

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - May 5, 2015

Adopted with correction

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Patti Heinrich. Committee member attendees included Ann Tozier, Patti Heinrich, Rob Morgan, Connie Black, Jil Stark, Jeff Ronci (new appointee), and John Logue (new appointee). Bob Gardner (new appointee), Don Morton, and Carl Williams (new appointee) were not in attendance.

Tim Alpers was also present.

February 3, ~~2014~~ 2015 minutes - Jil moved to adopt them, Patti seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve them.

Public Comment:

Joe Blommer (Caltrans) commented on the Rock Fall Safety Project on Highway 395 along Mono Lake that just started. Due to the closure of one lane direction through November, there will be significant traffic impacts. The purpose of the project is to contain the rocks that fall onto Hwy 395 from the cut slopes on the west side of the road. The project launched yesterday, with installation of a temporary traffic signal to manage the one way traffic, as the southbound lane is closed. They will work on the north half of the project through July, and the south half through November. Doing the project in two sections makes the signal control area shorter to help lessen the impact. The signal is ~~run by detection from a strip on the road~~ controlled by radar detection. It is possible, as the contract allows, that there may be several 6-7 am COMPLETE road closures, as needed. If these occur they will be heavily publicized.

Paul McCahon reported on the Fuels Reduction project. Cal Fire will be back doing inspections in June. They hope to receive the inspection reports from Cal Fire, will add them to the grant and mail them out to residents. They are hiring a biologist to look for issues such as invasive species and endangered species. As a note, willows are not to be cut due to the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher being designated as an endangered bird. Residents must be careful NOT to forget that they must apply for grant money prior to the work being done.

Garrett Higerd (Public Works) wanted everyone to know that the Street Reconstruction Project is starting up again. They will start concrete work in about 2 weeks. They are planning to look at the speed limit signage in the JL Village area (excluding highway 158). They will not be doing any traffic studies, as such signage is usually "prescriptive" based upon the number of homes and the road conditions. (Some discussion in the room followed, that newly posted signs, presumably for 25 mph, might actually have an adverse affect because they might encourage people to drive faster than they would have. It was generally expressed that 15 mph for that area is more appropriate.)

Dan Gold brought up concerns he had about rumors that a corner on Edgewater that is designated as "green space" might be desired for parking. He worked on the construction of the adjacent condos years ago and remembers that designation as part of the deal.

Agenda Items:

Election of Officers:

Positions in question were Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Chairman: Rob nominated Patti Heinrich, Ann seconded the motion. There were no other nominees and the vote was unanimous (with Patti abstaining), so Patti Heinrich was elected as Chairman.

Vice Chairman: Rob nominated Jeff Ronci, the motion was seconded. There were no other nominees and the vote was unanimous (with Jeff abstaining), so Jeff Ronci was elected as Vice Chairman.

Secretary: Jil nominated Ann Tozier, the motion was seconded. There were no other nominees and the vote was unanimous (with Ann abstaining), so Ann Tozier was re-elected as Secretary.

Supervisor Tim Alpers report:

He had a LOT on his plate, so he moved quickly...

1. Commented that the Street Rehab project is a great project.
2. He hopes the Rock Fall Safety project finishes this year.
3. Tim introduced Stacy Corless, the new BOS member. He had a lot of nice things to say about her becoming part of the team.
4. There have been a lot of discussions about LADWP water and exports, and the shrinking of Grant Lake. The BOS wants to arrange a workshop in Bridgeport with LADWP. Tim had intended to attend the recent Andrea Mead Lawrence award dinner in Mammoth to meet the new general manager of LADWP, but was unable to due to illness.
5. Jim Leddy stood up and talked about the paramedic program. There has been an ad hoc committee created to look at how to "do it better" over the next 6 months. The program costs over \$4 million and is increasing in cost annually. There are 26 employees of the program. The first meeting of the committee will be May 21st, 1 pm, at the Lee Vining Community Center. Ralph Lockhart of the Double Eagle Resort will be representing the June Lake community at that meeting.
6. Tim will be at the Tiger Bar this Friday from 11 am-1 pm to talk to anyone who wishes to stop by.
7. He was invited to an SCE meeting, where the featured speaker was Ted Craver, CEO of Edison International (Tim commented on the surprisingly high security at the meeting). Tim was surprised to be invited, but learned lots of interesting information. Ted expressed his goal as

wanting to improve customer service and communication. SCE got a D rating (A-F system) for customer service. Tim flew through his notes, but there were interesting facts such as one third of SCE customers qualify for reduced rates. Tim learned that hydroelectric plants are very reliable, even in drought, as their functioning can be metered predictably based upon snowpack measurements. Undergrounding of lines is done on a case by case basis as it is 10X more expensive to go underground. They are not planning to widen the high voltage line pathways, but they might go with heavier wires or another set of lines higher up as needed (not necessarily related to June Lake).

8. Ann asked to talk about the bobcat trapping issue in our area, but at the time Tim just wanted to note that the CA Fish and Game Commission looking at bobcat trapping will be meeting in Mammoth on June 8th.

Jil Stark (JL Trails meeting report):

The JL Trails Committee meeting was this morning at 9 am at the Double Eagle Resort. Trails Day this year will be on June 27th, meeting at the June Lake Community Center at 8:30 am, and will go from 9 am to 1 pm, with lunch and a raffle of prizes to follow (as usual). This year they are working with Alana Levin, organizer of the June Lake Triathlon. They will be working on the Reverse Creek trail, the Fern/Yost trails and the Gull Lake trail. Everyone is encouraged to help out and join in the fun. At their next meeting, on June 2nd, they will be discussing the fire road from the Reverse Peak Campground to the June Mountain parking lot. This summer the USFS plans to renovate 16 miles of trail from Silver Lake (Rush Creek trail) all the way back to Thousand Island Lakes area. Keith Dawley will be in charge of this project. John Kazmierski, of the USFS, has taken a job in Kentucky and will be leaving the area.

Jil expressed her frustration with the USFS again, and reiterated that although every document they have talks about collaborating with the public and improving the health of the aging population, they insist that there is no money for new trails. Jil wants to go to the BOS about this. Jim Leddy added that writing letters to our congressmen might help.

John Helm, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority update:

Mammoth Lakes Transit is meeting Monday to vote on unmet needs, and he came to the CAC meeting to hear what unmet needs our community might have. He added, and handed out a flyer, that there is a Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program available, providing mileage reimbursement money from grant funding. There are eligibility requirements for the program, but anyone interested should contact the ESTA at 760-872-1901, ext. 11.

Bob Carter, in the audience, suggested maybe a trolley would be a nice addition to June Lake, going between Grant Lake and the Fire Station by the Big Rock.

Patti Heinrich brought up that we really don't have ANY service. There used to be a fixed route service, but it was under-utilized and thus discontinued. John mentioned that there is van pool service available, but there needs to be eight commuters with similar schedules.

Jim Leddy, Presentation on Mono County Strategic Plan:

Jim gave a very nice Powerpoint presentation of the results of the new Mono County Strategic Plan. This employee driven process began in 2013. There will be a special BOS meeting at the Lee Vining Community Center on May 22nd, from 8-11 am, to gather ideas from the public of as to what they think would like to see for potential projects in the following areas (first 4) :

- Promote a Strong & Diverse Economy
- Protect Natural Resources & Enhance Public Access (great place to ask for trails, for example)
- Understand & Address Community Needs
- Support Healthy People in Healthy Communities
- Reward Innovation (County employees)
- Effective Use of Resources (County employees)
- Workforce Wellness (County employees)
- Strengthen County Culture (County employees)

For more information, please go to: www.monocounty.ca.gov/strategicplan

If you wish to email your ideas, you can do so on the above website, or to Courtney Weiche at: cweiche@mono.ca.gov

Wendy Sugimura (standing in for Courtney Weiche), Report of Development Activities in June Lake:

Wendy declined to report on development, but handed out several June Lake Area Plan sections that had been compiled from prior JL CAC workshops. She asked the CAC members to check out the language changes marked in red.

Next regular meeting of the CAC will be on June 2nd:

Possible agenda items will be the June Lake Area Plan, possibly an attendance and report from the JL PUD. Jil Stark requested that there be a July 7th meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm

CAC Minutes were taken by Ann Tozier