detour on North Shore.

Tim Alpers said they balanced the budget and in the process cut the amount going to air service subsidy. At first they gave \$45,000, raised it to \$85,000 and now have decreased it to \$50,000 for next year. At the September 3rd BOS meeting John Urdi gave a Powerpoint presentation about the air service. It was very good and we will get to see that presentation tonight. The BOS want more details about the air service.

John Urdi, Economic Impact of Air Service presentation - The air service subsidy is the difference from the actual revenue and cost + %20, spring summer and fall. Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono Co., ML Tourism and MMSA all contribute. This year they will use the TBID, Measure A funds and Mono Co. for

the subsidy. (MMSA contributes heavily to the TBID.) 2012 air service brought in \$5.8 million to the area. 20% of the air service is used by locals. 33% of people say they would not have come without the air service. Bishop airport is not an option as it is not set up for TSA. Airline schedules are based upon what the airlines have available.

Jennifer Halferty, Review draft of June Lake Housing Element (Mammoth Lakes Housing) - She has worked with Mono Co. for the last 6 years. ML housing plan for June Lake is being updated using the 2010 census. There are 9 more people in JL in 2010 compared to the 2000 census. JL is an older community relative to other local communities, but younger than other peer resorts. Ownership is down; renters up. 30% of the housing is seasonal and recreational. 64% is vacant, 92% of that is seasonal. Vacancy of available units is very low. 40% of sales were cash. Resources include land trades, 9 vacant acres that can be developed, secondary units, organizations/networks/programs.

Jil Stark, Trails Committee update - The Gull Lake trail maps are ready. They have raised \$4600. The county gave them \$8000 for trail maintenance. As a result, they have money for the down canyon trail. Forest thinning will slow that development. New trails will be multi-use trails (non-motorized). They will work with Caltrans to make 158 and North Shore friendly for bikes, and want someone to work on this. Ann Tozier volunteered and will attend the January trails meeting. They would like a crosswalk between the Gull Lake campground and the Reversed Creek campground across 158. Next Trails Day is Saturday, June 21st. Mark your calendars. The next trails meeting will be January 7th at 9 am at the Double Eagle.

Ralph Lockhart, June Lake Revitalization Committee - Dates: The June Lake Beer Festival is this Saturday, the holiday tree lighting is December 14th, winter triathlon and Winterfest January 24th, Snowmobile Rally February 28-March 1. The Chamber of Commerce has put out donation boxes at businesses around town.

Paul McCahon, Fuel Reduction Project Update - Their September 20th meeting was productive; all players were there. Federal money is on hold because of the government shut down; CEQA could be done soon (the bottleneck); they have been given permission to begin work on the side opposite the Double Eagle along 158. Caltrans is allowing Cal Fire to clear some of their 158 easement on the Double Eagle property.

Scott Burns, Development Activities Report - The proposed June Lake Brewery is up for approval. An increase for the size of the JL central business district is going to the Planning Commission. The cell tower at the water treatment plant was approved. There will be information coming regarding the endangered Sage Grouse, Yellow-legged Frog and Yosemite Toad and the impact of this on our area.

There was some discussion of the library flooding issue. There were French drains put in years ago, but water comes up to the building and gets in anyway.

The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on November 5th.

The meeting was adjourned by BZ Miller at 9:07 pm.

Minutes taken by Ann Tozier