



Searchlight Town Advisory Board  
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER  
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## MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, February 15, 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:**       13 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.
- 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 February 15, 2012 Agenda.**             **For Possible Action**

**Bill Bodkin** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve as presented the February 15, 2012 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.

Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**B. Approval of the January 11, 2012 Minutes. For Possible Action**

**Verlie Doing** moved, **Jill Canepa** seconded to approve as presented the January 11, 2012 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**

**5. GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

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

**Officer James Briggs** reported:

January 2012 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 20  
Traffic Citations: 86  
DUI's: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0  
Bookings: 2 Adult, 0 Juvenile  
Juvenile Arrests: 0  
Juvenile Citations: 0

1) January 4, 2012 a male was extradited from Needles, CA, and arrested for an NCIC Warrant for trafficking in Meth and Heroine, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, under the influence of a controlled substance, 2 counts of unlawful possession of a firearm, and 2 counts of ex-felony possession of a firearm; 2) January 10, 2012 a female was extradited from Kingman, AZ, and arrested for NCIC Warrants for burglary, forgery and theft; 3) On January 11, 2012 a female was extradited from Kingman, AZ, and arrested for NCIC Warrants for possession of Meth, burglary, petty larceny, and possession of Marijuana

under an ounce; 4) A stop was made on the highway closer to the dry lake bed near Boulder City where an officer made a stop with NHP and ended up arresting both parties in the car for possession of 20 grams of Marijuana.

- 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**

1) Two water main breaks in the past month, one west of Cree's Mobile Home Park and the other at 650 Cottonwood Drive; 2) There were two power outages in the past month, one at the Well S2 and the other at the end of town, but there were no negative impacts to the customers; 3) The transmission line, the water treatment plant, and the equipping of Well S3 are all at the 100% design phase and ready to begin construction, however, construction dates have not been set due to grant funding challenges at the Federal level; and 4) The main issue with Searchlight water is the arsenic standard. The current standard is 10 parts per billion and Well S2 is usually around 8 or 9 parts per billion, but can get up to 11 or 12 which puts it outside the Federal Standard. The arsenic level at the new Well S3 is around 6 or 7 parts per billion. Until Well S3 is online, a skid mounted arsenic treatment facility will be attached to Well S2 so there is no problem with the water supply coming out of there and it meets the Federal standard.

**Bill Bodkin** asked if the water reserve tank stops being filled during a power outage and the answer was yes, but if the tank is full there is enough water for the town for two days.

**Jill Canepa** asked if the Well S3 Project was funded up front, and the answer was that money is never received up front but is appropriated by a grant. When the work is completed a reimbursement request is submitted for payment from the grant.

Unidentified gentleman asked if more water usage is anticipated when Well S3 is online, and the answer was that during the planning stage of the project it was anticipated that several new subdivisions could be built in Searchlight requiring more water capacity.

Unidentified woman asked about Well S1 and was told that it is the oldest well and is considered a backup.

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

1) In January 2012, 42,000 gallons were treated, a flow increase of 1,000 gallons per day from last year at this time. 2) In 2010 the average water treated was 44,500 gallons per day and in 2011 the average water treated was 43,600 gallons per day, showing a 2.1% decrease; 3) No sewer service complaints in January 2012; 4) The backup propane system and generator system worked well during the power outages; 5) No call before you dig tickets in January 2012; 6) Condition Assessment tests of outlying areas for collection pipes, manholes, and lift station condition assessment have been completed. Areas that need improvement or replacement have been identified and will be repaired or replaced through a CID Improvement Plan.

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

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

1) In January 2012 there were 16 medical calls, 2 fire calls, and 1 auto accident, about 40% above last year at this time; and 2) FCC has a new requirement that all the communication bands are smaller so the electronics in the repeaters have to be changed and all new hand held devices and pages to utilize the new band width.

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

A. **TA-0034-12 – KRISTY C. INCE**

**TEXT AMENDMENT** to amend Chapter 30.52, Section 30.52.060 to allow new utility line attachments to existing or exempt poles. To the Board of County Commissioners 03/07/12.

**Jackie Brady** reported that the representative for the applicant for **TA-0034-12 – KRISTY C. INCE** indicated to the Laughlin and Searchlight Town Advisory Board Secretary, **Leslie Uncel**, that no representative would be present to represent this item.

**Bill Bodkin** moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to recommend denial of **TA-0034-12 – KRISTY C. INCE** due to failure of applicant to appear and lack of information. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-1 (**Jill Canepa**).

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

A. None.

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

- A. **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** **No Action**  
Recognize **Debbie Pinkerton** for her years of service to the community of Searchlight with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Debbie Pinkerton** was not present to receive the Certificate of Appreciation. The Town Board requested that this item come back before the Searchlight Town Advisory Board on March 14, 2012.

- B. **AMEND 2010-1011 BYLAWS** **For Possible Action**  
Consider amending the Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2010-2011 ByLaws, **from** “*Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2010-2011 ByLaws*” **to** “*Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2012 ByLaws*”, and change Page 5, Article VII – Committees, C., **from** “*The Capital Funds committee shall meet quarterly on the first Tuesday of the last month of the quarter*” **to** “*The Capital Funds committee shall meet semi-annually on the first Tuesday in June and December each year*”, and take any action deemed appropriate.

**Verlie Doing** moved, **Jill Canepa** seconded to approve amending the Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2010-2011 ByLaws, **from** “*Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2010-2011 ByLaws*” **to** “*Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2012 ByLaws*”, and change Page 5, Article VII – Committees, C., **from** “*The Capital Funds committee shall meet quarterly on the first Tuesday of the last month of the quarter*” **to** “*The Capital Funds committee shall meet semi-annually on the first Tuesday in June and December each year*”. 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**

**Fashion Show.** The Senior 50 Plus Club will have a Spring Fashion show on Saturday, March 10, 2012, 2:00 PM. Bonworth Fashions will provide the fashions and there will be games, raffles and refreshments. Admission is \$5 and proceeds will benefit the Senior Nutrition Program.

**For Sale.** A 2002 Ford Windstar LX and a Rio Grande PMC KILM are for sale. If interested please call the Senior Center. **Bake Sale.** Friday, April 27, 2012 a bake sale will be held at the Searchlight Nugget, 7:00

AM until sold. Call **Bev Beaver** at 297-1370 if you would like to donate baked goods. **Yard Sale.** Saturday, May 12, 2012, starting 8:00 AM, a yard sale will be held with space and table rental each \$10. Please call the Senior Center if you have items to donate. **Pool.** An on-going 8-Ball Tournament is currently underway on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM, and Friday after dinner. **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, February 29, 2012. **Thrift Nook.** \$1/bag sale every Tuesday and every day in February. 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 9AM-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. Searchlight Wind Energy Project: **Judy Bundorf**

1) The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now available through BLM; 2) The Public Meetings for the Draft EIS are in Laughlin on February 21, 2012, Searchlight on February 22, 2012 and Boulder city on February 23, 2012; 3) April 18, 2012 is the deadline for written (USPS or email) comments on the EIS if you can't attend one of the meetings; 4) The Production Tax Credit PTX has been removed from Payroll Tax Bill before Congress; and 5) People living near wind and solar projects in Boulevard, California (east of San Diego) are coming down with Valley Fever due to the blowing dust from the desert.

**Ellie Shook** thanked **Judy Bundorf** for her work on the Searchlight Wind Energy Project for the past three years.

D. **Special Events**

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.

**Russ Coon**, Oregon Road, Searchlight, NV, commented that Searchlight has not been receiving reliable power service from Nevada Energy and there isn't backup system. **Sandra Walters** suggested NV Energy be invited to attend the March 14, 2012 meeting of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board to address the issue.

**Kate Dobbie**, Cal-Nev-Ari, reported that **Debbie Pinkerton**, of the Clark County Parks & Recreation Department, retired and taking her place temporarily is **Kelly Salyer** who runs a community center in Las Vegas. Until a permanent replacement is hired for **Debbie Pinkerton**, the Searchlight Community Center will temporarily be operated by **Kelly Salyer** who can be contacted at (702) 455-7617. Temporarily, an employee is coming to the Searchlight Community Center three times a week to provide maintenance. **Bill Bodkin** suggested that **Kelly Salyer** be invited to attend the March 14, 2012 meeting of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board to discuss transitional matters of interest.

**Russ Coon**, Oregon Road, Searchlight, NV, asked if the Searchlight power substation provides power to Cal-Nev-Ari, The Palms, and the lake as well as Searchlight.

13. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, February 29, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than February 17, 2012, and March 5, 2012, respectively.

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

**Sandra Walters** adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 14, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting.*