

**Mono Basin RPAC**  
**Regional Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 6:30 pm, Lee Vining Community Center**

**Members present:** Lisa Cutting, Zane Davis, Alex Flores, Chris Lizza, Mark Logan, Ilene Mandelbaum, and Bartshe Miller. **Absent:** Katie Bellomo, Steve Connett, and Lucy Parker.

**Public Attendees and Presenters:** Tim Alpers and Wendy Sugimura.

1. **Call to order:** 6:37 pm
2. **Public comment:** None.
3. **Review Minutes:** June 12, 2013. Minutes not available to review. Approval postponed until the August 14, 2013 meeting.
4. **Supervisor's report:** Tim Alpers – a) On July 18 there is a joint budget workshop for June Lake and Lee Vining at 6 pm at the June Lake Community Center. There will be a discussion and public comment is welcome and encouraged so that the budget can reflect local community needs. b) On July 16 there will be a formal presentation to Caelen McQuilkin and Jordyn Harper by the Supervisors for their 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the California State Science Fair. C) Tony Vaught will be touring Conway Ranch and meeting with interested parties next week as part of his process in developing a long-term aquaculture plan for Mono County. Once he has completed his report he will make his recommendations to the RPAC. This is part of the ongoing process to move forward with the MOU and easement with the Eastern Sierra Land Trust for Conway Ranch.
5. **Chairman's report:** Bartshe Miller - Thank you Mono County for your support and smooth permitting process for the Chautauqua this past June. It was the largest Chautauqua ever and included programs at Bridgeport Reservoir.
6. **Member's reports:**
  - a. Katie Bellomo: Absent.
  - b. Steve Connett: Absent.
  - c. Lisa Cutting: On June 19th the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board was in the Mono Basin for a public meeting and field tour. Representatives from the Mono Lake Committee and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) provided the tour to members and the public highlighting LADWP's current infrastructure situation and discussed potential changes to that system.
  - d. Zane Davis: No report.
  - e. Alex Flores: Will be transferring from Mono County Animal Control to the Mono County Sheriff's Department.
  - f. Tim Hansen: Recognized that a lot of Lee Vining High School graduates were going on to college. Suggested that the RPAC do a letter of appreciation for Heather deBethizy (due to her relocation) and the Lee Vining construction project crew.
  - g. Chris Lizza: Reported that businesses are having a record-breaking summer so far. At the Planning Commission meeting last week, a variance was approved to allow a trailer on-site for 12 months at a residential construction project site just north of McGee Creek adjacent to Hwy 395. Next meeting the commission will be discussing a general plan amendment to implement a new parking ordinance for each community in Mono County. For Lee Vining, the proposed amendment would reduce the current requirement by 40%. Chris felt that the specific proposed change should be brought before the RPAC to get community input before going to the Planning Commission for

approval. The RPAC members agreed. Bartshe will put this on the agenda for next month.

- h. Mark Logan: Thanks to Mono County staff for doing a great job coordinating the Lee Vining Streetscape Project. Suggested that the construction company pave the Lee Vining Community Center adjacent parking area while they are still in town working. Working for Pumice now and encouraged everyone to visit the plant to see what's new.
  - i. Ilene Mandelbaum: The Lee Vining Community Garden continues to receive help from Cal Fire and also the IMACA youth crew.
  - j. Lucy Parker: Absent.
7. **Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Overview (Wendy Sugimura)** Wendy summarized the Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project, giving the history of the project and highlighting how involved the Bridgeport community was in the planning. Consultant Dan Burden worked with Mono County Planning Department and facilitated many of the initial meetings. Since all communities are different it is best to approach them with different solutions. Planning should start with recognizing your community's assets and unique attributes and working out from there. The goal was to make Bridgeport friendly for all modes of travel and to entice visitors to stop and spend time in Bridgeport. The group had a detailed discussion of traffic calming techniques and design guidelines that can be used to make communities more appealing. The RPAC reviewed design guidelines that had been prepared for Bridgeport by the design firm, Opticos. Discussion of whether or not Lee Vining should start with the design guidelines phase (since funding is available) or start at the beginning of the process like Bridgeport did. The group felt that success would be more likely if we went through the planning process systematically and began at the beginning, building community consensus and support.
8. **Lee Vining Community Center subcommittee updates (Bellomo, Cutting, Mandelbaum)** Ilene reported that the Cal Fire crew was coming again tomorrow to help weed sweet clover. It was recognized that we need a larger, all-encompassing site plan that includes paving issues, the tribe's desires, and back patio improvements.
9. **Information items: (Planning)**
- a. Report of development activities in the Mono Basin – Nothing.
  - b. Mono City Emergency Road update – Steve Nelson is now the Field Manager for the BLM and has promised the County that there will be a decision on the emergency road within a few weeks. He wants to coordinate with Mono County first.
10. **Schedule next regular meeting:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013
11. **Adjourn:** 9:25 pm.