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**MINUTES**

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015  
6:00 P.M.  
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER  
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Bill Bodkin, Chair  
George Beyer, Vice Chair  
Ellie Deever  
Larry Toombs  
Sandra Walters**

**ABSENT: 0**

**OTHERS PRESENT: 15 persons signed in.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Bill Bodkin**  
**Pastor Bobbie Runyon** was unable to attend due to an illness.
- 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 February 11, 2015 Agenda.**

**For Possible Action**

**Sandra Walters** moved, **Ellie Deever** seconded to approve as presented the **March 11, 2015** Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

B. **Approval of the February 11, 2015 Minutes**

**For Possible Action**

**George Beyer** moved, **Ellie Deever** seconded to approve as presented the **February 11, 2015** minutes upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

C. Review and approve the 2015-2016 Bylaws of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, and take any action deemed appropriate.

**For Possible Action**

**George Beyer** moved to approve the 2015-2016 Bylaws as presented **Ellie Deever** seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote 5-0-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - *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 minutes. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address and please spell your 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:**

**Lt. John Healy**

**Officer Stevens** reported on Metro's current activities,

**Officer Stevens** talked about the excessive fuel thefts at the Mines late at night and again asked people when they see a suspicious vehicle in the area to call Metro. It mostly takes place late swing and graveyard hours.

**February 2015 Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 20  
Traffic Citations: 120  
DUI's: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0  
Bookings: 1  
Juvenile Citations: 0

On February 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 a female was arrested on a traffic stop for Possession of a stolen vehicle.

- B. **Nevada Highway Patrol:** **Sgt. Raymond Hubbs**  
**Bill Bodkin** said for the record that Hubbs was spelled with two "B"s.  
**Sgt. Hubbs** said first he would like to apologize for their absence the last couple of months while they were making the transition.  
He said **Sgt. Pittmon** would have like to stop by and say goodbye but was unable to. Sgt Hubbs is Sgt. Pittmon's replacement and introduced himself and provided some back ground information. He has served 21 years in Law enforcement and was stationed in Pahrump district the last 15 years prior to transferring to the Laughlin, Searchlight area.

**February Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 82  
Citations: 303  
DUI: 2 arrest  
Crashes: 4 – 3 injury & 1 Property damage

The direct enforcement for this month will be cell phone usage while driving and cross walks.

**Sgt. Hubbs** said they will be working the River Run in April there will be a lot of traffic.

**Sandra Walters** asked if there was going to be additional officers in the Searchlight area that week and **Sgt. Hubbs** said he was working on getting the approval to have 6 more troopers to work this event, this does not including the 5 resident troopers that are already here and that would be approximately 20-25 extra NHP officers in the Laughlin-Searchlight area during the River Run. River Run starts Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

- C. **Las Vegas Valley Water District:** **Kathy Flanagan**  
**Kathy Flanagan** was unable to attend do to other obligations but Natalia Londono provided the following report.

The water system remains stable.

There were no major leaks reported this month. Water use is down from the same time last year. In February 2015 residents used approximately 670,000 gallons less than in February 2014. The contract for arsenic well S-2 treatment was awarded.

**Jackie Brady** asked if the S2 Arsenic Treatment installation was a major project and how long it would take to complete.

**Natalia Londono** said she did not have that information but can find out and email it.

**Natalia Londono** emailed the information the next day in answer to **Jackie Brady's** question;

- The arsenic treatment installation on Well S2 is a major project. Currently Well S3 is the main supply for the town of Searchlight.
- Well S2 has not been used since last March due to its arsenic levels.
- The Las Vegas Valley Water District pre-purchased the Arsenic removal system and the purpose of the Contract is to install and commission the equipment.
- The Contract was awarded to Trade West Construction of Mesquite on 17 February and it is expected to be operational by August.

- D. **Clark County Water Reclamation District:** **Jake Jacobson**  
**Jake Jacobson** was unable to attend,

- E. **Parks & Recreation:** **Carolynn Johnson**  
**Sandra Walters** reported the activities for Parks & Recreation.

The youth center will be closed starting March 9, 2015 until further notice.

The Community center will offer a movie on Mondays from 3pm till 4:30pm

There is a new program called Stitch and Chat, so bring your craft and come and visit and chat.

We will have the Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 12pm and that will take place at the Searchlight Park.

F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department Station 75: Bill McCombs,  
Secretary Treasurer**

**Bill McCombs** was recently elected as Secretary Treasurer and said there have been some changes. **Rick Marshall** is still the Fire Chief.

