



Searchlight Town Advisory Board  
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**MINUTES**

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013  
6:00 P.M.  
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER  
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: 5**

**ABSENT: 0**

**OTHERS PRESENT: 19 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 November 13, 2013 Agenda.**

**For Possible Action**

**Bill Bodkin** moved, **George Beyer** seconded to approve as presented the November 13, 2013 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.  
Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

B. **Approval of the October 9, 2013 Minutes** **For Possible Action**

**George Beyer** moved, **Diane Kendall** seconded to approve as presented the October 9, 2013 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

C. **Approval of the October 30, 2013 Minutes** **For Possible Action**

**Diane Kendall** moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to approve as presented the October 30, 2013 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0

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:** **Lt. John Healy**  
Officer **James Briggs** provided the Searchlight report for October.

**October 2013 Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 15  
Traffic Citations: 56  
DUI's: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0  
Bookings: 0  
Juvenile Citations: 0

No activity to report.

B. **Nevada Highway Patrol:** **Sgt. Novelt Mack**  
No report

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

**Kathy Flanagan** introduced her self as the new liaison between Las Vegas and Searchlight replacing **Jordan Bunker**.

**Jordan Bunker** has a new position and will no longer provide the monthly LVVWD report. **Jordan Bunker** wanted to be here tonight but he had other work related obligations.

**Kathy Flanagan** went on to say that the system remains stable with no major leaks or breaks reported.

Water usage for October was 5.86 MPG. Which is a slight increase from October 2012.

Production well S-3 is complete and will be brought on line at the end of the year. Once brought on line it will be the communities' main production well with S-1 serving as the emergency back-up and S-2 will be taken off line completely.

**Jane Overy**, Searchlight, NV asked a question about the financing of the arsenic treatment system in Searchlight and if Searchlight will receive funding for additional treatment.

**Kathy Flanagan** said once well S-3 is on line the arsenic levels will be almost nonexistent.

**Jane Overy** said she was concerned if any of the funds would be allocated for Searchlight.

**Kathy Flanagan** said she secures the Grants and will have Searchlight in mind when applying for Grant funds.

**Kathy Flanagan** also said she will bring the numbers for the arsenic levels for Searchlight to the next meeting.

D. **Clark County Water Reclamation District:** **Jake Jacobson**

**Jake Jacobson** provided two reports due to his being Ill last month.

**September 2013-** treated an average of 17 Thousand Gallons per day.

Flow has decreased by 36,000 gallons from this time last year.

No service complaints for the month of September 2013

0 - C.B.Y.D. Searchlight tickets received for September 2013

**October 2013-** treated an average of 45 Thousand Gallons per day.

Flow has decreased by 2,000 gallons from this time last year.

No service complaints for the month of October 2013

2 - C.B.Y.D. Searchlight tickets received for October 2013

**Jake Jacobson** asked **Jon Palmer** if there has been any more odors coming from the ponds and **Jon Palmer** responded not to his knowledge.

**Judy Bundorf** asked if the renovations for the ponds were done and **Jake Jacobson** replied no, they have hired a consultant to do a design build, the CCWRD is waiting for the report.

- E. **Parks & Recreation:** **Carolynn Johnson**  
**Carolynn Johnson** was unable to attend; **Sandra Walters** read the report provided by **Carolynn Johnson**.

The line up for the Holiday Parade which is December 7, 2013 is at 5pm at the gravel lot next to the Rebel. The parade will start at 5:30 pm and will follow the same path as years past.

The house decorating contest must have the forms turned in no later than by 12pm on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can pick the forms up at the Parks & Recreation office.

Movie in the Park is Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm showing “EPIC”

Kids Bingo is November 22, 2013  
Harvest Dance is November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sports Day November 15<sup>th</sup>

The Halloween party was a great success and thanks to everyone who participated.

The Dog costume contest was also a great success and we hope to do it again next year.

- F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department Station 75: Jon Palmer, Assistant Fire Chief**  
**Jon Palmer Searchlight station 75** reported the Fire Dept. had a total of 10 calls for the month of October, which is the lowest in three years.

The station and the Parks and Recreation have removed all the storage material from the back room of the Station and want to thank them for doing that.

We are still waiting to get a key for the master panel where the circuit breakers are and when they go off we would have to call P&R and wait for someone to show up.

**Jon Palmer** said he has some great news; Searchlight is going to receive a new 4 wheel drive rescue vehicle.

**Jon Palmer** provided a picture of the vehicle that the Fire Dept. is expecting to get. **Jon Palmer** said it might take about 6 months to receive the new vehicle and the vehicle will be painted yellow.

**Diane Kendall** asked about getting the master panel key to the Fire Dept. as soon as possible.

**Diane Kendall** also asked about the new EMT'S? **Jon Palmer** said they are still moving forward on this and the EMS training. Hopefully by the beginning of the year they can report on the findings.

**Sandra Walters** asked if any of the Fire Dept. volunteers will participate in the EMS training. **Jon Palmer** said not at this time.

G. **Justice Court:**

**Judge Richard Hill**

Judge Hill was unable to attend.

6. **ZONING:** None

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

A. **UC-0581-13 – FRAIJO, ARTHUR A., ET AL:**

**USE PERMITS** for the following: **1)** expansion of an approved electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility); and **2)** public utility structures (electric switching/substation) with all ancillary utility structures and overhead transmission lines.

**WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** for the following: **1)** eliminate required setback from a non-industrial development; **2)** eliminate landscaping and buffering requirements; and **3)** eliminate trash enclosure requirements.

