



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2012
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Jill Canepa, Chair**
 Sandra Walters, Vice-Chair
 Bill Bodkin
 Verlie Doing
 Ellie Shook

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: 18 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. **Jill Canepa**, Chair, announced that Agenda Item 8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS, A. will be moved forward on the agenda and be heard at 4. CORRESPONDENCE.
- 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 January 11, 2012 Agenda.** **For Possible Action**

Bill Bodkin moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve as presented the January 11, 2012 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

B. **Approval of the December 14, 2011 Minutes.** **For Possible Action**

Verlie Doing moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to approve as presented the December 14, 2011 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:**

For Possible Action

*This Agenda item was taken out of order from **8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

For Possible Action

Receive a request from **Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTC), Silver Rider, for a letter of support from the Searchlight Town Advisory Board that will accompany the SNTC’s request for continuation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Searchlight, and take any other action deemed appropriate.

Michelle Vestal, representing Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTC), Silver Rider, gave a brief explanation of the request for a letter of support from the Searchlight Town Advisory Board that will accompany the SNTC’s request for continuation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Searchlight.

Jill Canepa, Chair, read a letter of support into the record by as follows:

January 11, 2012
Ms. Melisa Kunter
Nevada Department of Transportation
Intermodal Planning
1263 S. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89712

Re: Support Letter

Dear Ms. Kunter:

At the January 11, 2012 meeting of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, a letter of support was approved for continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) for the community of Laughlin.

Public transportation is vital to the community of Searchlight, particularly in these difficult economic times. Searchlight has a high population of senior citizens, as well as low-income residents, who are public transit dependent.

As you know, the residents in rural communities like Searchlight have limited services available, making public transportation their only access to normal daily necessities and life sustaining medical accessibility. Although this is the case in many rural communities, transportation is especially critical to the residents of Searchlight who have no other public transportation options currently open to them.

The Searchlight Town Advisory Board appreciates your serious consideration of the request for continued Federal Transit Administration funding for the operation of the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) local bus service to provide public transportation in Searchlight, Nevada.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Canepa, Chair
Searchlight Town Advisory Board

cc: Jackie Brady, Laughlin Town Manager
Debbie Dauenhauer, Executive Director, Silver Rider
Searchlight Town Advisory Board

Sandy Walters moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve the letter of support as read into the record. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

5. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department: Lt. Brian Evans**

December 2011 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 16
Traffic Citations: 56
DUI's: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 1
Bookings: 1 Adult, 0 Juvenile
Juvenile Arrests: 0

Juvenile Citations: 0

1) Personnel is still down four positions from this time last year; 2) In December 2011 two days of tactical training in field movement, tactics, and realistic scenarios was conducted with the Bullhead City Police Department, the National Park Service and the Nevada Highway Patrol; 3) **Jill and Mitch Canepa** were thanked for their generous \$500 donation that was used for Santa Cops to purchase gifts for Searchlight children for Christmas; and 4) Preparations for River Run 2012 are under way with the Tri-State Investigators meeting this month to discuss River Run tactics and attend a Hate Crime Seminar.

B. **Nevada Highway Patrol: Trooper Yvonne Morgan** – No report.

C. **U.S. Park Service: Andrew Munoz, Public Affairs Officer** – No report.

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

Jordan Bunker could not attend the meeting, but communicated to the Chair via email that the system is stable. There was a break between well S2 and the town on December 22, 2011, but it was located and repaired before residents were affected. Everything else looks good.

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

1) In December 2011, 40,000 gallons were treated, a flow decrease of 8,000 gallons per day from last year at this time. 2) There were no sewer service complaints and no call before you dig requests for December.

F. **Parks & Recreation: Debbie Pinkerton**

Debbie Pinkerton retired January 6, 2012. **Darrell Rich**, Debbie's supervisor, will be checking on things in Searchlight from time to time until a replacement is hired.

H. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department: John Palmer**

1) Effective January 1, 2012 **John Palmer** is now the new Fire Chief and **Rick Marshall** is the Assistant Fire Chief of Station 75, and all other personnel are still in place; 2) In December 2011 there were 11 medical calls and 1 auto accident, in November 2011 there were 18 medical calls, 0 fire calls, and 3 auto calls, in October 2011 there were 11 medical calls, 4 fire calls, and 1 auto call; 3) The total call volume from 2011 versus 2010 is up at least 130%; 4) One month in 2011 there were 7 fire calls, but 3 of those were arson calls along Highway 95; 5) All four Station 75

vehicles are fully operational; 6) Going through live fire training last week and yesterday with the National Park Service at Boulder Beach in a joint effort between the National Park Service, Nevada Department of Forestry and Clark County Fire Department; 7) The burn trailer will be at Station 84 in Cal-Nev-Ari on January 28, 2012 and is a FEMA funded project; 8) Next month there are two people going through EMT training bringing the total to five people who are EMT trained; 9) Thanked the Grand Prix Race and **Jill and Mitch Canepa** for the \$500 contribution because all of the funding for the Station 75 Fire Station is through non-profit donations.

6. **ZONING:** **For Possible Action**

A. **UC-0542-11 – USA:**

USE PERMITS for the following: 1) allow a communication tower; and 2) increase communication tower height.

DESIGN REVIEW for a communication tower and supporting ground equipment on a portion of 634.2 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone.

Generally located 300 feet south of Cottonwood Cove Road and 1,400 feet east of Wendell Boulevard within Searchlight. To the Planning Commission 01/03/12. Held to 02/07/12 Planning Commission meeting.

Tom Dombrowski, NV Energy, 6226 West Sahara, Las Vegas, NV, 89146, explained that the communication tower and related equipment is part of the NV Energy infrastructure for the NV Energize Program (Smart Meter Program). The Smart Meter Program allows the customer to manage energy usage in a hands-on manner. The location of the proposed tower is 1,400 feet east of Wendell Boulevard within Searchlight, or 2/3 of a mile from Michael Wendell Way and ½ mile from residentially zoned property. A flag was placed at the site of the proposed tower so residents could identify the exact location of the tower intended to serve Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari and Cottonwood Cove. The project is federally funded with no cost to the ratepayers. The tower will be a microwave dish tower, not a cell tower. Construction of the tower is anticipated to begin within three months, and the smart meters have already been installed.

Sandra Walters moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve **UC-0542-11 – USA**. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jackie Brady stated that she didn't think that the board approved the Design Review portion of **UC-0542-11 – USA**, so **Jill Canepa** moved, **Sandra Walters** seconded to approve the Design Review for a communication tower and supporting ground equipment on a portion of

634.2 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

*This Agenda item was taken out of order from **8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

- B. **NV ENERGY SMART METER REPORT** No Action
Receive a report from **Chelsie Campbell**, Local Government Affairs – South, NV Energy, regarding the new NV Energize (Smart Meters).

Peter Easler, NV Energy, 6226 West Sahara, Las Vegas, NV, 89146, gave a presentation explaining the new Smart Meter program being implemented by NV Energy and how the Smart Meters will benefit the consumer with new technology to understand your energy use and improve outage response. There is also a “Cool Share Program” offered that, with the permission of the customer, allows NV Energy to reduce individual consumer energy use and cooling costs by controlling your thermostat for certain times of the day for short periods of time. There is also a home display unit available to monitor air conditioning and appliance usage. Meters will be installed in the very near future.

Questions followed regarding the Cool Share Program, passive solar energy, and installation of the new meters.

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

- A. None.

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS: For Possible Action**

*This Agenda item was taken out of order at **4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. **LETTER OF SUPPORT** For Possible Action
Receive a request from **Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTC), Silver Rider, for a letter of support from the Searchlight Town Advisory Board that will accompany the SNTC’s request for continuation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Searchlight, and take any other action deemed appropriate.

*This Agenda item was taken out of order at **6. ZONING.**

- B. **NV ENERGY SMART METER REPORT** No Action
Receive a report from **Chelsie Campbell**, Local Government Affairs – South, NV Energy, regarding the new NV Energize (Smart Meters).

- C. **REAFFIRM CAPITAL FUNDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS** For Possible Action
Discuss the Searchlight Town Advisory Board standing Capital Funds

Committee members, and take any action deemed appropriate.

After brief discussion about the Searchlight Capital Funds account in the approximate amount of \$300,000 for improvements to the Searchlight Community Center, **Jill Canepa** moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to appoint the following people to the Capital Funds Committee: **Verlie Doing, Jane Overy, Diane Kendall** and **Casey Canepa**. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting of the Searchlight Capital Funds Committee will be on March 6, 2012, 6:00 PM, Searchlight Community Center, at which time the committee will discuss changing the meeting dates from four times a year to two times a year.

D. ADD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS For Possible Action

Consider adding Windmill Project, Searchlight Community Church, and other types of community reports to the Community Organization reports to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board Agenda, and take any action deemed appropriate.

After discussion, **Sandra Walters** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to add the Windmill Project report to the regular Searchlight Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jill Canepa moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to remove the Museum Guild report from the regular Searchlight town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:

- A. **Capital Funds Committee (Next scheduled meeting date March 6, 2012)** – No report.

10. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

- A. **Public Works/Roads: Bill Bodkin** – No report.
- B. **Senior Center: Kate Dobbie**

Christmas Dinner. Christmas dinner was served December 25, 2011 at 1:00 PM and Prime Rib, baked potato, vegetable and roll was served for a donation of \$3.00 over 60 years of age and \$4 under 60 years of age. Please call or go in to sign up. **Pool.** A tournament with men's and women's divisions started on January 9, 2012 and will be ongoing on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM and Friday nights at 5:30 PM, with signup

sheets and rules posted. **No Impact Weight Resistance Training.** No Impact Weight Resistance Training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 AM with Joan Denning leading the 45-minute class. **Computer Workshop.** There is a daily computer workshop at 9:00 AM. **Three Square Senior Share.** Three Square Senior Share on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and January 25, 2012. **Volunteer Drivers Needed.** Dependable volunteer drivers with a good driving record are needed for Homebound Meals. **Thrift Nook.** \$1/bag sale every Tuesday. Open during regular Senior Center hours. **Memorial Tree.** There is a memorial tree in the rear of the lobby with leaves available to have your loved one remembered with a leaf on the Memorial Tree for a minimum donation of \$5. **Searchlight Senior Center/50 Plus Club.** Open Monday thru Wednesday 8AM-1 PM, lunch served at 11:30 AM (transportation available). Open Thursday and Friday at 1 PM with dinner served at 4:30 PM (suggested donation now \$3 for those over age 60 and \$4 for those under age 60). Bingo starts at 6 PM-8 PM on Thursday, and pool immediately follows dinner on Friday. **Homebound Meals.** Homebound Meals can be provided for anyone unable to get out to go to lunch or dinner. Please call the Senior Center at 297-1614.

The Senior Center is going through economic difficulties at this time, as are most people and organizations. Donations are happily accepted and very much needed.

For more information on events and services call the Senior 50 Plus Club at 297-1614.

C. **Museum Guild: Jane Overy** – No report.

D. **Special Events**

Kate Dobbie reported that **Debbie Pinkerton** retired from Clark County Parks and Recreation Department. **Debbie Pinkerton** prepared the party at the Searchlight Community Center following the Searchlight Parade of Lights in December 2011, and she did a great job. The church had a wonderful Christmas party for the children of Searchlight and 25 gifts were given out: bags of clothing, toys and stockings were also distributed. **Jill and Mitch Canepa** were thanked for their contribution to the Camp Fund for the children.

E. **University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: Debbie Marcusson, Ext. Educator** – No report.

Bill Bodkin moved, **Jill Canepa** seconded to add to Agenda Item 8. D. removal of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension report from the Searchlight Town Advisory Board Agenda, stating that if a report is given in the future it can

be heard under Public Comments. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

12. **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, Grandpa's Road, Searchlight, NV. The draft Environmental Impact Statement for Searchlight Wind Project has not yet been issued even though it was scheduled to be published in the Federal Register effective either December 9 or 16, 2011. It might be out January 13, 20, or 27, 2012. Following issue there will be a 90-day review period of the 563-page document, which will be available to the public online, as a CD, as a Thumb Drive, or as a Hard Copy. To obtain a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement for Searchlight Wind Project contact the Bureau of Land Management Office in Las Vegas at (702) 515-5000. Points of contact are **Greg Helseth** or **Nancy Christ** in the Renewable Energy Department. The Public meeting will be February 21, 2012, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV. **Ms. Bundorf** encouraged everyone to call and request that the Public Meeting be held in Searchlight instead of Laughlin.

John Palmer, Searchlight, NV, stated to **Jackie Brady** that in November 2011 a request was put in to Clark County to repaint portions of Station 75, and the painters were sent within 48 hours. Now the whole facility is in need of caulking, minor repair and repainting since the swamp coolers have been replaced that prevented the entire building from being painted in November.

13. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, February 1, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than January 23, 2012, and February 6, 2012, respectively.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** **For Possible Action**

Verlie Doing moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Upon a voice, vote, motion carried 5-0.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 15, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting.