



SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
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MINUTES

SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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
Sandra Walters

ABSENT: Ellie Deever (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: 16 persons signed in.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. 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 12, 2015, Agenda.** **For Possible Action**

Sandra Walters moved and **George Beyer** seconded to approve the November 12, 2015, Searchlight Town Advisory Board Agenda as presented.
Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1.

B. **Approval of the October 14, 2015, Minutes**

For Possible Action

George Beyer moved and **Sandra Walters** seconded to approve the October 14, 2015, Minutes as presented to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1.

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. **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department:**

Lt. John Healy

October 2015 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 28

Traffic Citations: 107

DUI's: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 0

Juvenile Citations: 0

Lt. Healy noted that 12 of 22 law enforcement officers assigned to his department either live in Searchlight, commute through Searchlight, or come from the Cal-Nev-Ari area. Therefore, response times will vary. Two officers now report to Searchlight Sub-station.

Lt. Healy reported that pro-activity (such as citations, vehicle inspections, direct enforcement etc.) has increased a total of 49% for 2015.

In reference to public inquiries on ongoing cases, **Lt. Healy** clarified that due to the involvement of other agencies, such as the **District Attorney's Office**, the **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department** is not always at liberty to disclose detailed information.

He asked that if anyone does have concerns, please call him, **Lt. Healy** at (702) 298-2223.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) will be putting together Holiday Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas, thanks to a donation of 50+ turkeys. Distribution of the baskets to nominated families will begin on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. In addition, the

LVMPD and **Silver Rider** will be partnering in the “Shop With a Cop” program on December 19, 2015, at 5:45 A.M. **Silver Rider** will be providing transportation for children from the Searchlight Community Center, at 5:45 A.M. to the American Legion Laughlin Post 60 in Laughlin where breakfast will be provided. Then, they will continue on to Target in Bullhead City, Arizona. Please talk to **Tina Walters** (702-298-2223) for more information. Thanks to the generosity of the community and businesses in the surrounding areas, the program has received funds in excess of \$16,000 dollars.

Traffic accidents have increased 100% in Laughlin, Nevada. Due to the increase in visitors who are unfamiliar with Nevada Laws, **Lt. Healy** reminded the public to buckle up and remain vigilant while driving into the Laughlin area.

New speed radar equipment has been purchased for **LVMPD**.

Lt. Healy announced that the **LVMPD** is excited and happy to be receiving a visit from **Sheriff Joseph Lombardo** at the Laughlin Sub-station in the coming week.

- B. **Nevada Highway Patrol: No Report** **Sgt. Raymond Hubbs**
- C. **Las Vegas Valley Water District:** **Kathy Flanagan, Assistant Management Analyst**

Kathy Flanagan reported that water level usage has dropped significantly from the reported increase in September 2015 to normal level usage for October 2015. The system is stable and there are no leaks to report.

The pipeline work on the main line has been completed as of October and has returned to service.

The Las Vegas Valley Water District has been testing the new arsenic treatment plant in Searchlight and has now completed the weekly testing phase. The first of the monthly testing phase has begun and the results are at the desired undetectable levels.

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

October 2015 Statistics:

October 2015 - treated an average of 41,000 gallons per day.

October 2014 - treated an average of 44,000 gallons per day.

This represents a decrease flow by 3,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig: 1 ticket received for October 2015

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

Sandra Walters reported that the Halloween Party was a success. Parks and Recreation has begun plans for the Christmas Party and a House Decorating Contest.

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

No Report

G. **Justice Court:** **Justice of the Peace Richard Hill**

Arraignments: 4
Preliminary Hearings: 2
Status Checks: 12
Trials: 3
Custody: 3
Traffic Court: 13
Initial Appearances: 8
Warrants issued: 15
Protection Orders issued: 1
Combined Citations: 271

Judge Hill provided an update on several cases processed through his court:

The Loran Station Case arrest has gone on to the **District Attorney's Office**. He also reported on the theft of diesel fuel at the Lucky Dutchman Mines.

The **District Attorney's Office** issued two arrest warrants for the Grogan Case.

Remodeling and refurbishing of the old Justice Court Building in Searchlight has come to the last phase of resurfacing, sealing and re-lining of the parking lot.

Bill Bodkin noted that in the past the small claims amount was \$10,000 and now it is increased to \$15,000. **Judge Richard Hill** confirmed the increase of the small claims amount which occurred during the last legislative session.

Judge Richard Hill reported the following court dates:

Criminal Court will be held on November 17, 2015.
Traffic Court will be held on November 18, 2015.

Criminal Court will be held on December 1, 2015.
Traffic Court will be held on December 2, 2015.

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

H. U.S. Park Service:

**Warren Schlesinger, Supervisory
Park Ranger**

No Report

6. **ZONING:**

A. **CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:** None

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

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **Joe P. Gloria, Registrar of Voters for Clark County** distributed copies of the “2016 Candidate Guide” and of “Senate Bill 115 – Senator Hardy” for reference as he introduced Senate Bill 115 (SB 115) to the public and how it will impact the Town Advisory Board.

The Candidate Guide is available online at:

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/election/Services/Pages/CandidateFiling.aspx>

The Nevada Secretary of State website is:

<http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=72>

Registrar Joe Gloria stressed that **SB 115** made a new requirement for those Town Advisory Boards that are located within a county whose population is 700,000 (thus is Clark County) and 25 miles or more from a city whose population is 500,000 (thus is Las Vegas) are required to be elected to their Town Advisory Boards. The members who are now serving under appointments need to file for office; forms are located in the 2016 Candidate Guide.

The candidacy filing period will begin Monday, March 7, 2016, at 8:00 A.M. and the last day to file is Friday, March 18, 2016, at 5:00 P.M., in Las Vegas, at the Clark County Government Center, 1st Floor, in the Pueblo Room. There are instructions in the 2016 Candidate Guide. There is no filing fee for the office at this time in that elected position is uncompensated. Candidates are required to take care of all the campaign expenditures.

Mr. Gloria opened the floor to questions on the new guidelines. **Judge Richard Hill** requested confirmation that indeed there is no filing fee of \$100.00. **Mr. Gloria** confirmed that as fact.

Mr. Gloria stated that the position is a 2 year term and up for re-election every even year. If not all five seats are filed for candidacy, then the Clark County Commissioner will appoint, until all Town Advisory Board vacancies are filled.

Stanton Colton requested clarification as to how the elections will be run. **Mr. Gloria** stated it would be held on the election cycle with the regular ballot. The sample ballots that are mailed out to the registered voters will list the Town Advisory Board open seats and the candidates.

Mr. Colton inquired if the Registrar of Voters will be creating a separate precinct for Searchlight. **Mr. Gloria** noted there is no separate precinct created or being created for Searchlight for this election. A discussion followed regarding the boundaries of the Searchlight Town Board and the surrounding locations. **Mr. Gloria** next directed the attention to a large scale map of the Town Advisory Board District Boundary. After much discussion it was observed that there are two (2) precincts in Searchlight. But only one (1) precinct is able to cast votes to elect the Town Board Members.

Jackie Brady observed and informed the audience that the unincorporated Town Advisory Board area of Searchlight and the Judicial Searchlight Township are represented by color on the map. On closer review of the map the **Searchlight Town Advisory Board Members** and **Mr. Gloria** had a discussion as to the history of the area of yesterday and the new boundaries of today being significantly different. **Mr. Gloria** noted that the boundaries of today are correct and defined by ordinance created by the **County Commissioners**. **Mr. Gloria** assured the **Searchlight Town Board** he will review historic boundaries due to their concerns. He then offered to send **Jackie Brady** a PDF format of a better scaled map to distribute to the Town Advisory Board via email.

Mr. Colton asked **Ms. Brady** to please look into the boundary lines as well. She noted that she will look into the boundaries, and that it would require looking into the legal description and mapping description provided by **Comprehensive Planning**.

Sandra Walters asserted that future candidates would be required to reside within the boundaries of the Town Advisory Board area represented in blue on the map. **Mr. Gloria** underscored that **Ms. Walters's** statement is correct.

Judge Richard Hill noted that the map may represent more area than Searchlight itself.

Mr. Gloria confirmed that candidates elected to office cannot be removed by the **County Commissioners**. Appointments can only occur if a seat is vacated.

Mr. Colton noted that only registered voters can cast a ballot for Town Board Members.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

B. **Capital Funds Committee: None.**

C. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee: None**

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Public Works/Roads:**

Bill Bodkin

Bill Bodkin sent information to **Public Works** in regards to the lights that are out of service in the area. **Public Works** notified **Bill Bodkin** that the list contained a large area of Searchlight

and it would take some time to replace all the lights listed.

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

Sandra Walters reported for **Kate Colton** on the upcoming activities at the Senior Center.

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

Judy Bundorf reported on the outcome of the case of Bundorf vs. Jewel that took place on October 30, 2015; she also handed out copies of various press releases and reviewed headlines associated with the case.

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 regularly scheduled meeting is December 9, 2015, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV 89046.

Agenda items due no later than November 24, 2015.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:49 P.M.

For Possible Action

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the December 9, 2015, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the January 13, 2016, meeting.