

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Patti Heinrich. Committee member attendees included Ann Tozier, Patti Heinrich, Rob Morgan, Don Morton and Connie Black.

Tim Alpers was not present.

June 3, 2014 minutes - Don moved to adopt them, Patti seconded the motion and those who had attended that meeting voted to approve them.

November 18, 2014 minutes - Ann moved to adopt them, Don seconded the motion and those who had attended that meeting voted to approve them.

December 9, 2014 minutes - Ann moved to adopt them, Rob seconded the motion and those who had attended that meeting voted to approve them.

January 6, 2014 minutes - Ann moved to adopt them, Rob seconded the motion and those who had attended that meeting voted to approve them.

(Catching up on the minutes! The only minutes not approved, as they are currently "MIA", are the April 1, 2014 minutes, and that is no joke.) (Even the CAC has humor.)

Pre-Agenda Comment:

Rob Morgan brought up our dire water situation, and wondered what Patti Heinrich has heard from the June Lake PUD. He stated that in the 60 years he has lived in June Lake he has never seen it [lack of snow/water] like this.

Patti Heinrich replied that last year was also critical, and we almost went to stage 3 water restrictions. (See additional documentation, downloaded from the June Lake PUD website, describing their stages.) Beginning last year, JL PUD has been allowed to take more water from Fern Creek, down canyon, as needed. They have also submitted paperwork to enable them to use water from a well they drilled in 2008. A hydrology report is required before that can go into production, however. June Mountain has been approved to drill test wells for water this coming spring (2015). Patti also noted that we cannot currently use the water from June Lake, as it is registering too high in uranium, most likely due to lack of flow through flushing.

Agenda Items:

June Lake Area Plan review (Courtney Weiche, Scott Burns):

Wendy Sugimura could not make the meeting due to illness.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing sections of the June Lake Area Plan, as there are many proposed deletions due to their overlap with the Mono County General Plan. The group completed the Community Development section, and got through some of the Open Space and Conservation section. They hope to complete that section at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Ann Tozier wanted to alert the community to local (legal) bobcat trapping. She came across a trap near the ditch, between Grant and Mono Lakes, near Rush Creek. The trap was large enough to hold a coyote, but nothing larger. It had what appeared to be a coyote leg tied in the inside back. It was not a snapping trap, but one with a trap door that would drop when the bait is grabbed. Being concerned, she called the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife in Bishop, and learned that November through January is bobcat trapping season. Apparently, our area (Mono-Inyo and up to Nevada) has the largest sustainable bobcat population in the world. Licensed hunters can take up to 5, and licensed trappers can take unlimited. The regulations can be found online at www.wildlife.ca.gov. Hover over "Hunting" and then go to (click on) the link for "Non-Game Animals." The CDFW representative said she had recently spoken to a trapper who had already caught 70! Their pelts are sold to buyers in Russia and China "to make slippers." (Note that Ann finds this reprehensible.) The representative continued to say that she had a number of calls from the June Lake area, which led her to believe the trappers are working in new areas.

The meeting was adjourned by Patti Heinrich at 9:04 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 3rd, at 7 pm. There are three new CAC committee members that will be "sworn" in, and the June Lake Area Plan review will be most likely completed at that meeting. CAC officer elections will be pushed to the March meeting.

CAC Minutes were taken by Ann Tozier