**DESIGN REVIEWS** for the following: **1)** electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility) with all ancillary structures and uses; **2)** public utility structures (electric switching/substation) including all ancillary structures and facilities; and **3)** preliminary grading plan per 30.56.100 for hillside and foothills development on a 52.0 acre portion of the 269.2 acre overall site in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 4,000 feet north of State Route 164, and 2,000 feet west of US Highway 95 within Searchlight. **To the PC on 11/05/13**

**B. UC-0621-13 – NEVADA MILLING & MINING, LLC, ET AL:**

**USE PERMITS** for the following: 1) allow public utility structures with overhead transmission lines; 2) increased height of public utility structures; and 3) waive development standards for a public utility facility.

**WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** for the following: 1) allow overhead utility and transmission lines less than 34.5kV; and 2) allow increased height for power poles.

**DESIGN REVIEW** for public utility structures, including an electric switch station, and utility lines in conjunction with an approved mining operation on a portion of 140.0 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. To the PC on 11/05/13

**C. UC-0606-13 – DOING, RILEY GENTRY:**

**USE PERMITS** for 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 a street without screening; 3) allow a watercraft repair business with a reduced separation to a residential use; 4) permit outside storage in front of the building; 5) allow outside storage with no screening; 6) eliminate perimeter landscaping; and 7) 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. To the PC on 11/19/13

**8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **Denis Cederburg**, Director of Clark County Public Works and **Kevin Eubanks** Assistant General Manager, Clark County Regional Flood Control District to discuss and answer questions regarding flood control in Searchlight.

**For Possible Action**

**Denis Cedarburg** Clark County PW and **Kevin Eubanks** CCRFCD are here to discuss the flooding concerns. **Denis Cedarburg** explained why there has been a long delay on projects which in part was due to the staff reductions and losing 15 engineers.

At this time the flood drain on Encinadas is in Que for the first of the year in 2014 and the project should start construction mid-year. This should address the flooding for this area when the storm drain is completed.

**Denis Cedarburg** went on to address other areas that have flooding issues and when each project will be on the program to start construction. He also went on to say PW could use RTC funding to pave additional streets. Searchlight receives regular allocations from the Gas Tax funding for the streets.

**Diane Kendall** asked about the grading of the roads going up the hill. **Denis Cedarburg** indicated the roads are very steep and we will take a look at them. What we would like to do is grade them so the roads can eventually be paved.

Regarding Grandpa's Road and Oregon Trails Road, we have found Grandpa's Road was once maintained by the County and we are looking into putting Grandpa's Rd on a rotation cycle for grading in the future. We have not found any information yet for Oregon Trails.

**Jennifer Walker** from Crees Trailer Park asked about unfinished projects that were started in the area of the Trailer Park and not completed and what can be done in the future.

According to **Kevin Eubanks** there are no projects programmed for construction for at least 10 years in the area of the Trailer park.

**Jennifer Walker** asked about the road work that was started on Hwy 95 and when it would to be completed. According to **Jennifer Walker** the water was diverted and now runs directly into the Trailer Park, **Kevin Eubanks** said this would be illegal for NDOT or PW to divert the water but **Jennifer Walker** along with **Diane Kendall** both stated there is twice as much water that runs into the Trailer Park since the widening of Hwy 95.

**Kevin Eubanks** said they could take this matter up with NDOT and but this is not programmed to be completed for another ten years.

**Denis Cedarburg** said NDOT's response would be they are not responsible for flood control.

**Jane Overy** provided additional information regarding the past history, problems, and flooding issues with the roads in Searchlight.

**Jon Palmer** had a question about the transmission towers up on the hill. The road leading to the towers was washed out and they were unable to get up the road to maintain the towers. Someone did grade the road but it was not Clark County PW who did the work.

**Jon Palmer** asked if Clark County could start maintaining the road.

**Denis Cedarburg** explained there are two types of property that Clark County maintains. This road is an access road on real property leading into the property and PW does not maintain real property access roads. PW will only do roads that are public right-a-ways. If RPM or Parks & Rec want to pay PW or reimburse PW the expenses for maintaining the road then we will maintain them.

**Diane Kendall** asked about a date when the Ensenada's project will start and **Denis Cedarburg** said in January they will be picking it up and we can come back in 6 months to give you an update. It would most likely be June or after before we receive bids and hire a contractor.

**Diane Kendall** asked about the RTC funding and asked for the list of the future projects so it can be discussed and updated.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

A. **Capital Funds Committee**  
**Jane Overy** Searchlight, NV  
No Report

B. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee** No Report

**10. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Public Works/Roads: Bill Bodkin**  
**Bill Bodkin** did not have anything to report

B. **Senior Center:** **Kate Dobbie:**  
**Kate Dobbie** reported on Community events, and reported the yard sale was very successful, as was the "Style Show" last Saturday.

**"The Nook"** Thrift shop is open to the public Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday & Friday 9am – 1pm and Thursday 1pm – 6pm

Call 297-1641 for information on the regularly scheduled activities.

- C. **Searchlight Wind Energy Project: Judy Bundorf**  
**Judy Bundorf** said there was not much to report and there is not a power purchase agreement yet for the Wind Energy Project.
- D. **Special Events**  
**Jane Overy** advised of the 25th anniversary celebration for the Searchlight community center, Museum and the Library next October 2014.
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 you 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.

**Jane Overy** said she was concerned about how the Searchlight school system compares to other schools and asked to get a report on how NV schools ranked nationally.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next regular scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 6:00pm Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than November 27, 2013.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** **For Possible Action**

**Sandra Walters** adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the December 11, 2013 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting.*

