



SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
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## MINUTES

SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015  
6:00 P.M.  
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER  
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Bill Bodkin, Chair**  
**George Beyer, Vice Chair**  
**Stanton Colton**  
**Ellie Deever**  
**Sandra Walters**

**ABSENT: 0**

*Judge Richard Hill, Searchlight Justice Court,  
in and for Clark County, Nevada,  
to swear in new Searchlight Town Advisory Board member  
Stanton Colton  
to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board to serve remainder of the term  
ending on January 2, 2017.*

**OTHERS PRESENT: 14 persons signed in.**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Pastor Bobbie Runyon**.
- 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 October 14, 2015, Agenda.**

**For Possible Action**

**Sandra Walters** moved and **Ellie Deever** seconded to approve as presented on the **October 14, 2015**, Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

B. **Approval of the September 9, 2015, Minutes**

**For Possible Action**

**Ellie Deever** moved and George Beyer seconded to approve the amended minutes. Correction was to remove **Stanton Colton** as a member present for the **September 9, 2015**, meeting as shown in the Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

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:**

**Officer Randy Stevens**

**September 2015 Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 28  
Traffic Citations: 95  
DUI's: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0  
Bookings: 4  
Juvenile Citations: 0

**Officer Stevens** announced the agency will be hosting the "Shop with a Cop" program on December 19, 2015.

**Judy Bundorf** inquired whether arrests have been made by Metro for the crimes committed at

the Grogan residents and if any or all suspects were arrested. **Officer Stevens** responded that because it is an ongoing investigation he cannot release information at this time.

**Jane Overy** reported burglary at the Historical Blossom Mine on the West side of Hwy 95. She stated that the roofing is disappearing. **Officer Stevens** is going to follow up on the report and see if the property owner is aware and wishes to file a complaint.

**B. Nevada Highway Patrol:**

**Sgt. Raymond Hubbs**

**September 2015 Statistics:**

Traffic Stops: 440

Calls for Service: 117

Citations: 324

DUI: 3

Crashes: 8 (5 property crashes/3 injury crashes)

**Sgt. Hubbs** introduced new hire **Trooper Jonathan Clayton** who relocated from Winnemucca, Nevada. **Trooper Jonathan Clayton** gave a brief summary of his past and work history, stating that he grew up in Boulder City, and has been working for 2 years in law enforcement. He informed the Board that his primary responsibility will be patrolling Searchlight and Laughlin.

**Sgt. Hubbs** announced that due to the amount of car pedestrian fatalities, Nevada Highway Patrol will be conducting "Direct Enforcement" of the pedestrian crosswalk on US 95 and Cottonwood Cove Road beginning this Sunday, October 18, 2015. The agency will be distributing out pamphlets on crosswalk safety. Participation in the event has been extended to the Bureau of Land Management, The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and other partnered law enforcement agencies.

**Sgt. Hubbs** stated all Troopers are now Commercial Inspection Certified Class A (commercial driver inspection). In addition, **Trooper Morgan** is Commercial Inspection Certified Class B (mechanical inspection of trucks).

**C. Las Vegas Valley Water District:**

**Kathy Flanagan, Assistant  
Management Analyst**

**Kathy Flanagan** reported that water usage for September declined from the summer months of July and August. However there is a significant increase of water usage (+600,000 gallons) for September 2015, from September 2014. She noted that she relayed the issue to the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and they expressed that, the increase may be due to pipeline work done by their agency and arsenic testings done on the new well.

- D. **Clark County Water Reclamation District:** **Greg Turner, Assistant Manager of Plant Operations**

**September 2015 Statistics:**

September 2015-treated an average of 45,000 gallons per day.

September 2014-treated an average of 57,000 gallons per day.

This represents a decrease flow by 12,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

**Sewer service complaints:** None

**Call Before You Dig:** 4 tickets received for September 2015

- E. **Parks & Recreation:** **Trey Smith, Recreational Supervisor**

**Sandra Walters** reported that newly promoted Supervisor of Parks and Recreation, **Cecil Trey Smith** returned from paternity leave to his new position on October 12, 2015, following the birth of his son.

**Sandra Walters** announced that Halloween Festivities will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 2 P.M. at Searchlight Park, there will be a doggie costume contest and parade. There will be prizes given out for best costume in three breed size categories (small, medium, and large). A party will begin at 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Movie in the park will begin at 7:15 P.M., as well as games and a cake walk. The Parks and Recreation Committee are asking for donations of baked goods.

The Parks and Recreation Christmas Program will be held at the Recreation Center on December 13, 2015. There will be a tree lighting event and a House Christmas Decorating Contest; prizes will be awarded. All home entries must be decorated by December 12, 2015.

The Walking Club will begin on Monday, October 19, 2015, on the half mile long walking trail. There are benches and exercise equipment along the path. Owners of pets are welcome to bring their pets along providing they are on a leash.

The Book Club will begin November 3, 2015, at 11:00 A.M., at the Recreation Center, in the multi-purpose room.

**Jane Overy** observed that the bike racks at the Park are gone. **Sandra Walters** informed the public that Parks and Recreation **Supervisor Trey Smith** is looking into the bike racks.

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

No report.

**G. Justice Court:**

**Justice of the Peace Richard Hill**

Arraignments: 0  
Preliminary Hearings: 2  
Status Checks: 11  
Trials: 3  
Custody: 3  
Traffic Court: 15  
Initial Appearances: 4  
Warrants issued: 54  
Protection Orders issued: 1  
Combined Citations: 322

**Judge Richard Hill** reported the following court dates:

Criminal Court will be held on October 20, 2015.  
Traffic Court will be held on October 21, 2015.

Criminal Court will be held on November 3, 2015.  
Traffic Court will be held on November 4, 2015.

All court days are open to the public and begin at 10:00 A.M.

**Judge Richard Hill** informed the Board that the Court building has been remodeled, and repainted including the trim. He advised that there is a fund set aside for the refurbishing of the Court building. The fund is to be used to resurface and stripe the parking lot. Upon completion of renovations an Open House will be held.

**H. U.S. Park Service:**

**Warren Schlesinger, Supervisory  
Park Ranger**

No report.

**I. Bureau of Land Management:**

**David Stolts, K-9 Field Staff  
Ranger**

**Ranger David Stolts** introduced himself as the New Ranger and K-9 Handler for the area. He informed the Board that he will be taking part in the "Direct Enforcement" this weekend.

**6. ZONING:**

**A. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:** None

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

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

- A. Discuss possible courses of action regarding the old Searchlight Airfield runway currently under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) control and take any action deemed appropriate.

**Stanton Colton** reported that **Mrs. Gale Marrs-Smith** contacted him regarding the weeds on the airstrip. **Mrs. Marrs-Smith** welcomed the Board to clean-up the air-strip of weeds without the use of herbicides. It is a verbal agreement only. **Stanton Colton** spoke with **Mr. William Turnbull**, owner of the other half of landing strip and welcomed him to clean-up the airstrip as well. **Mr. Turnbull** is weighing the cost of clean-up.

**Stanton Colton** notified the Board that BLM is interested in selling the property. The old lease is in effect but is in default.

**Ellie Deever** reported mining activity adjacent to the airstrip by the Rock Mining Company. **Stanton Colton** asserted that there is no mining going on but rather **Robert Ford** the owner of the company is selling rocks next to the strip. He has future plans for that area but is still in negotiations.

**Bill Bodkin** concluded that the board is basically waiting to hear what **Mr. Turnbull** wants to do. **Stanton Colton** confirmed that **Mr. Turnbull** has restored his half of the runway strip by patching, re-surfacing, and re-striping. **Stanton Colton** also attested to the fact that on occasion small planes use **Mr. Turnbull's** half of the runway.

**Jackie Brady** informed the Board that she was able to email **Rosemary Vassiliadis, Director of Aviation** and the **Director** had indicated that there was no desire for Clark County Aviation to take the landing strip back.

**Ellie Deever** inquired of **Jackie Brady** who is then liable for any injury or accidents that may occur on the runway. **Jackie Brady's** noted that her understanding is that it would be the owners of the property, and in this case the BLM. **Bill Bodkin** expressed his concern that the pilots who use the runway would not take responsibility. **George Beyer** noted that being a pilot himself; if a pilot lands on a runway that is not safe, it is the responsibility of the pilot, also known as "Pilot Error". **Sandra Walters** recommended possibly using the clean-up of the weeds as a community service project through the court. **Bill Bodkin** noted there would be a liability and the BLM would likely not allow it.

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:** **Bill Bodkin**

**Bill Bodkin** reported that **Jane Overy** gave him a list of street lights that are out of service in the area. Due to some technical difficulty in emailing the list of outages to Public Works; he had to mail them through the United States Postal Service. He will follow up with Public Works.

- B. **Senior Center:** **Kate Colton**

**Kate Dobbie** requested that the future reports reflect her new married name **Kate Colton**.

**Kate Colton** reported the following:

Free Health Care Screenings will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. at the Searchlight Senior Center.

The Halloween Potluck Party will be held on Friday, October 30, 2015, at 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., costumes are optional; there will be raffles and prizes.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on November 2, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.

**Judge Richard Hill** asked **Kate Colton** if the Free Health Screening would include flu shots or if the Senior Center was aware as to when the free flu shots would be dispersed? **Kate Colton** noted that the Fire Department has not notified the Senior Center as to when they will be doing the free flu shots this year. The Senior Center will notify the public through posting sites when the information becomes available. **Kate Colton** will also personally call or text **Judge Hill** to notify him of those date(s).

- C. **Searchlight Wind Energy Project:** **Judy Bundorf**

**Judy Bundorf** reported Searchlight Wind Energy is asking that the right of way grant and the record of decision be vacated; however no decision has been made on the motion to reconsider in the Federal Courts. Other things that may impact the project are: **Senator James Lankford** of Oklahoma has introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate, called the PTC Elimination Act. However, it is expected that President Obama will veto the bill. She asked if anyone has been recently contacted by APEX Clean Energy. APEX Clean Energy is the owner of Searchlight Wind and Energy LLC.

She noted in North Carolina they have proposed building 60-story tall turbines and the Commissioners there have declared a 4-month moratorium on all wind projects until they can sort out how it will impact their community. She also noted that in the state of New York, in the town of Yates, APEX is doing a survey to judge public opinion and thus far 87% of the

comments have been in opposition to the project and in California they are proposing that the Castle Mountains be declared a National Monument; in full view of the turbines. It is likely that Castle Mountains will be declared a National Monument and will help Searchlight in the future to preserve their vistas.

**Judy Bundorf** stated that many communities throughout the country have enacted new Turbine Guidelines. A county in Michigan has just proposed guidelines which include increased wind turbine set-backs from property, public roads, and power lines, thus preventing Turbines from being sited within 3 miles of selected vistas. **Judy Bundorf** posed a question to **Jackie Brady** if as a community they can request some type of action or regulation and can it be placed on the Agenda for action.

**Jackie Brady** directed the question be put to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board for future discussion and that it would require the involvement of Comprehensive Planning. **Bill Bodkin** stated that the BLM had over-ruled the Searchlight Town Advisory Board declaring that the BLM can't be told what to do on their own property. However, the Board has the ability to place the item on the Searchlight Town Advisory Board Agenda for future discussion.

**Ellie Deever** requested that the **Secretary** put the Proposed Turbine Guidelines on the Agenda for Thursday, November 12, 2015.

D. **Special Events** None.

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, October 28, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. The next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2015, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV 89046.

Agenda items due no later than October 16, 2015, and October 29, 2015, respectively.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**For Possible Action**

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the November 12, 2015, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the December 9, 2015, meeting.*