

**June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee
May 3, 2017**

Vacation Home Rental Subcommittee Workshop (6 pm)

Attendees: Ian Fettes, Jeff Ronci, Patti Heinrich, Wendy Sugimura, Ann Tozier, Paul McFarland, Al Heinrich, Dorothy Burdette, Bob Gardner, Jil Stark, and Van Gould.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm. Dorothy started with a comment wondering if the county could find how other communities are handling the effects of short-term rentals. Paul said he had a Colorado mountain community study he would look for that might apply. Patti was wondering if there had been any lawsuits in Mono County pushing back against the transient rentals. Wendy did not know of any. The group was handed flyers in Spanish and English for notifying the public of the community meetings. Various folks took some to post them around town. There will be no interpreter available at these meetings, for Spanish-only speakers, but if they know about the meetings, and wish to attend, maybe something can get worked out.

The June 7th meeting's purpose will be to review, sort and group the data gathered at the neighborhood meetings. The June 14th meeting will be for attempting to translate the data into policy, and the June 28th meeting will be for drafting policy, if possible.

Wendy reviewed the meeting format. She will start with background information in order to educate attendees, including information on Chapters 25 and 26 and the transient rental overlay application process. Then there will be discussion about the big picture; the values. Next will be to take a look at the possible problems as well as benefits of transient rentals. Possible solutions to the problems, as well as possible global community effects, will also be considered. There will be sticky dot exercises. Folks only need to attend one of the May meetings for their neighborhood.

Regular CAC Meeting (7 pm)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Committee member attendees were Ann Tozier, Jeff Ronci, Patti Heinrich, Jora Fogg and Julie Brown. Bob Gardner was also in attendance.

Agenda Items:

Public Comment: (none)

Review of Minutes: The March minutes were approved, but due to a lack of quorum in April those minutes are left unapproved.

Board of Supervisors Report (Bob Gardner):

Please see the text of Bob's report at the end of these minutes.

Chairperson Report:

Patti Heinrich commented that June Lake needs more marketing.

Julie Brown replied that the mountain is doing marketing. There is a Party on the Mountain on July 15th from 3-8 pm. Also, this year the mountain had a great ski season with 70,000 skier visits. She noted that when the mountain closes for a day during the ski season it is for safety reasons, not to "save money." This summer the restaurant will not be open; there will be only wedding events.

Ann Tozier commented that she put up signs at the entrances of the Petersen and Clark Tracts for the May 16th June Lake non-county roads meeting. She is also interested in having rumors regarding the JL PUD explained, as there have been various of them rolling around. Bob suggested she attend PUD meetings to find out what is going on there. She also brought up the Shea home rental in the Clark Tract. She feels that there must be some way to prevent them from getting around the transient rental issue by renting to clubs,

such as they did this winter to the UCSB ski club. It amounts to the equivalent of a timeshare, with a revolving door of different tenants each weekend... even though it is technically a legal long-term rental. Bob suggested writing to the club and complaining.

Jora Fogg gave a report of the morning's JL Trails Committee meeting. The USFS was approached about the concept of a Down Canyon Trail and they seemed to feel pretty good about it. The USFS won't be involved in the upcoming public outreach. The trails committee plans to approach June Mountain about possible trails, as well. As far as public outreach, a June 7th meeting won't work because the CAC meeting that night is dedicated to the transient rentals issue. It would work, however, to put trails on the agenda for the July 5th CAC meeting (she asked Paul McFarland who arranges the agendas). There will be workshops on July 15 from 10 am-12 pm, and also on August 22 from 7-9 pm. The Trails Day is on June 24th, and they are currently collecting items for the raffle. She asked Paul if a link could be added on the Mono County website for the June Lake Trails Committee. There will be public outreach letters sent to PO box holders, as well as June Lake property owners.

Community Center Upgrade Recognition: Patti Heinrich wanted to thank Alice and her team for the time they put into renovating the JL Community Center. She would like ideas on how best to do this, but suggested possibly a plaque to be placed in the room with their names on it.

SFR Short Term-Rentals: There was no need to review the workshop as everyone at the CAC meeting had also been in attendance at the workshop.

Planning Activities: Paul didn't have anything, but did mention the ongoing Mono County housing survey. [People on the RPAC email list should have received an email with a link to it.] Patti mentioned the JL Historical Society meetings are on the first Thursdays of each month, May through October, at 6:30 pm in the Community Center.

The next JL CAC meeting was set for Wednesday, June 7 at 7 pm, and will be dedicated to the Short-Term Rental Subcommittee issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes taken by Ann Tozier

**June Lake CAC BOS Report
Bob Gardner
May 3, 2017**

- We are making good progress funding the \$2500 for **ESTA to make the June Lake summer shuttle bus** free this year. I appreciate the strong support of the community for this effort.
- I heard the **fishing season opener** went well last weekend for the most part. It was great that all the lakes and streams in the loop were open and available for fishing. Thanks to our Mono County road crews and Caltrans for their hard work getting many of the roads open this year, particularly given the heavy snow.
- On April 19 Supervisor Peters and I joined Caltrans staff and others for a briefing and tour of **Tioga Pass snow removal operations**. It was very instructive to see how they clear the road. The risk of avalanches and rockslides is constant and worse with the still large amounts of snow. Caltrans provided information on past year openings with heavy snowfall. These range from June 17 and June 18 in 2006 and 2011 respectively, to June 24, June 30, and July 1 in 2005, 1995, and 1998. No estimated date has been set yet, but Caltrans was at Warren Creek at their last update, and Yosemite was at Siesta Lake as of last Friday. No dates on the opening of Sonora Pass either. Monitor Pass has been cleared through but is still being cleaned up, according to the latest update. Caltrans is providing weekly updates on all these roads.
- I recently contacted SCE about the **blinking streetlights** in the Village. They are working on it and will get back to me. Does anyone know more about this?
- There will be a meeting at 6 on May 16 here in the Community Center to talk about the **status of roads in the Clark and Petersen Tracts**. County staff will be at this meeting to provide information about the legal and financial status of these roads, and options for improvement will be presented. Please spread the word about this meeting.

- Finally, I was disappointed last week when I read the comment in **Mammoth Times about June Lake**. The quote was June Lake “pretty much seems to have problems with just about everything under the sun given their fights and feuds over there.” I don’t think this is a fair representation of this community. I watched last fall when everyone responded with compassion to the families who lost their sons in the tragedy on the lake. I have attended social events in this room where the spirit of community and cooperation is very evident. I have seen many other examples of the positive, healthy, and tight community that clearly exists here. But there is some truth to what was in the paper. We need to work on the way we conduct our business in public. Whether it is at CAC meetings like this, PUD meetings (and I will be making this statement there next week as well), or any other public setting, we need to work on civility, or how we treat each other. It is fine to disagree, but we must be civil in that process. When we behave poorly and get personal, our listeners focus on the behavior, not the substance of what we say. I certainly defend the right of every citizen to hold and express opinions, but that must be done in a way that respects each person and their dignity. I have a handout that has suggestions for how we can work on this. I want us all to make this a goal so we change the view out there that was expressed last week. I welcome comments about how we can work on this.