



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Sandra Walters-Chair
Bill Bodkin-Vice Chair
George Beyer
Diane Kendall**

ABSENT:

Mark Blair (un-excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: 23 persons signed in.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Bill Bodkin**
- C. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order.
- D. The Searchlight Town Advisory Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- E. The Searchlight Town Advisory Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. **Approval of the August 13, 2014 Agenda.**

For Possible Action

Diane Kendall moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to approve as presented the **August 13, 2014** Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1.

B. **Approval of the July 9, 2014 Minutes**

For Possible Action

Bill Bodkin moved, **George Beyer** seconded to approve as presented the **July 9, 2014** Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on *this* agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please step up the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and *spell* you last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

5. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department:**
Sgt. Gino Briscoe reported for **Lt. Healy**

Lt. John Healy

July 2014 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 18
Traffic Citations: 94
DUI's: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 1
Juvenile Citations: 0

B. Nevada Highway Patrol: Sgt. Yvan Pittmon

Sgt. Pittmon said there was a total of 5 troopers for this area and the troopers have been busy.

There were a total of 749 citations written and 2 DUI's, 9 arrests, 5 crashes for the entire district.

Troopers are getting commercial certified and what that means is the troopers can stop commercial trucks and check their log books and make sure they are not running to many hours and driving safely.

We will continue to be a strong presence here in Searchlight. The biggest complaint from Searchlight residents is speeding on Hwy 95 through town.

C. Las Vegas Valley Water District: Kathy Flanagan

Kathy Flanagan reported the system remain stable with no major leaks or breaks in the past month. Well WS2 remains off line and we are working with the Army core of engineers trying to get funding for an arsenic treatment on that well.

D. Clark County Water Reclamation District: Jake Jacobson

Jake Jacobson reported

Statistics: July 2014- treated an average of 51 thousand gallons per day
Flow increase by 4,000 from this time last year.

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call before you dig: 0

We have some maintenance activities at pond #4. We have taken some sludge out and transported for disposal so we are only running off of three ponds. This is a good thing because the evaporation rate is higher than the water flow and when the water is low that is what causes the bad odors. So only using three ponds keeps the water levels higher and preventing the bad odors.

E. Parks & Recreation:Carolynn Johnson

Trey Smith reported for **Carolynn Johnson**

Provided a recap for the summer camps.

In the Month of June we offered a week long soccer camp and went to Laughlin to play the Boys & Girls club. We also went swimming at the pool.

In the month of July we took thirteen kids to Mt. Charleston at the Clark

County Camp Lee. We did archery, a ropes course, arts and crafts and mountain biking.

We took nine kids to the NBA summer league at Thomas & Mac

Next week on Thursday we are taking nine kids to Laughlin to play kickball with the Boys & Girls club. Afterwards we will go the pizza buffet in Laughlin.

We started offering Yoga for the adults here in Searchlight.

Stop by the office right outside in the hall way and we can get you everything you need.

F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department Station 75: Jon Palmer, Assistant Fire Chief**

Jon Palmer reported there were 27 calls for the month of July, versus the 11 calls this time last year.

6 Fire four of which was caused by lightning strikes.

3 Auto

18 medical

Station 76 is having an open house and is a family event. Eye & teeth exams, Sports physicals and immunizations will be provided.

Lunch will be provided.

Asst. Chief Mike Johnson is leaving and the new Chief over the rural division is **Larry Haydu**. He will be sworn in on the 18th of August.

G. **Justice Court: Judge Richard Hill**

Judge Richard Hill reported

Court Calendar for July:

Arraignments-4

Status checks-27

In Custody-0

Preliminary Hearings-0

Trials-2

Traffic-12

Video Arraignments-11

Action Taken-total citations- 193

Court Dates:

Criminal August 26th & September 9th

Traffic August 27th & September 10th

Court starts at 10:00am and is open to the public.

We have a remodeling project in the works. The Court house is about 15 years old

Community interest: A new metal detector to be delivered soon.

6. **ZONING:**

1. **UC-0587-14 – AMERICAN CAPITAL ENERGY – SEARCHLIGHT SOLAR, LLC:**

USE PERMIT for a communication tower.

DESIGN REVIEW for a communication tower and associated equipment on a 0.1 acre portion of a 217 acre site in conjunction with an electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility) in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 0.9 miles west of US 95 and 1 mile north of State Route 164 within Searchlight.

To the PC 08/19/2014

Tom Anderson Santa Fe, NM representing American Capital Energy. Mr. Anderson explained the function and height of the communication tower and its location. **Tom Anderson** requested approval for the communication tower.

George Beyer asked why this was not part of the original application.

