

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

October 2, 2019 - Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chair John DeCoster @ 6:01pm
 - a. Members Present – Joe Bogorad, Julie Brown, Lindsey Chargin, David Rosky, Janet Hunt
2. Public Comment
 - a. Joyce Kaufman
 - i. Concerns with Mowbray's Tree Service (Southern California Edison (SCE) contracted company to clear trees from lines)
 - ii. Called main office – they have no idea what's going on here
 - iii. Asking for company to be made aware of not blocking roads during tree clearing
 - b. Jil Stark
 - i. SCE crew from Oregon knocked on her door to tell residents that they were going to do pole work
 - ii. Work will go on for a year
 - iii. Was told that the federal government is paying for all of the changes
 - c. Justin Alder
 - i. Conway Ranch project not agenized for tonight
 - ii. Prior uses were sheep grazing and water
 - iii. New uses are being discussed
 1. Question-What happened with the infrastructure put in for houses? Answer-Still there but no development planned.
 - d. Member of the Public - Why isn't snow removal on agenda? Answer: Too many agenda items already.
 - e. Member of the Public - Lakeview parking is an issue
 - i. Mono County Staff recommended calling code compliance because it's regulated by permit department/Michael Draper (Mono County staff) will check with code compliance
 - f. Ralph Lockhart
 - i. Power outages – 28 hours is ridiculous
 - ii. How do we proactively move forward? Why is the upcoming meeting in Bishop? Can we have a task force that works with SCE?
 1. Supervisor Gardner (Bob)-SCE is new to this process. They're working on it. There were lines that went down during the 28-hour shutoff.
 2. Keep your eye on Mono County website for most up to date info (<https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/prepared/psps>)
 3. Bob-tell SCE directly about your issues-send Bob an email and he will send to Cal (SCE representative)
 4. Joe Bogorad-there is a claim form for reimbursements or call 1-800-655-4555.

5. Grant Opekes-Keep in mind that this is preventing fires and that it's due to the utility's insurance rates.
 6. Bob will check if they're planning this in the winter.
 - g. Becky Buccowich, Rbuccowich@mono.ca.gov , 760-932-5408 – Always needs volunteers for emergency shelters!
3. Review/Approve 9/4/19 Minutes
 - a. Julie moved, David seconded, all approved.
 4. Reports
 - a. Supervisor Gardner
 - i. Power shutoff – will follow up with Cal from SCE
 - ii. Tioga Inn project – new proposal to add housing units (all info is online and staff is going through comments)
 - iii. Short Term Rental (STR) and cannabis renewal processes are being worked on
 - iv. Large discussion at Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on radio system – needs an update
 - v. SCE is doing helicopter work Monday 10/7/19 through first week of November
 - vi. Parking and snow removal is an issue and a lot of people are bringing it up – need cooperative effort – might be able to get grant support – we'll get through it
 - b. Chair – John DeCoster
 - i. No report
 - c. Members
 - i. Lindsey-SCE Meeting 10/3 in Bishop
 - ii. Janet-Jam Fest was well attended – raised \$20k+ for schools – successful event overall
 - iii. David-No Report
 - iv. Joe-California Arts Council is giving out grants – Chamber has brochures
 - v. Julie-helicopter in June Mountain parking lot is for logging project (will be working Monday-Friday)
 1. Jil Stark-Is the Forest Service dumpster staying there? Julie-will be moved and Julie will find out to where.
 - d. Mono County Planning Staff
 - i. Ongoing specific plan amendment in the Highlands
 - ii. No other new projects
 5. Update on Camping Needs (David Rosky)
 - a. Slideshow presentation
 - b. Housing crisis could be addressed with RV's for seasonal employees
 - c. More summer camping needed – outlined optional spots
 - i. Public comments
 1. Oh Ridge has most spots, flattest, sunniest, etc.

2. Oh Ridge would be good for winter also because easily accessible – Forest Service could operate with concessionaire
 3. Crop circle area was earmarked for a residential subdivision previously
 4. Crowley and Grant are BLM land and you can show up and camp for free
 - d. Good discussion took place on different options (see presentation for options)
 - i. There have been issues with dispersed campers previously
 - e. If there is an interest a committee could be formed to discuss further
 - f. Bob-Forest Service will not support anything being done with their land because they don't have the money, time, manpower
 - g. Residential camping options were presented
6. Discuss Traffic Calming Alternatives (Tony Dublino)
- a. Director of Public Works talked about traffic calming in response to the letter submitted by Bruce Street residents
 - b. Short term (between now and end of year) = erect signs
 - c. Medium term = speed humps and/or speed bumps that could come out in winter (\$2k a piece to purchase/install) (con=sound of speed bumps)
 - d. Long term = change alignment of street or make roads one way (opens up a lane of parking and forces slower speeds)
 - e. Problem is throughout the Village – adding speed bumps to Bruce would divert traffic to other roads
 - f. Public comment
 - i. Has the Sheriff put a dummy car out as previously discussed?
 1. Nothing has happened yet
 - ii. Julie Baldwin - June Lake RV Park is an issue because huge RV's are so close to houses
 - iii. Justin Walsh – June Lake Master Plan calls for parking and circulation changes-maybe opening Crawford and granite all the way through is an option
 - iv. In the winter people are stuck on Crawford because of snow issues
 - v. Kevin Larsen – not sure that one way would solve speeding issue
 - g. Long discussion took place
7. Discuss the future of solid waste services in Mono County (Justin Nalder)
- a. Opening up discussion and provide info regarding solid waste
 - b. Benton Crossing Landfill is to be closed in 2023
 - c. Luckily there are other options and while looking at transition, considering updates at landfills
 - i. Pumice Valley, Chalfant, backside of Mono are all options
 1. Projected life of Pumice Valley? About 35 years.
 - d. Sierra Conservation Project is looking at offering cardboard services
 - e. Green waste diversion and composting are possible options

8. ACTION: Approve letter of support for June Lake Loop Active Transportation Plan grant application (Kelly Karl)
 - a. John moved, Julie seconded, all approved.

9. Community Updates
 - a. Women's Club (JLLWC) - No update
 - b. June Lake Chamber of Commerce (JLLCOC)
 - i. Leaves in the Loop – Weekend of 10/19/19 – www.junelakeloop.org
 - ii. Balanced Rock park being worked on to be more of a stopping spot – could have parking spots
 - c. Update on bears within the community
 - i. Big bear in town – seen and on camera
 - ii. Dry chilies sprinkled around deters bears

10. Future Agenda Items (might workshop or subcommittee some items first)
 - a. Phone/Internet Service
 - b. Snow Removal
 - c. How Permit Decisions are Made at County Level
 - d. Parking

11. Adjourn @ 8:00pm

Next Meeting: November 6, 2019

Prepared by Lindsey Chargin