



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

September 14, 2016

MINUTES

Board Members:	Stanton Colton– Chair – PRESENT Vacant – Vice Chair Ellie Deever – PRESENT	Sandra Walters – PRESENT Vacant
Secretary:	Tammy Harris (702)298-0828 tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov	
Town Liaison:	Brian Paulson (702)298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov	

- I. Call to Order by **Stanton Colton**, Pledge of Allegiance led by **Jane Overy**.
- II. Public Comment
- III. Approval of August 10, 2016, Minutes.

Moved by: Stanton Colton, seconded by **Ellie Deever**

Action: Denial of the August 10, 2016 minutes due to lack of information. Board asked for additional information to be written into the minutes.

Vote: 3-0/ Unanimous

Brian Paulson, Laughlin Town Manager, advised the Town Advisory Board (TAB) members that the minutes would not be re-written verbatim and only the highlights will be addressed. He explained the audio minutes are recorded and available on the Clark County website.

Stanton Colton asked about two items that were requested to be on the September's agenda that are not on the agenda.

Mr. Paulson stated the reason why the item is not on the agenda is because no one was available to attend the September meeting.

Stanton Colton stated he talked to people regarding the fence in front of the Road House Casino.

Mr. Paulson said no one contacted this office with any updated information to add the item to the agenda and asked the **TAB members** if they have contact information to contact our office so we can move forward with the agenda items.

Mr. Colton asked why the item wasn't placed on the agenda anyways.

Mr. Paulson responded it was at his discretion.

At this point **Mr. Colton** stood up and said to **Mr. Paulson** “then run the meeting at your discretion” and left the table.

Mr. Paulson advised there was still a quorum and asked the remaining **STAB members** who was going to fill in to run the TAB meeting. There was not any volunteers.

Discussion ensued as to why items were not on the agenda. Town Advisory Board Secretary commented that during a phone call with **Ellie Deever** earlier that week, it was explained that Public Works (PW) was contacted. At this time they are determining if a study was warranted on Cottonwood Cove Road for stop signs. In the meantime, Metro is aware of the speeding problems and is currently addressing the complaint. Public Works was contacted and not available to attend a meeting until perhaps October.

Stanton Colton asked that requested items to be on the agenda regardless if an agency or department is unable to attend.

The discussion turned to questions asked about the minutes and why information is omitted. **Brian Paulson** explained the minutes were to be stream lined but after a lengthy discussion it was determined that additional information could be added on future minutes to better fit the needs of the community.

Stanton Colton returned to the table to resume his duties as chairman.

Stanton Colton moved public comment from X. to IX.

Jill Canepa asked for information on the new standardization of the agenda and minutes. The board asked for all names and discussions to be added to the minutes moving forward.

Jane Overy stated the County streamlined the minutes a few years ago but, requested more detailed minutes. Then she also commented on the elimination of the committees and the need for a grant writer to help with writing the grants.

Stanton Colton stated that according to the Bylaws, the Department of Administrative Services, the Board of County Commissioners, Comprehensive Planning, and the Searchlight Town Advisory Board are able to add items to the agenda for discussion or action.

IV. Approval of September 14, 2016, Agenda.

Moved by: Stanton Colton and seconded by **Sandra Walters**

Action: Approval of the September 14, 2016 Agenda was approved 56 minutes after the start of the meeting.

Vote: 3-0/ Unanimous

V. Informational Items **(The following items were taken out of order)**

1. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department: Lt. John Healy, Commander
Officer Underwood reported August activities.

Officer Underwood addressed some of the aforementioned Town Advisory Board

members concerns. Cottonwood Cove Road is a County road and Metro is aware of the speeders. Metro has increased the enforcement and the issuing of tickets. Metro has also relocated the LED sign closer to the bait shop so the signage cautioning drivers of the speed limit may be easily observed. Metro is not in charge of signage but they can put up temporary signage and hopefully slow some people down. On certain days is double time and splitting their time working on Highway 95 and Cottonwood Cove Road.

Officer Underwood stated Metro is helping with gathering the data needed for the study on Cottonwood Cove Road and restated that they are very well aware of the speeding.

The road closure is now open, but use caution.

August 2016 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 19
Traffic Citations: 144
DUI's: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 0
Juvenile Citations: 0

Officer Underwood stated there was a concern about a certain address. Metro did several knock & talk. **Sgt. Briscoe** and his squad tried a knock & talk to introduce themselves on three different occasions but there was no answer.

Officer Underwood also addressed the concerns over two RVs that were parked on the street. One has been towed and the other red tagged.

Sandy Moran was concerned about the drinking and driving on the weekends.

Audrey Morrison is concerned about the seniors crossing at the crosswalk on Highway 95 and asked about getting "flashing lights or something" to make it safer for people to cross.

Officer Underwood stated Metro police is not responsible for that and said it is a State road and not County. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) would be the right agency to contact for that.

Bill McGinnis asked about Metro parking a ghost car on Cottonwood Cove Road to deter the speeding drivers. **Officer Underwood** stated that is absolutely something they could do.

Mr. McGinnis asked if Metro can keep knocking at the house in question.

Officer Underwood said that was something they planned on doing again tonight when they leave.

Sandra Walters gave a description of the cars she observed parked at the house in question.

Ellie Deever also has a concern with people speeding down Hobson Street.

Officer Underwood said they will have to take a look at it.

2. Nevada Highway Patrol: Sgt. Raymond Hubbs
No report

3. Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department: Kim Colton, Secretary-Treasurer
Kim Colton provided the August report.

Kim Colton stated the Fire Department stats are similar to this year to that of last year.
Calls of Service: 15 (12 medical, 3 fire in August)
The fire calls were people putting hot coals in the dumpsters and one car fire.

4. Laughlin Town Manager: Brian Paulson, Laughlin Town Manager

Stanton Colton called this item last stating STAB has never received a report from the town liaison. This report was provided by **Brian Paulson**, Laughlin Town Manager.

Brian Paulson mentioned **Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)** and that **CDAC** should have something sent out to the Town Manger's Office. According to **Judy Bundorf** she received a letter from **CDAC**. **Brian Paulson** said we will have this on October's agenda.

Mr. Paulson said he was in contact with **Mr. William Turnbull** concerning the Searchlight Airfield and **Mr. Turnbull** is currently waiting for an appraisal to come in from the **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**. Until the appraisal comes in, there are no further updates.

Kim Colton, Emergency Services, asked whether **Mr. Turnbull** will address emergency services at the airport. **Mr. Paulson** said **Mr. Turnbull** did not have a comment. He will wait until after he receives the information from **BLM** and the appraisal.

5. Las Vegas Water District: Omar Saucedo, Management Analyst
Stanton Colton read the written report provided by **Omar Saucedo**.

August Report:

The system remains stable. Water use in August slightly decreased from the summer month of July. Unfortunately, approximately 170,000 gallons more water was used in August 2016 than in August 2015 (7.05 MG compared to 6.88 MG). Increased water use is probably attributable to seasonal warm weather.
All wells are currently operational, and there are no major leaks to report.

6. Clark County Water Reclamation District: Greg Turner, Assistant Manager of Plant Operations
Stanton Colton read the August report provided by **Greg Turner**:

August 2016 Statistics:

August, 2016-treated an average of 42,000 thousand gallons per day.
August, 2015-treated an average of 43,000 thousand gallons per day.
This represents a decrease flow by 1,000 thousand gallons per day from this time last year.
Sewer service complaints: 0 complaints for July 2016
Call Before You Dig: 2 ticket received for July 2016

7. Parks & Recreation: Trey Smith, Recreation Supervisor
Trey Smith provided current and upcoming activities.

Searchlight September Report – Clark County Parks and Recreation

Statistics: August 2016 – 8 programs, 1 Field Trip, 1 Special Event.

254 total attendance for the month

Summer Food Program – 339 meals served this summer

Upcoming Special Events:

Sept. 16: Punt, Pass, and Kick

Ages: 6-15; Time: 3:30 p.m.; Searchlight Ball Field

- September 24: Hunter Education

o Age: All; Time: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Cost: \$5; Register: www.ndow.org

- October 27: Halloween Party

o Age: All; Time: 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.; Searchlight Community Center

- December 10: Holiday Parade and Party

o Age: All; Time: Parade line up 4:30 p.m., Parade starts 5:00 p.m., Party and Santa at 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Updates:

- Hiring Part Time employee; Posting closes Friday, September 16, 2016 at 12 p.m.

- Youth Center is being painted (interior)

Trey Smith advised there are flyers on the back table for National Public Lands Day.

The youth center is currently being painted. It should be completed next week. This is for just the interior.

A resident said he noticed that some of the trees are dying at the park from the lack of water. **Trey Smith** that is something he could pass on to RPM.

8. Justice Court: Judge Richard Hill

Stanton Colton read the August report provided by Judge Hill.

Arraignments: 2

Preliminary Hearings: 4

Status Checks: 2

Trials: 2

Custody: 1

Traffic Court: 16

Initial Appearances: 10

Warrants issued: 130
Protection Orders issued: 0
Combined Citations: 253

Criminal Court will be held on September 24, 2016.
Traffic Court will be held on September 20, 2016.

Criminal Court will be held on October 5, 2016.
Traffic Court will be held on October 4, 2016.

All court days are open to the public and begin at 10:00 a.m.

9. U.S. Park Services: Warren Schlesinger, Supervisory Park Ranger
Ranger Schlesinger provided a current report and statistics from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Approximately 600 citations
20 arrest
50 medical calls
5 vehicle accidents
15 boat accidents
30 search and rescues
400 vessel safety inspections

Dale Russell asked why the Parks & Ranger emergency vehicle speeds on Cottonwood Cove Road with the lights and sirens on. **Ranger Schlesinger** said because they are going to an emergency. **Mr. Russell** stated they go too fast. **Ranger Schlesinger** said he could talk to his people to slow down while going through town.

Ranger Schlesinger said he is leaving in October and at some point he will be replaced.

10. Capital Funds Committee: Jane Overy
Jane Overy reported that since the money in Fund 422 has been allotted for the expansion, there won't be any funds left after this expansion to continue a committee.

11. Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee:
No report

Jane Overy asked about the SNPLMA grant process and requested to have someone from the County to help and oversee the grant writing process.

12. Senior Center: Kate Colton
Kate Colton reported on current events.

The next breakfast will be October 3, 2016.
The next Senior Center Board meeting will be Thursday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m.

For regularly scheduled activities contact the senior center at (702) 297-1614.

13. Searchlight Wind Energy Project: Judy Bundorf
Judy Bundorf provided an update concerning the Wind Energy Project.

Judy Bundorf reported the wind project is in limbo. Apex has filed their appeal and we have filed a motion to dismiss. As of today, the Ninth Circuit has not moved on our motion. It could be next month at the earliest that decision could be made to dismiss the appeal.

Ms. Bundorf is proposing a resolution opposing the development of industrial wind farms in the Searchlight area and requesting this resolution be considered. She asked to be placed on the next agenda.

According to **Ms. Bundorf** there is going to be another potential wind farm development west of Searchlight named Crescent Peak Wind Project.

Ellie Deever asked if this was in California or Nevada and **Ms. Bundorf** stated “all in Nevada”.

Jane Overy asked to consider an update to the noise ordinance so there is a noise level in place for Searchlight.

14. Special Events:

Sandra Walters said that a recipe cookbook is in the process.

Kim Colton stated that on October 22nd will be the annual Clark County Fire Department’s Turkey Shoot from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. bring your own guns if you want to shoot.

VIII. Planning & Zoning

1. NZC-0155-13 (AR-0065-16) – NEVADA MILLING & MINING, LLC, ET AL:

ZONE CHANGE THIRD APPLICATION TO REVIEW a reclassification of 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 Route 164 within Searchlight (description on file). **TO THE BCC 06/22/16**

HELD – 07/20/16 – per the applicant.

HELD – 08/17/16 – per the applicant.

HELD – 09/21/16 - per the applicant.

2. UC-0659-12 (ET-0066-16) – NEVADA MILLING & MINING, LLC, ET AL:

USE PERMIT THIRD APPLICATION FOR REVIEW of a mining operation and all accessory uses.

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to reduce on-site parking.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** mining site; **2)** modular building; **3)** alternative design standards for modular units per Table 30.56-2; and **4)** preliminary grading plan per Section 30.56-100 for hillside and foothills development in conjunction with mining operation on 88.0 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 400 feet west of US Highway 95, 9,400 feet north of State Route 164 within Searchlight. **TO THE BCC 06/22/16**

HELD – 07/20/16 – per the applicant.

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IX. General Business:

1. Revise Bylaws to comport with NRS provisions on election of or appointment of members and Board of County Commissioners' agenda standardization requirement.

For possible action

Brian Paulson explained in detail the standardization process and why the County moved forward with this.

There are not a lot of substantive changes to the Bylaws other than the elimination of the committees. Committees can still exist just not through the County and the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. The County does not want the liability risk of running the committees due to the Open Meeting Laws.

Ellie Deever asked who would mandate the committees. **Stanton Colton** said this is emasculating the town board and **Ellie Deever** asked why we are here then.

Jane Overy said they need the County to help to push projects forward and help with grant writing.

Kim Colton requested a redlined version and recommended discussion be tabled until the October 12, 2016 meeting.

Stanton Colton wanted to know why the new Bylaws cannot be amended.

Donna Morris asked if the Board Members disagree with everything, doesn't the County have the option to replace them.

Stanton Colton said in January the County will no longer have that option with the elected members.

Stanton Colton asked for a motion to hold this item. **Ellie Deever** moved and **Sandra Walters** seconded the motion. Upon a voice motion passed 3-0.

X. Public Comment

Russ Coons has some concerns about a shooting range and the landing of helicopters.

Stanton Colton asked if there is a permit for a new business on Grandpa's Road. A resident commented that this is private property and there is nothing the town board can do. Discussion ensued whether the owner of the property has a business or not.

Stanton Colton said he talked to **Tim Herbst** twice concerning the fence at the Roadhouse Casino. **Mr. Herbst** stated he would discuss this with their attorney and will make a determination at a later date when they have a recommendation. **Mr. Colton** requested this item be placed on next month's agenda.

Jennifer Walker is concerned for residents that get blocked due to flooding in the area.

She asked who would be responsible for repairing the area.

Ms. Walker also asked about a drainage pipe under the highway and who owns it. It was determined that she would contact NDOT to receive answers for her questions.

XII. Next Meeting Date: October 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment: 9:07 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the November 9, 2016, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2016, meeting.

To listen to the audio recording of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board go to:
<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/town-liaison/Pages/Searchlight%20Town%20Advisory%20Board.aspx>