



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, February 9, 2011
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Bodkin
Jill Canepa
Ellie Shook
Sandra Walters

ABSENT: Verlie Doing (Excused Absence)

OTHERS PRESENT: 14 persons signed in.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order as deemed necessary.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. **Approval of the March 9, 2011 Agenda.** **Action**

Bill Bodkin moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve as presented the March 9, 2011 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Approval of the February 9, 2011 Minutes.** **Action**

Sandy Walters moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to approve as presented the

January 12, 2011 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (**Verlie Doing** Absent).

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** **Action**

4. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department**

Officer Dave Thompson reported.

Searchlight January 2011 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 19
Traffic Citations: 90
DUI's: 1
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 2
Juvenile Citations: 0

Casino Drive Construction. There is a lot of road construction on Casino Drive in Laughlin and the projected finish date is targeted for April 2011. Highway 163, between Needles Highway and the Laughlin Bridge, is going to closed for three weeks in April. There will be a detour to Needles Highway to Bruce Woodbury, the down to Casino Drive.

Investigations. Las Vegas Metro, along with some other agencies both private and government, were involved in investigations that resulted in several search warrants in Las Vegas, Searchlight and Laughlin. The one in Searchlight was Colton's General Store. They were creating false credit cards and electronic debits cards, etc., and Metro would like anyone that feels they may have had fraudulent use on their personal cards to contact Metro Fraud Detail. If you notice that you have any fraudulent activity on your cards from use at the Colton General Store, contact your bank or credit card company immediately for a new card because you have been compromised. There are tens of thousands of cards that were compromised, so put the word out to your friends before they become a victim because any time you use a credit or debit card you could be compromised.

B. **Nevada Highway Patrol** – No report.

C. **U.S. Park Service** – No report.

D. **Las Vegas Valley Water District.** **Jordan Bunker** reported.

Searchlight LVVWD Report. Contract 1286, the well discharge pipeline from the new well S-3 is approximately 75% complete with over three miles of pipe installed. The water treatment facility is still on schedule with the bids expected to be awarded in May 2011 with construction to begin one to two months after that. Completion of the water treatment facility project is expected to be complete in Spring 2012. The system remains stable and water use consistent with what it was at this time last year.

E. **Parks & Recreation: Debbie Pinkerton** – No report.

F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department**

John Palmer reported.

SVFD Station 75 January. Calls for Service. There were 15 calls in January 2011: 13 medical and 2 fire. The calls are averaging about double what they were in 2010.

5. **ZONING:** **Action**

A. **TA-0007-11 – SIEGEL COMPANIES, INC:**
TEXT AMENDMENT: to amend Title 30, Chapter 30.08, Table 30.44-1 (Chapter 30.44) to create a new development code category for extended stay units in certain zoning districts subject to a minimum one-week stay and complete kitchens being provided. To the Board of County Commissioners 03/02/11.

Jill Canepa read the **TA-0007-11 – Siegel COMPANIES, INC.**
BACKGROUND: Project Description, General Summary, STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL, and Analysis, Current Planning, Staff Recommendation.

Jackie Brady gave a brief explanation of the proposed Text Amendment.

Ellie Shook asked what they are trying to bring into Searchlight, and **Jackie Brady** explained that the proposed Text Amendment will change Title 30 for all of Clark County to allow this type of development and use based upon the request of a specific applicant.

Bill Bodkin moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve **TA-0007-11**, subject to staff recommendations. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (**Verlie Doing** Absent).

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

A. None.

7. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **CDAC REPORT**

Receive a report and update from Bob Shawn, Community Development Advisory Committee Representative of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.

Bob Shawn, Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Representative of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, reported that on January 18, 2011, **Mr. Michael Pawlak**, Manager of the Community Resources Management under the Department of Finance in Clark County, stated that there was going to be three meetings this year and they are going to be full. This year the CDAC will not be hearing any Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) application presentations because last year the Resources Management team finalized the CDBT Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Mr. Shawn reported there was general discussion led by **Dr. Brian Paulson**, CDAC Coordinator, about what the purpose of the CDAC was and the roles and duties of the appointed representatives. My job as a representative of Searchlight is to review grant applications that are submitted. This year there are approximately thirteen applications submitted under the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). Clark County has allocated \$279,751.00 to help these non-profit organizations. The amount of money requested from the applications total \$826,224.00, resulting in a shortfall of \$746,473.00 to support the requests. It is the duty of the CDAC Committee to figure out who gets what.

Mr. Shawn reported that **Kristin Cooper**, the Principal Planner, gave a briefing on the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, and explained that for a five-year period the Consolidated Plan covers and identifies needs in housing, community development and homelessness. Market analysis is incorporated before coming up with strategies to address these issues.

Mr. Shawn reported that **Lyndee Lloyd-Cichon**, NSP Grants Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This is a new program created in response to the foreclosure crisis that will be detailed at a future meeting.

Mr. Shawn reported that **Dr. Brian Paulson**, CDAC Coordinator, gave

an update on CDBG Capital Improvement Plan and area project status that will be reported at a later date.

Mr. Shawn reported that **Tim Burch**, Assistant Director of Social Services, gave a presentation on a Homeless and Housing Plan, stating that on any given evening over 13,000 people are homeless under the HUD definition.

Mr. Shawn reported that on February 2, 2011 application requests were heard from the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) applicants.

Mr. Shawn reported that a more extensive report will be given in the future because of the overwhelming amount of information received.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

A. **Capital Funds Committee** – No report.

9. **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership** – No report.

B. **Community Development Advisory Committee**

Bill Bodkin reported that the first meeting of the Community Development Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 8, 2011.

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Searchlight Clinic** – No report.

A. **Public Works/Roads**

Bill Bodkin reported.

RESIDENTIAL STREET SLURRY. **Mr. Bodkin** called to ask when the residential streets were going to be slurry sealed and was told it would be sometime in early summer 2011 when the temperature averages above 70 degrees.

NDOT. **Mr. Bodkin** called Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding signs and other information and was told the church barrier is still being worked on and more information is needed, but by next month there may be more to report.

Jill Canepa asked if **Bill Bodkin** is interest in having a committee

assigned to Public Works Projects. **Jackie Brady** reported that it could be put on the next agenda, but **Bill Bodkin** stated that he isn't sure a committee is needed. **Jill Canepa** responded that because roads are always an issue, she thinks that a committee might be helpful but stated that she will ask around to see how the community feels about it and if there is a need it can be placed on a subsequent LTAB agenda.

C. **Senior Center: Kate Dobie**, Cal-Nv-Ari, NV

Style Show. A Style Show will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 2:00 PM. **Easter Dinner.** Easter dinner will be served on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, at 3:00 PM. **Volunteers.** Volunteers are needed at the Senior Center, so if you have any free time to volunteer, please call **Lori** at 297-1614 to find out what she needs and when. Your help would be very much appreciated. **Donations needed.** We need used DVD and used books and paperbacks. **Memorial Tree.** The Senior Center has a Memorial Tree in the rear lobby. Leaves are available to have your loved one remembered on the Memorial Tree for a minimum donation of \$5.00. **50/50 Raffle.** A 50/50 raffle will be held after dinner on Thursday nights. **Lunch.** Lunch will no longer be served on Thursdays on Fridays. **Bingo.** Bingo is at 6:00 PM every Thursday following dinner. Free Bingo for prizes starts at 2:30 to 4:30 PM every Friday. **Pool.** Pool practice is Monday mornings, 9:00 AM and Friday evenings, 5:00 PM. The poolroom is open anytime the center is open. For information call **Al Randolph** at 297-1613. **Homebound Meals.** Homebound meals are available by calling 297-1614. If you are aware of someone needing these services, please call the Senior/50 Plus Club at 297-1614. We deliver to all surrounding areas.

D. **Museum Guild**

E. **Special Events** – No report.

F. **Waste Water Management** – No report.

11. **COMMUNITY INPUT AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Judy Bundorf reported that she talked today with **Greg Helseth** of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) about when the draft Environment Impact Statement for the Searchlight wind energy project will be available, and was told it will not be available until July 2011, with a thirty-day comment period following. The Resource Management Plan that they are working on now won't be available for several months. A Transwest Express Transmission Project flyer, a 720-mile long transmission line from Rawlins, Wyoming to Boulder City, Nevada was made available for anyone interested. Visualization boards were shown of what the desert around Searchlight looks like now and what it could look like with the

proposed wind turbine project will be available for closer inspection at the Searchlight Nugget. **Bill Bodkin** asked if the turbines are depicted to scale and **Ms. Bundorf** responded yes.

Russ Coons, Searchlight resident. **Mr. Coons** reported that a two-mile, 36' wide road will be opened up from Searchlight into the desert and the site of the wind turbines. This will allow free access to property that is now inaccessible. These wind turbines are 128' and cost approximately \$1.5 million dollars. It will be a sad thing to see the wind turbines replace the current desert landscape.

Debbie Marcusson, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, gave an update on the Needs Assessment Survey that was supposed to be mailed out on February 1, 2011, to all Laughlin and Searchlight residents with a deliverable mailing address (5888 addresses). There was a little delay getting them out due to postage issues, but everyone should be receiving their survey in Searchlight by the beginning of next week. The survey does include the UMC Medical Center questionnaire as discussed last month. Copies will be made available at the Searchlight Community Center, the Senior Center, and Senior Housing.

Jill Canepa asked who could be contacted for additional information about insurance coverages accepted at UMC, and **Jackie Brady** responded **Linda Jacob**, Director of Quick Care Primary Care Facilities for university Medical Center, would be the one to ask.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is *Wednesday*, February 23, 2011, and the next regular meeting is *Wednesday*, March 9, 2011, at **6:00 P.M.**, Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than February 14, 2011, and February 28, respectively.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Bill Bodkin moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (**Verlie Doing** Absent).

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the march 9, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting.