



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, October 13, 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
Ellie Shook

ABSENT: **Robert Shawn** (Excused Absence)

OTHERS PRESENT: 19 persons signed in.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. **Bill Bodkin** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Bob Shawn led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order as deemed necessary.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. **Approval of the October 13, 2010 Agenda.** **Jill Canepa** moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve the October 13, 2010 Agenda as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.
- B. **Approval of the September 15, 2010 Minutes.** **Jill Canepa** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve the September 15, 2010 Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

4. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

- A. **Metropolitan Police Department** - No report.
- 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. Water use for September was consistent with September 2009. On Monday there was a leak located between the well and the check valve on the outlet pipeline of Well S-2 that was repaired the same day so the town was unaffected. The well discharge pipeline from the new S-3 well is on schedule to be completed in April 2011. The Searchlight Water Watch was mailed to customers this week and there are copies available at this meeting if anyone would like one.

- 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. **POSSIBLE GUARD RAIL INSTALLATION, SIGN REPLACEMENTS & HOOVER DAM BRIDGE UPDATE**
Receive a report from Rudy Malfabon, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), on the possible installation of a guard rail near the Searchlight Community church at 815 North U.S. Highway 95, status of the various sign replacement requests, and an update on the new bridge at Hoover Dam, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Rudy Malfabon, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), reported that he was asked to look into the possibility of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) installing guard rails next to the

church on the north end of town. The NDOT Traffic Engineer will do a field review, and then if there is a recommendation for a guard rail from the Traffic Engineer, it goes to the District Engineer about funding. **Mr. Malfabon** will report back to the Town Board once he has heard from the Traffic Engineer and talked to the District Engineer.

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 14, 2010, there is a special event for the dedication of the Mike O'Callaghan—Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge at Hoover Dam with many dignitaries present including the Transportation Secretary from the U. S. Department of Transportation, the head of the Federal Highway Administration, and **Senator Reid**. On Saturday, October 16, 2010, there will be an event where the public can walk on the bridge and take photographs. The soft opening of the bridge will be in about two weeks, and by the first week of November it should be completely open.

Mr. Malfabon suggested that a member of the Town Board talk to the head of the NDOT maintenance crew, **Dale**, regarding the sign near Grandpas Road and Oregon Trail, and the truck warning sign at Oregon Trail. **Dale** will then relay the information to the Traffic Engineer so it can be addressed. **Bill Bodkin** volunteered to talk to **Dale**.

Mr. Malfabon reported that the State Historical Office informed him that the verbiage on the State Historical Marker for Searchlight will be edited before being re-installed. The State Historical Preservation Office had a contractor who was supposed to install the sign, but that contractor went out of business without informing them, so arrangements have been made to have it installed by a new contractor within the next two months.

B. STATUS REPORT ON THE SEARCHLIGHT PTA

Receive a status report from Susan Myhre, Regional IV Director of the Nevada PTA, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Child welfare through parent involvement is the mission of the Nevada PTSA with the mental, physical, social and spiritual welfare of children as the goal. The PTA is a national organization that has been in existence for over 100 years as a public charity, non-profit organization, IRS 501c3. **Susan Myhre** is seeking the support of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board for the Searchlight PTSA and is seeking new members to replace several officers. **Ms. Myhre** is holding a Cashier's Check that will be turned over to the Searchlight PTSA when new officers are installed. The National PTA is hoping to assist Searchlight PTSA to find resources that are available to you. **Jill Canepa** asked where the meetings are currently being held and **Ms. Myhre** responded that she is currently holding meetings at Terrible's. **Ms. Canepa** responded that she feels that with a restaurant, Senior Center and Community Center, meeting at

Terrible's is not appropriate. **Verlie Doing** reported that the church is very active with all the children, but the parents generally do not participate. **Bill Bodkin** reported that there is not much parent involvement in Searchlight. **Ellie Shook** asked if a member must have children to be a member, and **Ms. Myhre** reported no, the membership is open to any person who is interested in the welfare of children. **Verlie Doing** suggested that **Mr. Myhre** contact **Debbie Pinkerton** because she does a wonderful job with the children. Part of the benefit of having this organization is the structure it provides that allows different members coordinate activities and bring in community resources. After school programs with transportation for middle school and high school students is currently being explored for participation in activities that are already there in Boulder City. The new Principal is from Boulder City and it is hoped the transportation issue can be resolved for the older students. Written information was left for anyone interested.

C. **SEARCHLIGHT ROADWAY PRIORITIES**
Review and prioritize potential Searchlight street projects with the funding available, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Bill Bodkin explained that that it is time to slurry seal residential streets in Searchlight at a cost of \$250,000, but there are other road priorities that have been on the back burner for at least ten years. The total available funding for Searchlight is \$232,500, so we either do the streets or do the other projects as follows:

Searchlight Potential Projects					
Road	From	To	Treatment	Estimated Cost	
Searchlight Residential Streets	All paved roads		Slurry Seal	\$ 225,000.00	
Cottonwood Cove	US-95	Park Boundary	Slurry Seal	\$ 375,000.00	
Community Priorities					
Colorado Street	Encinitas	Hobson	Pave	\$ 82,500.00	
Surprise	Montana	Washington	Pave	\$ 177,375.00	
Indian Flood Control/Water Diversion	(A part of RECD West Facility Project)	Washington	Pave	\$ 2,300,000.00	
Addition	California	Washington	Pave	\$ 64,350.00	
California	North of Addition	Indian	Pave	\$ 152,625.00	
Waterspout	Colorado	Washington	Pave	\$ 120,450.00	
North Orlando Street	Desert Sage Lane	to end	Pave	\$ 74,250.00	
Desert Quail	Desert Sage Lane	to end	Pave	\$ 82,500.00	
California	Encinitas	Hobson	Pave	\$ 79,200.00	
Justice Courts Signage	US-95				
Stop Signs around Park		CCPW Traffic Management to field review			
Streetlights at Waterspout and ???		CCPW Traffic Management to field review		\$ 15,000.00	
Streetlights at Waterspout and Lincoln				\$ 15,000.00	
				Available Funding	\$ 232,500.00

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Bill Bodkin stated we should maintain the existing roadwork until something else can be done on the other projects, then read for the record the community priorities and costs from the list (as shown above).

Bill Bodkin moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to recommend slurry sealing on Searchlight residential streets. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

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** – No report.

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Searchlight Clinic** – No report. **Verlie Doing** asked if it's true that the UMC Searchlight Clinic is going to close, and **Bill Bodkin** asked that it be on the November 10, 2010 Agenda.

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

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

Bill Bodkin read the Senior Center report.

Election of Officers. Thursday, October 14, 2010, between 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM the Senior/50 Plus Club will be having its election of Officers. If you are unable to attend, please pick up an absentee ballot and return it by 5:00 PM on the 14th. **Annual Halloween Party.** The annual Halloween Party will be 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 will be served at 5:00 PM. Come in costume because there will be prizes for Scary, Funny and Most Original Costumes. Installation of new officers will take place at this event. **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**

Mitch Canepa reported that the Searchlight Grand Prix will be held in

Searchlight on November 13 and 14, 2010. This is the thirteenth year for the Searchlight Grand Prix with no problems or incidents. The Searchlight Fire Department will not be providing hot dogs and hamburgers as in past years, but a vendor will be on site with refreshments. The Metro retired volunteers will be assisting with road closures and traffic management during the event, and **Mr. Canepa** indicated which roads will be closed from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There is a lot of involvement in this event with the local children. In appreciation to the Town of Searchlight a plaque was presented with special thanks to the Searchlight community for your continued support. Additional information and registration are available online at www.searchlightgrandprix.com.

- F. **Waste Water Management** – No report. **Bill Bodkin** reported that the new sewer plant is still one or two years down the road.

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

Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator, University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension, introduced herself and reported that Cooperative Extension is new to the Town of Searchlight. Next month there will be a formal presentation to the Town Board, but we are new with an office in Laughlin (the 20th office in the state of Nevada) serving Laughlin, Searchlight and Cal-Nv-Ari providing research-based educational programs to the community with over 90% of the classes free.

Judy Bundorf reported that she talked today with **Greg Helsup** of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) asking when the draft Environment Impact Statement will be out and he responded not until February or March of 2011 with a thirty-day comment period. **Ms. Bundorf** also presented a 24" x 30" map of the wind energy project. The Research Management Plan (RMP) that the BLM is doing for all of Clark County has a Scoping Report online. **Ms. Bundorf** talked to John Evans at BLM today at (702) 515-5097 or at John.Evans@BLM.gov and even though the public scoping period is closed, comments will still be accepted because the planning group will meet at the end of November to start the alternative formulation process. The draft RFP EIS will be out spring 2011, the proposed Request For Proposal (RFP) and final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be out fall/winter of 2011, and the Record of Decision should be out spring 2012. There will be a ninety day comment period following the draft EIS.

The Ivanpah Spirit Run will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010, at sunrise.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is **Wednesday**, October 27, 2010, and the next regular meeting is **Wednesday**, November 10, 2010, at **6:00 P.M.**, Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than October 18, 2010, and November 1, 2010, respectively.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Ellie Shook moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the November 10, 2010 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting.