

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - January 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Patti Heinrich. Committee member attendees included Ann Tozier, Patti Heinrich, Rob Morgan and Jil Stark. Tim Alpers was also present.

Minutes for the December meeting were tabled.

Public Comment:

Jil Stark gave a report of the June Lake Trails Committee meeting that took place this morning. **(The meeting transcript is attached at the end of these minutes.)** Jil wants the USFS invited to the CAC in order to tell them that the USFS has no money for trails, something they have been telling the Trails Committee. The June Lake Triathlon brings about 2,000 people into town; trails are important (Alana Levin, JL Triathlon coordinator, attended the meeting this morning.) Perhaps the USFS can come to the May CAC meeting?

Jil also mentioned that **Ralph Lockhart** asked her to announce that the June Lake Winter Festival will be Saturday, February 21st.

Patti Heinrich told Tim Alpers that the June Lake Women's Club wants Highway 158 opened up. He told us that an ice dam, which caused a large ice patch on the road at the Silver Lake Resort, was the reason the road was still closed. (Note: The road was re-opened on January 7th.)

Supervisor Tim Alpers Report:

At the BOS meeting today they elected Tim Fesko as their new chairman, and Fred Stump as vice-chairman. They adopted their new Policies & Procedures (a guide for conducting their meetings) and their Legislative Platform. He will provide the Policies & Procedures to the CAC as a guide for our meetings.

He received word that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is **planning to cut funding for fish stocking by 40%**, as well as reducing the fish size requirement. They are going to be closing the Black Rock Fish Hatchery as well. This is all bad news. The BOS has asked for a presentation from CDFW to justify this. In 2003 something similar happened, and a hatchery foundation was formed in response to provide private funding. He commented they by 2/3 majority the state essentially voted to break their own laws by redirecting funds from fishing licenses that are designated for stocking of fish, to funding of other needs.

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Courtney Weiche stated that Jarrod Lear had resigned from the CAC. Tim Alpers will be looking for members. Tim also stated that the BOS is committed to the CAC and RPAC groups. Ann Tozier expressed concerns about the lack of community attendance at the CAC meetings.

It was said that Carl Williams reported that this Christmas season was better for June Mountain than last year, but they still did not break even. The ski school was full which shows that the "12 and under ski for free" program is working.

Tim noted that the Cabin Fee Act passed, which provides financial relief for those who have cabins on USFS land and have to face the ever escalating fees.

Agenda Items:

June Lake Area Plan review (Courtney Weiche, Wendy Sugimura, Brent Calloway, Scott Burns):

Much time was spent, with a power point demonstration, to explain to the CAC how online documentation is being developed that will contain the Mono County General Plan, including area plans and parcel information. Area mapping will be on their website with abundant information, going forward. There was also a discussion of what is meant by build out calculations.

If you go to **www.monocounty.ca.gov**, and click on **Online Services** at the upper right, you can find links to the **General Plan** as well as **Maps & GIS**. If you select "Maps & GIS" it will take you to Geographical Information Systems. At the right you can click on "**Top Maps & Applications**" to access interactive topographical maps with parcel information, including the addresses of the owners. These web maps are a work in progress and will contain MUCH more information in the future including land use designations and restrictions. Brent provided a power point demonstration to give the CAC an idea of what it will look like when completed. Information on the website will be updated nightly.

There will be other online systems put in place for planning purposes, but they are not live on the internet yet.

As for build out calculations, June Lake has a water and sewer system, unlike some communities, so on paper their build out ends up being higher. The build out calculation is arbitrary, based primarily upon land use designations. To lower build out you need to assign designations to parcels that have a lower density designation. June Lake is assigned 18% of the county build out, although they only have 0.5% (588 private acres) of the buildable land.

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To date the maximum build out units calculated for the June Lake area are as follows:

Down Canyon	1185
Rodeo Ground & Highlands	1120
Village	631
Total	3970

Build out is affected by other factors such as regulations that are in place and avalanche zone policies, which results in the total units being reduced to from 3970 to 2968. 1002 units of that reduction are a result of the June Lake Area Plan. It was emphasized by the presenting group that build out is a rough calculation, and is changed by additional regulations.

It was also illustrated to the CAC how the regulations and policies specific to June Lake, if they differ from the Mono County General Plan, will be noted in that general plan at the particular area of relevance. They will not lose their specific policies and procedures. (This was a huge item of concern at the last CAC meeting.)

The CAC was asked by Wendy to confirm that they wish to reduce the required parking to two vehicles, from three, in their area plan. It was explained that historically it was raised to three due to street parking interfering with snow storage and plowing in heavy snow years. Rob Morgan made a strong point that parking and snow storage are two different things and that we should address them separately. There was agreement with this among the CAC staff to reduce the parking requirement to two, and also to address snow storage policies.

Time ran out for continuing the area plan review, so a special meeting will take place January 21st to continue this discussion.

The meeting was adjourned by Patti Heinrich at 9:14 pm. Next meeting will be a special meeting on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30 pm to continue review of the June Lake Area Plan. At this meeting it will be decided as to whether there will be a February meeting.

CAC Minutes were taken by Ann Tozier

Addendum:

January June Lake Trails Committee Minutes

Members present: Laura Beardsley, Jean Dillingham, Jon Kazmierski, Alana Levin, Ralph Lockhart, Jil Stark, Courtney Weiche

Alana Levin from the June Lake Triathlon was introduced.

Laura and Courtney gave reports on a number of fall meetings held in the area which focused on trails, recreation experiences, stewardship, collaboration, and sustainability. It was noted that at a recent Community Workshop, pedestrian connections (trails) throughout our Loop was the number one priority amount the citizens present.

Jon Kazmierski responded that there were no plans in the local Forest budget for the establishment of new trails. If new trails are wanted the community needs to assure the FS that money will be available and that a building and maintenance plan must be in place with funding available other than the FS.

We then discussed our plans for Trails Day, Saturday, June 27, 2015

REVERSE PEAK TRAIL, maintain trail, provide needed signage

FERN YOST TRAIL, maintenance and signage

GULL LAKE TRAIL, maintenance and any signage

TRASH PICKUP around community center, on all trails and elsewhere on the Loop when needed.

We talked about ways that we could collaborate with the June Lake Triathlon which will occur on Sat, July 11, 2015. Last year Persons participated and this does not include family members and supporters who watched the activities. Our help could include a Triathlon map, including places to stay from \$23 in a campground to \$300 at an upscale lodge and everything in between, places to eat, buy supplies, all in the June Lake area. We could also maintain all the trails used by the triathlon, be supportive of the FS plan to upgrade the bathrooms at the June Beach and be aware of the necessity of signage for the participants and for people who come at other times and would like to follow the triathlon routes.

Ralph announced that the JUNE LAKE WINTER TRIATHLON will take place on Saturday, Feb.21.

More on Trails Day:

The Double Eagle has agreed to provide the barbecue for Trails Day which will take place at the Community Center at around 12:00. Jil and Ralph will work out the budgetary details. There is also concern for those workers who cannot return by 1:00, should we hold our raffle later, should we ask those volunteers to put their tickets in the drawing before they leave, with the name on the ticket? We also need to have food available when they return.

Jora will ask the Women's Club to provide breakfast goodies We need a raffle chair.

Jil will firm up all details re Community Center, and ask Patti Heinrich if we can use Thrift Shop for plugging in coffee etc. There is a wedding at the Community Center on Fri. and on Sat morning they will be cleaning up. The CC will be available for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Jil Stark, chair