

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
December 1, 2021 – Meeting Minutes
(Draft pending approval)

1. Call to Order by CAC Chair Julie Brown at 6:06 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was to a virtual flag in each of our Zoom spaces.

Members present: Julie Brown, Kevin Larsen, Bob Marks

2. Public Comment. Mark Heckman of CalTrans District 9 came to tell the CAC of the Clean California Local Grant Program. He explained that this is a State of California grant program that he thought some projects in June Lake might be eligible for. He remembered specifically the discussions earlier this summer about re-envisioning and re-purposing Gull Lake Park and the ballfield. He thought that even park equipment could be eligible. Proposals are due by February 1, with awards announced in March. Awardees would send the project out to bid in spring '22 with construction in '23 and '24, with completion needed by June 30, 2024. Kevin Larsen asked if the Balanced Rock proposal might be eligible, and Supervisor Gardner asked about the dispersed camping initiative with the need to permanent trash and toilet facilities. Mr. Heckman said he thought both/either would be acceptable.
3. Chair Julie Brown asked for a consideration of the minutes of October 6, 2021. There being no quorum, the item was tabled until the next meeting.
4. Reports.
 - a. Supervisor Gardner reported (1) that COVID numbers are up in Mono County to 50 per 100,000 residents, among the highest in the state. He called for vaccinations and for the usual (by now) social distancing and mask wearing; (2) that the Board has held several public meetings on supervisor district re-districting, and that it appeared likely that June Lake will stay in his district. The maps need to be decided by December 14; (3) that he had been in touch with Ralph Lockart about the proposal to “beautify” the Balanced Rock location by adding a parking spot near the rock with lighting and an informational kiosk. He said he had contacted CalTrans about the project, and they are amenable to doing so but that there are 7-8 steps dealing with process and funding that need to be cleared. Supervisor Gardner indicated that it was more complicated than he had imagined.

Supervisor Gardner responded to a question about why the CAC and other county RPACs had not been involved in the county processes of redistricting or the county strategic plan. He responded that there were plenty of opportunities for individuals to have input into both processes. The questioner clarified by saying that the question was not about individual participation but county RPACs as existing organizations that are part of the county democratic governing process being consulted and asked for their considered judgement. Discussion of that continued. Wendy Sugimura said that by

legislation RPACs exist to advise on land use and the general plan only. That ended the discussion.

b. CAC chair. Julie Brown reported that June Mountain Ski Area was looking for snow to be able to open.

c. Member reports. Kevin Larsen reported that the Chamber was having elections at its December meeting.

d. Staff reports: Michael Draper reported that Planning Commission consideration of a request for a variance at 214 Skyline Dr. has been tabled to the next meeting. Wendy Sugimura reported on several requests for transient (i.e. nightly, or less than one-month) rentals in June Lake Village.

5. ACTION: Review and adopt resolution to meet virtually until December 31, 2021.

Lacking a quorum, this item was tabled until the next meeting. Per the Governor's orders, such a resolution has to be taken every 30 days.

6. Discussion and updates on COVID-19 impacts and response.

Covered under Supervisor Gardner's report.

7. Community updates

a. Women's Club. No report.

b. Chamber of Commerce. Kevin Larsen covered this in his report.

c. EV Charging Station Subcommittee. Pam Smitheman of the Mono County Office of Facilities Management appeared before the CAC to report that she had had a discussion with Bob Marks about abandoning the location in Gull Lake park near the bathrooms and exploring relocating the project to land that is owned by the county near the Community Center. She explained that the US Forest Service has not been responsive in the County's efforts to sign the lease for Gull Lake Park (and the ballfield). Two options for space for locating the EV charger included in front of the Community Center, or in the back northeast corner where there appears to be space. The location in front of the Community Center is not desirable because it would take existing parking space. Kevin Larsen noted that the space behind the Community Center is often used for resident parking and would need to be addressed.

8. Future agenda items: Items tabled to the next meeting.

9. At 6:56 p.m. and lacking a quorum, Chair Julie Brown adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: First Wednesday of January

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Marks, Secretary*