Tom Anderson explained this tower is newer technology which is needed for communication.

Bill Bodkin made a motion for approval **George Beyer** seconded the approval. Motion passed upon a voice vote 4-0-1

7. **ZONING – NOTICES OF FINAL ACTION:**

1. **NZC-0155-13 (ET-0060-14) – NEVADA MILLING & MINING, LLC, ET AL:**

ZONE CHANGE FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME to reclassify 10.6 acres from H-2 (General Highway Frontage) Zone to R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone for a mining operation and all accessory uses. Generally located 400 feet west of US Highway 95 and 9,400 feet north of State Highway 164 within Searchlight

To the BCC 07/02/2014

Approved with staff conditions

2. UC-0659-12 (ET-0061-14) – NEVADA MILLING & MINING, LLC, ET AL:

USE PERMIT FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME to commence and review a mining operation and all accessory uses.

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to reduce on-site parking.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** a mining site; **2)** modular building; **3)** alternative design standards for modular units per Table 30.56-2; and **4)** preliminary grading plan per 30.56.100 for hillside and foothills development in conjunction with mining operations on 88.0 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 400 feet west of US Highway 95, and 9,400 feet north of State Highway 164 within Searchlight. ET-0062-14

To the BCC 07/02/2014

Approved with staff conditions

3. WS-0684-12 (ET-0062-14) – SEARCHLIGHT DEVELOPMENT, INC., ET AL:

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME to commence and review waiving paving requirements for a proposed parking lot.

DESIGN REVIEW for a parking lot on 0.4 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the east side of Highway 95 and the north side of Gaviland Street within Searchlight.

To the BCC 07/02/2014

Approved with staff conditions

4. UC-0492-14 – FRAIJO, ARTHUR A.:

USE PERMIT to allow an accessory structure (fence) prior to a principal structure on 0.4 acres in an R-T (Manufactured Home Residential) Zone. Generally located on the southeast corner of Encinitas Street and Lincoln Street within Searchlight.

TO THE PC 07/15/2014

Approved with staff conditions

8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. CDAC Nomination

Nominate a representative and an alternate to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), and take any action deemed appropriate.

For Possible Action

Sandra Walters nominated **Judy Bundorf** and **Wayne Bundorf** as an alternate.

Diane Kendall made the motion for approval to appoint **Judy Bundorf** and **Wayne Bundorf** (alternate) to the CDAC **Bill Bodkin** seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote 4-0-1

B. To consider writing a letter to **Commissioner Sisolak concerning the flooding problems in Searchlight.**

For Possible Action

No discussion on this item, **Sandra Walters** made a motion to not write this letter to Commissioner Sisolak. **George Beyer** seconded the motion, motion passed upon a voice vote 3-1-1 **Diane Kendall** opposed.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:

A. **Capital Funds Committee**

No Report

B. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee**

No Report

10. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

A. **Public Works/Roads:**

Nothing to report at this time

Bill Bodkin

B. **Senior Center:**

Joan reported for **Kate Dobbie**

In back of the room are the menus and activities for the senior center. The senior center is trying to set up to have a Doctor come in once a month. We will work on getting blood draws and flu shots here also.

Kate Dobbie

C. **Searchlight Wind Energy Project:**

Judy Bundorf reported that there was not a power purchase agreement yet.

Judy Bundorf

Apex has signed the grant offer / leases that the Department of Interior had given them in April of 2013.

The production tax credit that most of these projects are dependent on has not been approved; it may be approved before the end of the year.

Apex has filed an extension of their use permit which should go to the TAB on September 10th.

D. Special Events

Jane Overy wanted to remind everyone that we are going to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this community center, the Searchlight Museum and the Library on October 4, 2014.

There will be a book signing by **Tom Holly** and provide some history of the El Ray club that was here.

Mark Hall Patton the man who does the history for the show Pawn Stars will also be here for a book signing.

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Judge Richard Hill said the air strip in Searchlight will be closed due the over growth of weeds.

It was suggested by **Jane Overy** to contact the Bank for weed clean up since the Bank has control.

Jon Palmer said they did go in the past for weed clean up, but at this time he said it was indicated he would be trespassing now.

Jane Overy said there was graffiti on the old historic mining site. **Bill Bodkin** asked who now owns the property but it was unknown.

Judy Bundorf suggested that the air strip could be a good site for drone testing.

- 12. NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE: The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, **August 27, 2014** at 6:00pm the next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, **September 10, 2014** at 6:00pm Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than **August 15, 2014** and **August 29, 2014**, respectively.**

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:48 pm

For Possible Action

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 10, 2014 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting.