



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2010
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Bill Bodkin, Chair**
 Verlie Doing, Vice Chair
 Jill Canepa
 Robert Shawn
 Ellie Shook

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: 19 persons signed in.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. **Bill Bodkin** called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law. *The meeting was delayed due to technical problems with the recording equipment and resumed at 6:10 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order as deemed necessary.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. **Approval of the November 9, 2010 Agenda.** **Verlie Doing** moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve the November 9, 2010 Agenda as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.
- B. **Approval of the October 13, 2010 Minutes.** **Robert Shawn** moved, **Jill Canepa** seconded to approve the October 13, 2010 Minutes as corrected to remove "Bob Shawn led the" in 1.B (CALL TO ORDER). Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

4. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department**

Lt. Brian Evans reported.

Searchlight October 2010 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 18

Traffic Citations: 66

DUI's: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 2

Juvenile Citations: 0

Tucker Holding Facility. No decision on the Tucker Holding Facility has been made yet , so inmates are still being transported to Searchlight for pickup and further transport to Las Vegas. A decision is expected soon on the Tucker Holding Facility will remain open and the hours of operation.

Searchlight Activity: On October 31, 2010, a male motorcycle gang member was arrested after a traffic stop in Searchlight for Carrying Concealed Explosive Weapon (a loaded flare gun) and Failure to Drive in the Travel Lane.

Thanksgiving Baskets. This time of year the Laughlin Metro Substation gets involved in donating Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in Searchlight and Laughlin.

Audrey Morrison, 190 N. Montana Street, Searchlight, NV, reported that traffic is stopping on Highway 95 in the middle of town near the Senior Center and the Chameleon. **Lt. Evans** responded that he will coordinate with the Nevada Highway Patrol and let his officers know that there is a problem there.

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

C. **U.S. Park Service** – No report.

D. **Las Vegas Valley Water District**

Jordan Bunker was unable to attend the meeting, but **Bill Bodkin** read a

short report sent by **Mr. Bunker**.

Searchlight LVVWD Report. The system remains in stable condition with no leaks or breaks to report. Water use remains consistent with October use of last year. The well discharge pipeline from the new well S-3 is on schedule to be completed in April 2011. It is approximately 40 percent complete. Approximately 2,300 linear feet of 12-inch diameter pipeline has been installed beginning at the S-3 well site.

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

F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.

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

A. None.

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

A. None.

7. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

*A. This agenda item was taken out of agenda order by the Chair and heard after 7.B.

A. **UNIVERSITY OF NV COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Receive a report from **Debbie Marcusson**, Extension Educator, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, on the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension services in Laughlin.

B. **SEARCHLIGHT UMC CLINIC**

Receive a report from a representative of University Medical Center (UMC) regarding the Searchlight UMC Clinic and any possible plans for closure of the clinic, and take any action deemed appropriate.

John Eddy, Associate Administrator, University Medical Center (UMC), introduced himself and reported that changes are going to be made to the clinic system, but UMC is committed to have a clinic in Searchlight. About three months ago the Searchlight and Laughlin UMC Quick Care Manager working out of the Laughlin clinic retired. At that time, an evaluation of services in Searchlight and Laughlin was requested to determine the amount and quality of services currently being offered and how UMC can provide quality services in Searchlight and Laughlin in the future. Processes may change, but UMC services will continue to be offered. **Mr. Eddy** opened the floor to questions. **Bill Bodkin** stated that the primary question the Town Board had was “is the clinic going to

close?" **Mr. Eddy** responded that the Searchlight UMC Clinic is not going to close. **Ellie Shook** asked if it is possible to get a doctor to come to Searchlight at least one day a week, and **Mr. Eddy** responded that he won't say yes or no at this time because an evaluation of services and processes currently in use in the operation of the clinic have not been evaluated. After all of the options have not been explored, perhaps a Nurse Practitioner is the answer for Searchlight. **Ms. Shook** asked if **Mr. Eddy** will come back to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board to report when the evaluations have been completed and a decision about the operation of the clinic made, and **Mr. Eddy** responded that, yes, he would come back. **Audrey Morrison** asked if the Searchlight UMC Clinic will be taking blood draws and **Mr. Eddy** responded that there are specific regulatory guidelines for the taking, storing, testing and reporting of blood draws, and if it is not a UMC doctor who requests the test, that places UMC in a position of responsibility that needs to be evaluated. **Mary Tyler** stated that the Searchlight UMC Clinic staff is great, but the clinic is typically undersupplied with basic supplies like band-aids and gauze, and her expectations have not been met. Discussion followed with questions about providing pediatric care, a podiatrist, and what insurance coverages will be accepted by UMC. **Mr. Eddy** responded that the community will be advised of changes and what the scope of services will be after the evaluation and determination of what services are needed in Searchlight and what UMC can provide. In the meantime, **Mr. Eddy** would like to have UMC representatives meet with representatives of the Searchlight community to determine what the specific community needs are and how UMC can meet those needs.

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A. **UNIVERSITY OF NV COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**
Receive a report from Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, on the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension services in Laughlin.

Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, introduced herself and announced that a Cooperative Extension office is soon to be opened at the Laughlin Community Resource Center and presented a brief PowerPoint presentation about the services that will be offered to the citizens of Searchlight. The purpose of university based cooperative extension programming, as set forth in the Smith Lever Act of May 18, 1914, is to disseminate useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics and related subjects to program beneficiaries not enrolled in formal course work. The mission is to discover, develop, disseminate, preserve, and use knowledge to strengthen the social, economic, and environmental well being of Searchlight citizens. A

community needs assessment will lead to the development of a curriculum based upon those needs. Information will then be disseminated on classes, seminars, and workshops, in effect bringing the university to Searchlight. There are twenty offices statewide with the main office in Las Vegas with funding through Federal, State and County with 22 grants totaling \$1,762,849 through Federal, private and Nation grants in the Southern Area in 2009. There are three major programming areas: 1) Water, horticulture, economics and environment issues, 2) Children, youth and family development, and 3) Health and nutrition education. More than 200 personnel, with the help of volunteers, deliver non-degree, educational programs in these programming areas. Cooperative extension themes for the 21st century are quality programs fulfill lifelong learning needs; flexible, multidisciplinary university teams respond to local issues; and technology provides seamless programming to all corners of southern Nevada. Find out more at www.unce.unr.edu/blogs/southernarea or www.Youtube.com/UNRExtension. **Ms. Marcusson's** job will be to understand the local community, perform a needs assessment based on input from the community, compile the survey data and establish goals based on that data, and implement community classes that meet community needs.

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**

Bob Shawn reported that he has been in contact with **Brian Paulson** and the meetings will start in January 2011.

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

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

B. **Public Works/Roads** – No report.

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

Annual Halloween Party. The annual Halloween Party was held on Thursday, October 28, 2010, with social hour at 4:00 PM, and dinner of shredded beef enchiladas, pinto beans and rice and corn dinner served at 5:00 PM. Turnout was great and so was the food. **Installation of New**

Officers. The Senior Center installation of new officers took place at the Annual Halloween Party as follows: **Al Randolph**, President; **Kate Dobie**, Vice-President; **Joan Denning**, Treasurer; **Jean Grove**, Secretary; **Betty Birch**, **Verlie Doing**, **Cora Jepsen** and **Margaret Knoles**.

Thanksgiving Dinner. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Senior Center at 3:30 PM on Thursday, November 25, 2010. Please come in or call to sign up in advance. The usual donation of \$2 for over 60 and \$3 under 60 applies.

Senior Olympic Pool Tournament. Ten seniors played in the Senior Olympic Pool Tournament in Laughlin on November 2, 2010 as follows: **Al Randolph**, **Don Dougan**, **Ron Jackson**, **Bob & Betty Birch**, **Harry & Jean Grove**, **Tom Hamilton**, **Nick Salvato** and **Bruce Dobbie**. **Don Dougan** won Silver and **Al Randolph** won Bronze.

Annual Fashion Show. The Annual Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010, 2:30 PM featuring fashions from Bon Worth stores. Admission is \$5 and proceeds will benefit our Arts & Crafts fund.

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.

Bingo. Bingo is every Thursday at 6:00 PM following dinner.

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** – No report.

E. **Special Events**

Jill Canepa reported that the 13th Annual Searchlight Grand Prix will be held in Searchlight on November 13 and 14, 2010. Certain roads will be closed from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For information or registration call 297-1234.

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

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

Kate Dobie reported that the Parade of Lights will be held on the second Saturday in December (December 11, 2010). Lineup will start at 4:30 PM and the parade begins at 5:00 PM, followed by Santa and ornament decorating at the Searchlight Community Center.

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 May-ish 2011, with a thirty-day comment period following.

Verlie Doing reported that **Judy Bundorf** provided a 24" x 30" map of the wind energy project that is hung in the Searchlight Nugget that gives a clearer picture of the wind energy project.

Bob Shawn reported that **Susan Myhre**, Regional IV Director of the Nevada PTA, will be hosting a PTSA meeting at the Searchlight Community Center on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, and all are welcome to attend.

Kate Dobie asked about the Straw Poll and **Jackie Brady** responded that the Straw Poll is not an election. The Clark County Board of County Commissioners will make Searchlight Town Advisory Board appointments the first Monday in January 2011. All applications received, as well as the results of the Straw Poll, must be considered for appointment.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is *Wednesday*, December 1, 2010, and the next regular meeting is *Wednesday*, December 8, 2010, at **6:00 P.M.**, Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than November 22, 2010, and November 29, 2010, respectively.

There was discussion about the December 15, 2010 Searchlight Town Advisory Board meeting date set by the Planning Commission, and it was decided that if there are no zoning items to be heard, the meeting date should be reverted back to the second Wednesday of December, December 8, 2010, as stated in the ByLaws.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Verlie Doing moved, **Jill Canepa** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the December 8, 2010 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting.