

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

August 1, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:03pm by Chairperson Jeff Ronci. Others in attendance were Julie Brown, Lindsey Chargin, John DeCoster, Al & Patti Heinrich, Emily Bell, Bill & Janet Hunt, Edward Lanpher, Michael & Connie Lear, Mark & Carmen Smith, and Jamie Schectman.
2. Public Comment
 - a. Patty Heinrich
 - i. Historical Society Annual Meeting - 8/2/18 @ 6:30pm. There will be a speaker, refreshments, food, etc.
 - b. Bill Hunt
 - i. Recycling – Can we check with local recycling facilities to find out what happens with our recyclables? Just to make sure it is the right thing.
 1. Supervisor Gardner (Bob) responded that he would look into this.
 - c. Al Heinrich
 - i. Chipper Weekend – 140 loads were completed. Thank you notes are being sent out soon.
3. Approval of June 6, 2018 Minutes
 - a. Janet motioned, John seconded, and minutes were approved.
4. Supervisor Gardner Report
 - a. Fires = The Lions Fire is back up and Yosemite is closed until 8/5/18. Owens and Hot Creek Fires sparked recently. Everyone should pay attention to air quality reports.
 - b. Southern California Edison (SCE) has begun work on the dam project (helicopters are flying).
 - c. Mudslides = Aerie Crag on 7/31/18 – Caltrans is working on it and there is no idea when the road will open, as of now. Mono County is working on the Lundy Canyon mudslide. The Hwy 168 mudslide at Lake Sabrina is now cleared up.
 - d. The County proposed budget was passed in June, some items will not be included until September review and adoption.
 - e. There is a housing project in the preliminary stages in June Lake. Five units of pre-fab type housing that will be available for long-term housing. There will be a public comment opportunity coming up.
 - f. Asked Julie to talk about the logging project on June Mountain.

- i. Julie reported that the Chair 6 area and lower part of the mountain are being worked on. This is a several year project that took a long time to get funding for. Public information regarding the project will be posted throughout the winter.
 - 1. Question from the public – What is happening with the wood they are cutting down? Julie responded that a lot of chipping will possibly be done but it is still under discussion. The mountain has done it before where they gave the wood to the public but they are still working with the Forest Service on that. A member of the public commented that it worked well before to allow the public to come cut their own wood.

5. Chairperson Report

- a. Thank you for Chipper Weekend. It is very helpful to the public.

6. Members' Reports

- a. Julie Brown – None.
- b. Jamie Schectman
 - i. June Lake Chamber of Commerce is conducting a Stakeholder Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLChamberSurvey>). Please take it if you have not already.
- c. John DeCoster
 - i. At the June meeting we talked about the issues at the post office. Happy to report a system is in place now to link PO boxes and physical addresses. The commitment to deliver mail is in place.
- d. Janet Hunt – The Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) free shuttle is running. Will follow up with Bob after the meeting regarding the shuttle during the June Lake Jam Fest weekend.
 - i. Bob added that the shuttle still needs donations (to meet the contribution to make it free). \$400-\$500 more needed.
- e. Lindsey Chargin – None.

7. Consider approving a Resolution of Appreciation for former CAC member Patti Heinrich (*Jeff Ronci, Chair*)

- a. The resolution was read aloud by Chair Ronci.
- b. Jamie motioned, John seconded, and the Resolution was approved.

8. Discussion of County budget for fish stocking vs. hiking trail improvements (*Jamie Schectman, CAC Member*)

- a. Supervisor Gardner
 - i. There are 18-20 items ranging through out the County that we cannot fit into the budget (including fish stocking). We have to wait until

September to see if there is carry over and where it can go. There may be a need to put carry over towards the reserve account. The third Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting in September (9/18/18) will likely be when the budget discussed. The detailed budget is online on the County site (<https://monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2018-2019-budget>). \$100,000 goes to fish stocking, \$23,000 that goes to trails was shifted last year. There has to be a balance with all of the recreation items.

- b. John DeCoster
 - i. The June Lake Chamber of Commerce could prioritize recreation items and report that to the Board of Supervisors.
 - c. Al Heinrich
 - i. We have never heard such bad news about fishing as this year (at the thrift store). Rumor was going around that money came out of the fishing budget for a trails study consultant. A lot of folks are upset about fishing.
 - d. Patti Heinrich
 - i. People are going to stop coming because of fishing. Fishing is our number one engine here for spring, summer, and fall. It is really critical to have good fishing.
 - e. Member of the Public
 - i. It would be good if we could somehow survey the public about why they are here.
 - f. Mike Lear
 - i. We need to make June Lake a destination place regardless of fishing or hiking. It is important to look at what is going on as far as providing services.
 - g. Connie Lear
 - i. Most people come here for fishing. Everything else is secondary.
9. Updates on community discussions: Skate Park and Recycling
- a. Supervisor Gardner
 - i. There is a skate park group organized. They have five locations, tentatively identified. The group is working on marketing and fund raising. The County will not spend funds on the skate park.
 - ii. Will check on where exactly recycling goes. There are personal recycling services to sign up for, \$18/month.
 - b. Member of the Public
 - i. Even if the County will not pay for the skatepark, will they monitor it for wearing helmets? Could be a lawsuit issue, if not.
 - c. John DeCoster
 - i. Insane Audio is working on getting an e-waste bin that will be open to the public.
 - d. Al Heinrich

- i. Mammoth has cardboard services; June Lake needs a community area bin for cardboard.
 - 1. The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) previously asked the Solid Waste Department for a cardboard bin. Wendy Sugimura will follow up with them.

10. Report of planning activities (*Planning Staff*)

- a. Project Approval Process – When projects come in, the Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (LDTAC) reviews applications for completeness. If the project meets all of the requirements, then the use permit gets written. Next are the Planning Commission and then the BOS. If you are interested in future projects, keep your eye on the LDTAC agendas (<https://monocounty.ca.gov/ldtac>).
 - i. The June Lake Housing Project at Knoll and Bruce is still making its way through the process.
 - ii. The LDTAC has accepted the permit for High Sierra June Lake. Staff is working on getting it to the Planning Commission.
 - iii. Six short-term rental applications for June Lake (five on Leonard Avenue, one on Nevada street) will be on the 8/16/18 Planning Commission agenda.
 - iv. The Mobil Mart/Whoa Nellie Deli is working on expansion.
 - v. The Lee Vining Street Rehab project is moving forward. Caltrans is getting public input before the design phase. Check with County for public comment opportunities.
- b. Emily Bell
 - i. How long does the approval process take? Wendy Sugimura responded that it depends on the project. Can take months to years.

11. Meeting adjourned @ 7:08pm by Chairperson Ronci.

Next Meeting = 9/5/18 @ 6pm @ June Lake Community Center

Prepared by Lindsey Chargin