**Sue Landseadel, EMS Coordinator and Bill McCombs** advised that **Josh McBride** is **Jon Palmers** replacement for Asst. Fire Chief.

To let you know what is going on, currently we are trying to build our roster a little bit.

We have twelve active members on the Searchlight Fire Department and addition to that there is a new program called "Out of District volunteers" this is where we bring in EMT's from the Las Vegas area, they agree to serve time in Searchlight while they try to become full time Firefighters. There are 6 out of district EMT's in the area. Since April of 2014 they have spent 58 calendar days here in Searchlight, so they are here quite a bit serving the community.

This year for 2015 we had a total of 28 calls, 25 of those are medical, two traffic collisions and one fire call. Last year for 2014 the Fire Department responded to 178 calls with July and August being the heaviest months for calls.

G. **Justice Court:** **Judge Richard Hill**  
**Judge Hill** was unable to attend,

H. **U.S. Park Service: Warren Schlesinger, Supervisory Park Ranger**  
**Warren Schlesinger** was unable to attend but provided the following information via e-mail.

We are having the annual Cottonwood Cove Cleanup on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Lunch and T-shirts will be provided.

6. **ZONING:**

A. **CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:**

1. **UC-0606-13 (ET-0128-14) - DOING, RILEY GENTRY:  
USE PERMITS FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME** to review the following:  
1) a watercraft repair business; and 2) a watchman's manufactured home.

**WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** for the following: 1) a watercraft repair business without watercraft sales; 2) allow service bay doors to face the street without screening; 3) allow a watercraft repair business with a reduced separation to a residential use; 4) allow outside storage in front of the building; 5) eliminate perimeter landscaping; and 6) eliminate parking lot landscaping.

**DESIGN REVIEW** for a watercraft repair business with outside storage and a watchman's manufactured home on 0.4 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the southwest corner of US Highway 95 and Hobson Street within Searchlight.

**Item was requested to be held until March 11, 2015 STAB Meeting, to the PC 04/07/2015**

**Bill Bodkin** is abstaining from voting on this item due to his association with the **Doing, Riley Gentry** family.

**Arthur Fraijo** represented the applicant **William Johnson** who was still out of the country.

There was a discussion regarding **Mr. Johnson's** ability to obtain his business license and Mr. Fraijo said William Johnson had a business license he just didn't know what kind. Mr. Johnson needs this extension so can comply and get what he needs for the County.

**Jackie Brady** asked **Arthur Fraijo** if he was **William Johnson's** official representative and **Mr. Fraijo** said yes he was.

According to **Mr. Fraijo**, **Mr. Johnson** has complied with all the requirements other than getting his business license and is asking for one more extension to get his license.

**Jason Allswang** Clark County Code Enforcement said it was not uncommon for a business owner to hire someone to represent them. **Jason Allswang** provided some suggestions to the STAB members.

According to **Mr. Fraijo**, **Mr. Johnson** has complied with all the requirements other than getting his business license and is asking for one more extension to get his license.

The STAB members voted to extend **William Johnson's** extension with the staff conditions. This would include having his business license by July 7, 2015.

**Sandra Walters** motioned to approve the extension of time and **Ellie Deever** seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1-1. Bill Bodkin abstained, George Beyer voted against the approval of the extension.

7. **ZONING – NOTICES OF FINAL ACTION:** None

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

- A. **Jason Allswang** Code Enforcement Administrator to discuss and answer questions concerning Animal Control and Public Response.

**No Action**

**Jason Allswang** provided an organizational chart of the County Divisions and departments, Animal control and Public Response Office information. This information contains the phone numbers and email addresses to be able to contact the correct agency for help or questions. He made these available to the public and the STAB board members.

**Jason Allswang** explained the Clark County organizational chart and how the agencies work and the breakdown of the Administrative Services. I run the whole Code enforcement division; we are a division of 55 people and make up about half of the department of Administrative Services. Within code enforcement we have three arms of what we do. We have animal control, public response office/ code enforcement and graffiti abatement.

**Jason Allswang** explained the Public Response office and what they do. This is the code enforcement for all of unincorporated Clark County. Code Enforcement specialists follow up on citizen complaints regarding Neighborhood Code Violation and facilitate the removal of trash, debris, graffiti and illegal signs.

Animal Control provides continuous animal care and control services to all of the unincorporated areas of Clark County, which includes pick-up services for live, sick, injured, and dead stray animals (excluding livestock).

Additionally, CCAC provides enforcement of the animal control portion of Clark County Code which includes loose animals, cruelty cases, bite quarantines, and other animal-related service request made by the public.

NDOW is responsible for wildlife and the Department of Agriculture is responsible for livestock. We don't deal with wildlife or livestock unless there is an emergency situation.

**Bill Bodkin** asked if Clark County rural area has a leash law. Jason stated yes. If the animal is not on a leash it must be riding in a vehicle, inside

your home or in a fenced yard.

If none of these apply the animal is considered at large.

Voice control is not recognized in Clark County as having your animal under control. You need to have your dog by a leash.

**Arthur Fraijo** asked about the feral cats and trapping them.

**Jason Allswang** said they would check for a registered colony and if there was none, he said you can buy a trap. According to Arthur Fraijo and Bill Bodkin there is an animal foundation or sanctuary for cats outside of Searchlight. Jason Allswang said he was not aware of anyone permitted to have cats and the legal limit is 3 cats and 3 dogs.

If you want a trap generally you would need to come to my office to get it but if you have a group of people who want traps let me know and I will bring down the traps with whatever is needed. Then we would send an officer out to pick up the trapped cats. If you get a skunk or a raccoon don't call me, just let it go. Legally we don't touch them.

**Julie Hise** asked about barking dogs and dogs that jump the fence.

**Jason Allswang** said they don't deal with barking dogs but what we do is we will send both parties to the Las Vegas Justice Center for mediation. If you are unable to come to Las Vegas, they can come down here and meet with the parties at the community center. The mediators will try to work with the parties to find a solution. If the dog's owner refuses to go to mediation then you can get another signature for complaint and file with the District Attorney and a judge will determine what will happen.

Animals you feel threatened by we can come out and talk to the people.

- B.** Nominate and appoint members for the Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.

**For Possible Action**

**Larry Tombs** volunteered to take over the Heritage Partnership Trails Committee.

**Sandra Walters** moved to nominate Larry Toombs to the Heritage Partnerships Trails committee Bill Bodkin seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote 5-0-0.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

A. **Capital Funds Committee**

Monthly report was provided by **Jeff Share**, Clark County Department of Finance.

January 2015:

Monthly Rate Return- 1.01%

Monthly Earnings- \$135.02

Cumulative Balance- \$157,107.25

As noted by the County Finance Department at the September 2013 meeting, the County Treasurer does not post the previous month's interest until approximately ten to fifteen days after the previous month's end. As such, the cumulative balance total may not reflect the current Trust Fund balance.

B. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee**

No Report

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Public Works/Roads:**

**Bill Bodkin**

Bill Bodkin said the street light that was reported not working has been repaired, but if anyone sees a light out contact him or Public Works.

B. **Senior Center:**

**Kate Dobbie**

Kate Dobbie reported on the current activities.

The next Monday Morning Breakfast is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am till 12:30pm  
St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner and Raffle is Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>  
@ 4pm

NV Community Coalition meeting for medication management March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am till noon.

Activities calendar are on the back table

C. **Searchlight Wind Energy Project:**

**Judy Bundorf**

**Judy Bundorf** updated the Wind energy projects. Apex signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of defense however none of the other approvals or agreements they need, have gone through. The Public Utilities commission was approved two years ago but any power they generate would be exported out of state, so it will not be used locally. But so far no power purchase agreement has been signed yet.

The law suit I filed a couple of years ago we did win one; BLM has to do a supplemental environmental impact statement in regards to Eagles. This means they have to do the study, publish a document and have meetings and public comment.

**Arthur Fraijo** made a comment about how the windmills are now obsolete and coal is a better and cleaner source of energy.

**Judy Bundorf** also announced that the Walking Box Ranch will be shutting down for renovations. You can still book a tour now but the ranch will be closed for approximately one and half years.

- D. **Special Events** - Sandra Walters announced the Easter Egg Hunt for April 4<sup>th</sup>.
11. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** *This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman or the Board by majority vote. When speaking during a specific item or during the Public Comments sessions, please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address – please spell your name for the record – and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.*
12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:**  
The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV 89046.  
Agenda items due no later than March 20, 2015, and April 2, 2015, respectively.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm by **Bill Bodkin**  
**For Possible Action**

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 15, 2015 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May13, 2015 meeting.*