



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

MEMBERS PRESENT: 4

ABSENT: 1 Mark Blair (excused)

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**.
- 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 September 11, 2013 Agenda.**

For Possible Action

Bill Bodkins moved, **George Beyer** seconded to approve as presented the September 11, 2013 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.
Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1.

B. Approval of the August 14, 2013 Minutes For Possible Action

George Beyer moved, **Diane Kendall** seconded to approve as presented the August 14, 2013 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: Lt. John Healy
Officer **Richard Johnson** provided the Searchlight report for August.

August 2013 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 20
Traffic Citations: 70
DUI's: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 1
Bookings: 1
Juvenile Citations: 0

Searchlight Activity; On August 26, 2013, a male was arrested in Searchlight for NCIC warrants for Grand Larceny and Burglary and a misdemeanor Traffic warrant.

Sandra Walters asked about additional patrol on Cotton Wood Cove road due the vehicle’s going over the speed limit and her concern for children and animals crossing the road.

Officer Johnson said he would contact **Lt. Healy** to see if extra patrol could be provided.

Diane Kendall asked about the thefts in the area and **Officer Johnson**

said there are detectives currently assigned on the cases and he would follow up at the next STAB.

Judy Bundorf also commented on the burglary in her neighborhood.

Bill Bodkins advised that Metro has a vacation watch service that residents can request where Metro would provide additional patrols in the area when the resident is out of town.

Officer Johnson added there is also a service for the elderly and the disabled who are house bound. Contact the Laughlin Sub-Station for more information regarding either of these services. Phone (702)-298-2223

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

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

Jordan Bunker reported the water system remains in stable condition with no major leaks or breaks. Due to the rain there is minor damage to the pipes and a crew will be out to make the repairs in the near future.

Jordan Bunker provided additional information the board requested concerning the Towns Fire protection.

Jordan Bunker said that the water and the fire protection were adequate for Searchlight at this time with the existing water mains. Water pressure and flows meet the water standards set forth by the Fire Department.

Jordan Bunker displayed an over view map of searchlight and the five areas that are marked for future improvements and the cost of each job per Phase and location. The total cost for the improvements was approximately \$4.2 million dollars and this break down to approximately \$14,000 per customer.

Phase #1 \$1.6 million

Phase #2 \$1.1 million

Phase #4 \$500,000

Phase #4 \$278,000

Phase #5 \$558,000

Jon Palmer asked **Jordan Bunker** about Cree's trailer park and if there was adequate fire protection for the park specifically code regulations.

Jordan Bunker said the park is severely lacking in fire hydrants and capacity for fire protection. We looked at current hydrants and made a

determination on where improvements could be made.

Jane Overy provided additional history of the water issues in Searchlight.

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

August 2013- treated an average of 46 Thousand Gallons per day. Flow has decreased by 8,000 gallons from this time last year. It was also noted the inflow was up due to the additional rain in the area. No service complaints for the month of August 2013
0 - C.B.Y.D. Searchlight tickets received for August 2013

Jake Jacobson brought samples of water that was raw sewage and samples of the potable water and the cleaned water that is returned back to the Colorado River in Laughlin.

Jake Jacobson also explained how the five Sewer ponds worked in Searchlight and how the five ponds filtered the water and how they are cleaned and where the dried waste goes.

Jon Palmer asked why there was a sewer smell and what can be done to prevent it.

According to **Jake Jacobson** Pond #1 was cleaned and drying out but after the rains the sludge was not able to dry right away and produced the smell.

Jake also provided a phone number to call if the smells get out of hand. 668-8500

E. **Parks & Recreation:** **Carolynn Johnson**
Kate Dobbie reported for **Carolynn Johnson**.

Upcoming programs:

On September 20th at 6pm is family movie night at the community center's multi purpose room.

Adult Fitness Class on Mondays at 8:30am. Anyone interested can meet at the community centers multi purpose room

On September 20, October 4th & 18th is Children's T-Ball-Fridays at 3:30pm at the softball field.

October 11th will be Movie in the Park starting at 7pm. Movie will be determined.

September 20th at 8pm is Adult Halloween movie night at the community

center multi purpose room. Must be over 18 years of age to attend.

October 24th from 7pm-9pm at the community center multi purpose room is the Children and Teen Halloween Costume Dance.

October 25th from 6pm-8pm also at the multi purpose room is the Children's Halloween Party.

We would like to welcome our two new staff members **Sandy Walters** and **Hailey Marshall**. We are excited to have them on board and helping us get new activities for all ages in Searchlight.

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

Jon Palmer Searchlight reported.

There were 13 medical calls and 1 auto fire call and 13 auto accidents for a total of 14. The calls from last year have dropped to about half.

Jon Palmer announced they will be able to do out of district interviews. Which in the past Firefighters were required to live in the district where they worked. Station 75 needs 6 new people. You can go on line to apply.

Jon Palmer said the new engine they were to receive could not be accepted due the short bays and lack of room. The building is used by two different County Departments. Jon Palmer also noted that out of the 13 stations in the outlying areas theirs is the only shared building and theirs is also the only one with inadequate bays. Bay #1 (one) has about 10 feet taken up by P&R storage. We can barely park our squad vehicle. We would like to upgrade our vehicles but at this time we can not accept any new vehicles because there is not a place to park them inside the building.

Jon Palmer went on to say regarding Cree trailer park, the fire engine only has 800 feet of 5 inch hydrant line and if there was a major fire in the middle of the trailer park they would not be able fight the fire with the local water supply.

Bill Bodkins asked what was stored by Parks & Recreation and it was stated that garden hoses and landscape equipment was stored in the shared building. There is also an issue with keys to locked rooms and access to the master electrical room that the Fire Department does not have a key to.

Diane Kendall requested this issue be put on the next agenda for further discussion and to find a solution to getting keys and moving Parks & Recreation storage to another location.

It was also asked where will the new employees live and what type of

shifts there will be. **Jon Palmer** said the new employees would do a two year commitment and work 3 - 8hr shifts.

Diane Kendall asked how many members are on the Fire Department now. **Jon Palmer** said currently there are 12 members now with a new person to start in November making the total 13.

G. **Justice Court:**
No report

Judge Richard Hill

6. **ZONING:**

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

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. Discuss and consider whether to continue to have STAB meetings on the monthly regularly scheduled dates when there are no agenda items for STAB action. **For Possible Action**

Jane Overy was concerned that if the monthly meetings were reduced to only when needed the Town of Searchlight would not have a voice in the decisions of Searchlight. **Jane Overy** stated this is the only venue we have to get our voice heard.

After a brief discussion **Sandra Walters** moved **Diane Kendall** seconded with a unanimous vote to continue with the regularly scheduled STAB meetings. Motion carried 4-0-1

B. Receive a report from the Department of Finance concerning funds in the Searchlight Town Capital Fund and how they relate to the former Searchlight Trust Fund and how those funds are approved for usage. **For Possible Action**

Jeffery Share Clark County Department of Finance, Financial Analyst provided a detailed report regarding the Searchlight Capital funds (Township Trust), and answered questions and provided the history of the trust fund.

Jeffery Share read a letter by **Jane Overy** dated June 8, 2004, which gave the conception of the trust fund and how it evolved over the years. The letter also asked for additional information from the finance department and asked to move the trust fund to a different account.

Jeffery Share passed out the financial statements to the STAB members and the residents for the Searchlight Township Trust for the year ending June 30, 2001 through to the present. These statements also showed the interest increases for this account.

In 2002 Clark County eliminated expendable trust funds and moved the Searchlight Township Trust to a re-classification adjustment called a special revenue fund. The reason this was done was because of the accounting standards that are required by the government.

The special revenue fund is called 261 which is the Searchlight Town Revenue Fund.

Basically this fund is used to collect all the revenue from Searchlight. The monies were kept in this fund for two years and then transferred in to the "Searchlight Capital Fund – 422" in 2004 as a result of a change in accounting rules and standards (GASB #14).

This fund is called Searchlight Capital Construction fund #422.

This fund showed all the Searchlight construction and improvements and the current balance of this fund.

Diane Kendall said it was the Towns understanding there was over \$300,000 in the Searchlight account and there were plans to expand the community center with these funds. It was later realized some of the monies were spent for the improvements made to the Skate Board Park.

Jeff Share said there was an agenda item for the Skate Board Park and **Jackie Brady** stated although it was on the agenda there was no formal action taken by the Searchlight Town Board.

Jeff Share went on to explain how the County finance works and how the money is dispersed within the County, how decisions are made and how the money is spent.

Moving forward **Jeff Share** will provide a statement of the Searchlight Capital Construction Fund to **Jackie Brady** each month to be available to Searchlight TAB.

Jane Overy provided the history of the original capital funds and where it came from.

Jane Overy asked again about separating the original funds from the County combined funds.

Jeff Share said due to accounting standards the money can not be separated and put in a separate fund.

Jeff Share will check into available resources for additional funds to be added to the Searchlight Capital Construction fund from Clark County to move forward

with the expansion of the Searchlight community center.

Jackie Brady asked to have **Jeff Share** return at the next Searchlight TAB to discuss and answer the questions presented at this meeting tonight that needed further research.

Jane Overy asked about getting storage containers for Parks & Recreation and **Jeff Share** said he would see about what money would be available for the purchase of the containers.

Jackie Brady asked **Jon Palmer** if P&R was to move their storage from the Fire station if that would give the Fire Dept. the room they need. **Jon Palmer** answered “no” even if the items were removed the bays are still not large enough to garage larger vehicles.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:

A. Capital Funds Committee

Jane Overy Searchlight, NV would like to formally ask Clark County to find additional funding to move forward with the expansion of the Searchlight Community Center.

It was noted this was already requested and **Jeff Share** was going to check into what resources were available to get additional funds.

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 except the County was doing a great job keeping the roads clear after the rain storms.

B. Senior Center: Kate Dobbie:

Kate Dobbie report that the general membership meeting will be held on Thursday September 12, 2013. Nominations for Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Board members can be made from the floor at that time. Voting will be Thursday October 10th from 12pm to 5pm. The 2013-2014 dues must be paid before you are eligible to vote.

The senior center will have a Pancake breakfast Monday September 23rd at

11am. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Silver Rider will deliver meals to the homebound residents. For more information on this service contact Silver Rider at (702) 298-4435

“The Nook” is having an end of Summer Sale on all shoes and clothing-.50 cents per item through the month of September.

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

The senior center is going through economic difficulties and donations are direly needed.

- C. **Searchlight Wind Energy Project: Judy Bundorf**
Judy Bundorf stated there was still no power purchase for the Wind Energy project so no notice to proceed has been issued.
- 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 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.

Judy Bundorf contacted Real Property Management regarding Grandpa’s road which has areas of washout due to the recent rain storms. **Judy Bundorf** was advised RPM did not maintain this road and possibly BLM would grate the road. Judy spoke to BLM but the action is still pending on whether BLM will grate the road.

Jon Palmer had concerns regarding the path of the flood waters on Cotton Wood Cove and the damage it is doing behind his housing area. It was suggested that Flood control and Public works attend the next Tab meeting to address these issues.

Pictures were provided of the damaged area by **Jon Palmer**.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 6:00pm the next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 6:00pm Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than September 12, 2013, and September 26, 2013, respectively.

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

Sandra Walters adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the October 9, 2013 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting.