

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

1. Call to Order by CAC Chair Julie Brown at 6:10 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was to virtual flags in each of our Zoom rooms. [The meeting started later than scheduled because of problems logging in to the Zoom meeting.]

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

2. Election of Vice Chair. Jora Fogg has resigned from the CAC to assume a position with the County Planning Commission. Dave Rosky offered his service as Vice Chair; the motion was seconded and approved by a vote four (4) yeas and zero (0) nays.

3. Public Comment.

Schreereen Dedman appeared in her role as Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board to announce that there were two vacancies and applicants are being sought, and asked CAC members to encourage applicants. The criteria for serving has changed, and can be found on the County webpage.

4. Julie Brown asked for a consideration of the minutes of January 6, 2021. Julie moved that they be accepted; Kevin seconded. The motion carried.

5. Reports.

- a. Supervisor Gardner. Zooming in from somewhere parked in the wilderness, Supervisor Gardner had three items: (1) Following the CAC discussion of improvements to parks in June Lake, Supervisor Gardner has arranged for a “Vision for June Lake” Zoom meeting April 15 at 5 p.m. the purpose of the meeting is to have the widest possible community input into that kinds of things are important to June Lake residents. The Chamber of Commerce also will do a survey. (2) On April 19 at 5 p.m., SCE will hold a Zoom meeting to discuss four issues: the replacement of a Gem dam valve will necessitate some 188 helicopter flights over a two week period; vegetation (i.e. tree trimming) management; street lights in the Village; and the Rush Creek hydro complex relicensing process. (3) There have been numerous complaints about ATV and OHVs tearing through the north Mono Basin, in and around June Lake, and up June Mountain, causing noise, dangerous situations, and trespassing violations private property rights. There will be a Zoom this Friday to discuss the issue and enforcement policies with Sheriff Braun.

- b. CAC chair. No report.

- c. Members reports. Kevin Larsen reported that the Chamber is continuing the Balanced Rock Beautification project, and the repainting a sign on US 395. He also asked Supervisor Gardner if the Forest Service will get on with repairing the road to Dog Beach

on June Lake (which ATVs and OHVs have torn up). Bob Marks reported that the situation of the roads in Peterson Tract ZOB is back on the agenda. An earlier effort to begin addressing the issue apparently has collapsed. Supervisor Gardner has received complaints from at least two residents, and county staff is beginning to address, as they are able, deteriorated road conditions. Dave Rosky said he had contact Mike Horton of Suddenlink (again), and received no response (again). He also urged anyone with concerns about SCE to fill out and return the questionnaire.

d. Staff reports: Gerry Lefrancois reported that the Tioga Inn specific plan will be before the Board of Supervisors on April 21 for a public hearing. Anecdotally, he reported the County fielding many queries of interest about construction in June Lake, and about doing business in the Loop. Kevin Larson asked if the speed bumps on Bruce St. will be replaced before fishing season starts; he noted increased traffic and speeds. Later in the meeting, Mr. Lefrancois contacted the county roads director and said that he will be in touch with Kevin to work it out.

6. Unmet Transit Needs Outreach. Mr. Lefrancois introduced the topic and Phil Moores, Executive Director of Eastern Sierra Transit. Both said that reaching out to county RPACs was an annual process to get new ideas and projects into the funding pipeline. Mr. Moores said that because of covid-19 restrictions, ridership was down 30-50%, but that with the reopening process he expected ridership to get back to Before Times levels. Federal support from the Covid Relief Act has helped keep them going. He said the service into Reds Meadow will resume, probably with some kind of documentation for covid-19 negative test or vaccination required. The Forest Service will first open the Lakes Basin, and then turn to Reds Meadow. Road work there will not begin until 2022. He concluded by asking CAC members for input in the unmet needs question. In response to a question, he said those could be accepted until May 1.
7. Discussion of Balanced Rock beautification. Ralph Lockhart said that next steps will require a meeting with CalTrans to consider the placement of a pull-out and/or parking. He asked Supervisor Gardner if he could reach out to officials to get the meeting.
8. Discussion and updates on COVID-19 impacts and response. Supervisor Gardner reported that Mono County is still in the Red tier, and can't go to Orange until there are two weeks of sustained cases numbers lower than we are currently reporting. He urged all residents and visitors to follow safety precautions: masks, distancing, and hand washing. He also reported that any Mono County resident can now get vaccinated, so sign up!
9. Community updates
 - a. Women's Club. No report

- b. Chamber of Commerce. Kevin Larson covered this in his comments.
- c. EV Charging Station subcommittee. Bob Marks reported that the Board of Supervisors received the letter the CAC sent (under Julie Brown's signature) supporting the project. Supervisor Gardner gave an overview of the project and the process followed so far. The County CAO having determined that the county had already approved the project, no formal Board action was needed. Bob Marks reported that he had an excellent working relationship with Joe Blanchard, County Director of Facilities, and that Joe is fully behind getting the project done. Joe reported one bump in the road. Gull Lake Park is on Forest Service leased land, but neither the county nor the Forest Service have located a copy of the lease. In the meantime, he wants to go forward with the project, and might need Supervisor Gardner's help in smoothing the way with the FS. Bob Marks also reported that he and Sarah Holston have been in the process of establishing an unincorporated nonprofit association—Friends of June Lake Parks—to receive and manage donations. They have asked the Chamber of Commerce to serve as the fiscal agent for Friends of June Lake Parks until such time as it can become a 501c3 tax-exempt organization.

10. Future agenda items: Road to Dog Beach; June Lake Historical Society plans for a museum.

11. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. (a new league record, given our delayed opening)

Next meeting: TBA

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Marks, Secretary*