

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
July 7, 2021 – Meeting Minutes
(Draft pending approval)

1. Call to Order by CAC Chair Julie Brown at 6:01 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was to a virtual flag in each of our Zoom spaces.

Members present: Julie Brown, Kevin Larsen, Bob Marks, David Rosky.

2. Public Comment.

Joyce Kaufman, a resident of Peterson tract, raised the issue of illegal short term rentals in Peterson tract. She cited evidence of such rentals, and noted that additional cars park in others' property and increase wear and tear on our already deteriorating roads; such visitors also evince little concern for residents. She asked for CAC help and support. Supervisor Gardner said such cases need to be reported to County code enforcement for action; short term rentals are illegal in Peterson and Williams tracts, although relatives and friends are allowed. Michael Draper pointed us to elements of the general plan that define the issue.

3. Chair Julie Brown asked for a consideration of the minutes of June 2, 2021. Dave Rosky moved approval, and Kevin Larsen seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted.
4. Reports.

a. In a desultory but otherwise crisp presentation, Supervisor Gardner commented that (1) concerns about the location of the ballot box installed near the Thrift Store at the Community Center are being addressed and it will be relocated; (2) (illegal) camping at Grant Lake continues with 55-60 observed over the July 4 weekend, but only 2-3 fires were reported and those were quickly extinguished. Volunteers have been cleaning up the lake shore (and reporting how disgusting it can be), and local residents are policing the lake and politely but forcefully educating those they encounter; (3) June Lake beach crowds were "rough," and reports of vehicles on the beach were heard; (4) the email from Kevin Larsen about continued speeding in the village has been received, and he will get a response from Tony Dublino soon; (5) the work on the crosswalks (see minutes of June 2, 2021) is moving forward; (6) the Board of Supervisors, along with other counties, have sent a letter of complaint about Suddenlink to the California Public Utilities Commission detailing all the problems we have had, and continue to have, with their service and infrastructure; and (7) SCE is working on a solution to the street light problem in June Lake, Lee Vining, and Mono City.

b. CAC chair. Julie Brown reported that June Mountain is preparing for the big public party on the June Mountain on Saturday. She later asked if public meetings such as the CAC should now be held in person. Supervisor Gardner said the Board met in person yesterday after discussing the issue and laying out the conditions under which those

meetings could be help. He said the CAC could have that discussion and determine how it wants to proceed.

c. Member reports.

Kevin Larsen asked if the County could buy a Marzano lot for parking. Supervisor Gardner said it was expensive, but that capital improvement projects need to be developed and put into the funding queue. Bob Marks elaborated on the public comment about illegal short term rentals in Peterson tract, and that it may be exacerbated by the large number of houses now for sale. He suggested giving a package of County codes on short term rentals to June Lake realtors, and said he would do so unless there were any objections; there were none. Dave Rosky added to the Suddenlink report by saying that it was being called before the CPUC on other matters, and that he hoped the County letter would be taken up then as well.

d. Staff reports:

Michael Draper said there was an incoming request to the Planning Commission from Marzano construction to turn one of its lots on Alderman into a company parking lot; that proposal will open to a public hearing

5. Discussion of and next steps.

Michael Draper said he was now tasked with developing the Active Transportation Plan grant to CalTrans. The deadline for completion of the grant is February 2023, with a timeline of fall 2022 to get the draft to CalTrans district 9. The first step is to engage consultants who will conduct planning charettes. Michael would like to use the CAC as a means by which to engage the public on the elements of the plan.

6. Discussion of traffic and parking, public toilets, and dumpsters.

Supervisor Gardner noted that toilets and dumpsters had been placed around Grant Lake, and that those installations were paid by a coalition of various organizations. The June Lake Chamber of Commerce has done the same in the Village along CA 158. Bob Marks said he thought that there needed to be a long-term approach that sought to address the combined and recurring issues as a whole, perhaps by having the county purchase land for parking and install toilets and waste receptacles there too. He said doing so would be a major capital project, but that we need to begin now to get it moving forward with the county. Kevin Larsen noted that the large empty lot on the corner of Knoll and Bruce was listed at \$995,000.

Kevin also asked that county staff make a presentation to the CAC on what their plan is for dealing with the serious traffic issues he and others have brought to the County's attention. Another citizen followed up on Kevin's comment, noting that while she appreciates the time it takes to get anything done, the situation has gotten worse. The two traffic calming efforts that worked have been dismantled—the speed humps and the traffic cones. Residents are now left with nothing, and people are speeding through a

residential area where there are kids and dogs playing. She asked if residents could take it upon themselves to set out construction cones. Supervisor Gardner cautioned that they'd have to assume responsibility for liability if anything happened. Dave Rosky observed that in Clark tract some residents on their own initiative are putting out cones and that they seem to work. Another resident called in and reiterated many of the points already made, and asked "what can we do as residents?" She added that nightly rentals are adding to the problem.

7. Discussion and updates on COVID-19 impacts and response. Supervisor Gardner reported that Director of Public Health Brian Wheeler made a report to the Board yesterday indicating that the delta variant is fast spreading throughout California, and that 99.2% of hospitalization are those un-vaccinated. He reiterated that vaccines are available, and free, and encouraged all to encourage everyone to encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Julie Brown asked if there was any update on booster shots; Supervisor Gardner said there was nothing as yet.
8. Community updates
 - a. Women's Club. None.
 - b. Chamber of Commerce. Kevin Larsen asked if there had been any discussion of the OHV Shady Rest Trails proposal. Supervisor Gardner suggested it be put on the next CAC agenda.
 - c. EV Charging Station subcommittee. Bob Marks reported that he had a long phone conversation with the USFS District Ranger, and several long follow-up email exchanges. The short version is that the USFS will approve the EV charger project but on the condition that it come after a general agreement is reached between the county and the USFS for a permit for parks in June Lake that are on USFS land, and that that would take at least a year. Bob said he expected it would take longer, and that he will be exploring alternatives on land that is not USFS. He said the donor of the EV charger would give us one more year. Bob also said the DR ranger mentioned other conditions that would be required, including the need for an archeologist to be present anytime a shovel is stuck in the ground. She also said that a long-term plan is to pursue and land exchange but that that could take 10-15 years.
9. Future agenda items: OHV trail connecting Shady Rest (in Mammoth Lakes) to June Lake; in person meetings; road consultants on speeding issues, and crosswalks.
10. At 7:03 p.m., Chair Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: TBA

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Marks, Secretary*