



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, March 14, 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

ABSENT: Ellie Shook (Excused Absence)

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 March 14, 2012 Agenda.** **For Possible Action**

Sandy Walters moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to approve as presented the March 14, 2012 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.
Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. **Approval of the February 15, 2012 Minutes. For Possible Action**

Sandy Walters moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve as presented the March 14, 2012 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

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**

Jill Canepa, Chair, read the report:

February 2012 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 20
Traffic Citations: 134
DUI’s: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 2 Adult, 0 Juvenile
Juvenile Arrests: 0
Juvenile Citations: 0

February 24, 2012, a female was arrested in Searchlight during a pedestrian stop for an NCIC warrant out of Prescott, Arizona for Probation Violation.

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 was unable to attend the meeting but **Jill Canepa**, Chair, announced that there were no water leaks in February and everything seems to be normal with the system.

E. Clark County Water Reclamation District: Jake Jacobson

Jake Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting but **Jill Canepa**, Chair, announced that an average of 37 thousand gallons were treated, an increase of 1,000 gallons per day from this time last year; there were no service complaints' and no Call Before You Dig service tickets for February 2012.

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

G. Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department Station 75: John Palmer, Fire Chief

1) In February 2012 there were 11 medical calls, and 1 fire call; and 2) Clark County is currently painting at the Station and all of the lights now work.

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

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

A. **UC-0542-11** - **USA:**
HOLDOVER 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 – 02/07/12 – per the applicant. Approved 02/07/12 subject to certain conditions.*

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

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

A Certificate of Appreciation was read by **Verlie Doing** and presented to **Debbie Pinkerton** for her thirty years of service with Clark County to the community of Searchlight.

B. **LAND USE PLAN UPDATE** **No Action**

Receive a presentation from a representative of Clark County Comprehensive Planning on a Land Use Plan update and discuss and receive input from the community.

Kevin Smedley and **Paul Doerr** of Clark County Comprehensive Planning, Land use Division, announced that they have been assigned to update the South County Land Use Plan in 2012. Few changes are anticipated, but input is being sought from the community of Searchlight, NV. Additions to the plan include Sustainability Goals and Policies and Property Maintenance Goals and Policies. Copies of the plan are available in the Searchlight Library and online on the Clark county website at www.clarkcountynv.gov. An Open House on the South County Land Use Plan update will be held in Searchlight within the next sixty days

C. **PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEE** **For Possible Action**

Receive a report from Clark County Parks & Recreation, on **Kelly Salyer's** temporary assignment to the Searchlight Community Center to replace **Debbie Pinkerton**, address questions of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board and the community, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Darrell Rich, CPRP, Senior Recreation program Administrator, Clark County Parks & Recreation, Administrator over the Searchlight area, reported that since the retirement of **Debbie Pinkerton** some changes have had to be made with the oversight of Laughlin, Searchlight and Cal-Nev-Ari. **Kelly Salyer** and **Al Galvin** have been taken from other sites and assigned to monitor and keep the current programs ongoing so no services are lost. It will be difficult to replace **Debbie Pinkerton** and it takes some time, so it may be November or December before her position can be replaced. The current volunteers and part-time help will remain in place.

D. **ADOPT 2012 BY LAWS** **For Possible Action**

Adopt as amended 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 adopt the Searchlight Town Advisory Board 2012 ByLaws as amended. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

A. **Capital Funds Committee (Next scheduled meeting date June 5, 2012)**

Jane Overy reported that the Capital Funds Committee met on March 6, 2012, with **Dianne Kendall**, **Jane Overy** and **Casey Marshall (Verlie Doing)** did not attend) in attendance. The committee would like a report of the current financial status of the Searchlight Capital Fund. The roof on the Searchlight Community Center was also discussed and the committee requests that the Searchlight Town Advisory Board contact Real Property Management regarding an inspection of the roof and possible repair of the roof, if needed. The Searchlight Capital Fund was established for the extension of the Searchlight Community Center and the funds currently in place will be held until an extension is needed.

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Public Works/Roads: Bill Bodkin** – No report.

B. **Senior Center: Kate Dobbie**

Fashion Show. The Senior 50 Plus Club had 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, and the next Fashion Show will be in the fall. **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.** The ongoing Senior Pool Tournament is winding down and the winner of the Monday morning men's portion was won by **Stan Colton**. The Friday night men's game was won by **Bruce Dobbie**. He will meet Stan to determine the champion. On the ladies side there is only one game left between **Mary Arnold** and **Audrey Morrison** for the ladies title. Pool games are held every Monday morning, Monday evening and Friday evening. **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. **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) There was a correction to the February 15, 2012 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board from “4) The Production Tax Credit PTX” to “4) The Production Tax Credit PTC”; 2) The Draft EIS is still in the Public Comment stage so local comments are encouraged; 3) A proposed amendment to the Transportation Bill was defeated that would have continued the Production Tax Credit (PTC) and other renewable energy related things that would have cost tax payers a great deal of money; 4) More than a year ago the BLM had public meetings on the Resource Management Plan (RMP) and because they are so far behind the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be out this fall; and 5) A Record of Decision from 2005, referenced in the Draft EIS for Searchlight Wind, called Implementation of a Wind Energy Development Program and Associated Land Use Plan Amendments (revisions to the 1998 Resource Management Plan) can be obtained by contacting **Judy Bundorf**; 6) Are there plans to do a cleanup along the highway from the Searchlight Community Center to the Cottonwood Cove Entrance Station and should BLM or the Parks Service be contacted? **Judy Bundorf** will call the BLM.

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: 1) Nevada Energy has not yet appeared before the Searchlight TAB regarding power outages and a standby generator at the Searchlight Substation. **Leslie Uncel** responded that the scheduled NV Energy representative was unavailable to attend the March STAB meeting so the item will be on the April 11, 2011 STAB Agenda; 2) The Transfer Station on Gasline Road is totally inadequate and one is needed that will handle hazardous waste, electronics, or other unsafe materials; 3) The Food Bank has deteriorated over the past several months, but a distribution will be made every Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Jane Overy, Searchlight, NV, reported that the Searchlight Museum Guild has entered into a three-year contract with Clark County Parks & Recreation for taking care of the Searchlight Cemetery. **Earlene Yeager Smith** donated \$50,000 to be used at the Searchlight Cemetery for improvements to her parent's graves and the Searchlight Museum Guild has guardianship of the funds. Some of those improvements have already been made, but there are plans to replace the flagpole, piping in the center of the cemetery, gazebo, a walking path, and fence a portion of the cemetery for future use.

Kate Dobbie, Cal-Nev-Ari, reported that the Searchlight Community Church will have an Easter Sunrise Service on April 8, 2012, 7:00 AM with a Continental Breakfast following the service, Gospel singer **Wade Hammond** will be singing on April 22, 2012, at 6:00 PM with fellowship and refreshments to follow, and immediately following the regular service a 11:00 AM a Pot Luck is held on the last Sunday of the month.

Bill Bodkin reported that for the past twenty years he has been sending water samples to an independent laboratory in Henderson for testing and the water quality for Searchlight has always been excellent.

13. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, March 28, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than March 19, 2012, and April 2, 2012, respectively.

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

Jill Canepa adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 11, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 09, 2012 meeting.