

June Lake Citizen's Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

1. Chairman BZ Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Members present: BZ Miller, Dan Roberts, Jil Stark, Connie Black, Patti Heinrich, Jerry Allendorf, and Carl Williams

2. Public Comment:

- a. Joe from Cal Trans informed the committee that the sidewalk replacement project in the Village will happen this year. Some activity will start around the first of September after Labor Day. Concrete removal is scheduled to begin September 10. The project has been broken into 5 separate sections, each section will be completed before work on the next section begins.
  - b. Cal Trans has agreed to extend the green curb in front of the Post Office by one additional space.
  - c. 4 or 5 additional deer crossing signs will be installed within the Loop.
  - d. The Committee had previously discussed their desire to radar speed signs on Highway 158. Joe informed the Committee that a letter requesting the signs from the County, or the LTC should be forwarded to Terri Erlwein at Cal Trans to formally request the signs.
  - e. The Committee may want to consider requesting a permit from Cal Trans to groom the closed portion of Highway 158 for Nordic Skiing and/or Snowshoeing. It was noted that there are known avalanche paths within that portion of the highway.
3. Jil Stark made a motion, seconded by Jerry Allendorf to approve the minutes of the July 10 Special Meeting. Patti Heinrich requested that she could more accurately identify the speakers noted in the minutes given a bit more time. Action on the minutes was tabled until the next regular meeting of the CAC.
4. Supervisor Bauer was unable to attend the meeting.
5. Jil Stark reported that 22 people showed up for the Trails Day Event. Drew Foster of Friends of the Inyo was the lucky recipient of the Mammoth Mountain Season Pass. The crews cleaned up the Gull Lake Trail, maintained signs, removed over 100 pieces of graffiti from signs, removed 90 pounds of garbage along the Gull Lake Trail, and build a bridge at the Yost Creek Trail Head. Jil noted that today's meeting of the Trails Committee was the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting without a representative of the Forest Service. The Trails Committee has a brochure ready to go to press for the Gull Lake Trail, but the FS has not provided the promised map. Jil also noted that the Down Canyon Trail is the next priority for the Committee and that the County has agreed to fund the NEPA analysis required, but, nothing has been done by the FS.
6. Rush Creek/Lee Vining Creek Fiber Optic Project-Dan Brady of SCE informed the Committee that they were planning to install a fiber optic cable on the existing 15kv lines from Rush Creek to Lee Vining to allow for an automated communications system in the event of dam failure at Gem or Agnew Lakes. They need to request a deviation from the California PUC, code 320 for the portion of the project (approximately 5.3 miles) within the scenic byway on highway 395. Visual photos of the project were prepared and shown to the community. It was noted that the deviation is not required for the portion of the project along highway 158. Burying the cable would cost approximately 10 times the cost of overhead, \$7million vs. \$700k. Scott Burns noted that the county has no authority within the utility corridors.

7. Ralph Lockhart reported on the request to the Board of Supervisors for emergency assistance.
  - a. Long term goal is that June Mountain re-open, in the short term, what are potential public uses on the property, i.e. the parking lot. They have a meeting with the Forest Service next week.
  - b. Asked the County for \$100,000 in emergency funding for Advertising, Social Media Campaigns and promotions. The funds would be administered through the Mono County Economic Development Department.
  - c. Improvements to the June Lake Chamber website to be paid for by the County.
  - d. Funds to purchase banners/lights etc. to create a festive atmosphere.
  - e. Snowplay and XC ski areas
  - f. Shuttle Service to Mammoth
  - g. Contract with a PR firm to generate publicity
  - h. Attract a buyer to June Mountain.

The Planning Commission is schedule to hold a Public Hearing on the Transient Occupancy Overlay District on Thursday, August 9.

The Board of Supervisors is not interested in any "entitlements" of the Rodeo Grounds Parcel at this point in time.

8. Scott Burns reported on the Sustainable Communities grant the Planning Department has received in the amount of \$326,000. The June Lake Area, Environmental Impact Report could be updated with these funds which would streamline the process for developers in the future.
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  - a. Dan Burden, an expert in walkable communities will be in Bridgeport for 6 days.
  - b. Digital 395 project should be breaking ground in Mono County within the next two weeks.
10. Agenda Items:
  - a. Patti Heinrich felt the CAC should formally create the June Lake Promotion Committee that has been acting on an ad hoc basis as the "Keep June Mountain Open Coalition". The Committee will be co-chaired by Connie Black and Patti Heinrich initially.
  - b. Jerry Allendorf wanted the issue of safety and emergency response protocol on June Mountain to be discussed, as well as access to the communications sites located on the mountain.
  - c. Jil Stark would like to ask the County Finance Department to explain how much income comes to the County from the winter period.
  - d. June Lake Sidewalk project update
  - e. June Lake Ballfield, multiple use
  - f. Chris Edwards-form a subcommittee to look for a buyer for June Mountain.
11. The next regular meeting of the CAC will be held on Tuesday, September 4.
12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.