



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

MEMBERS PRESENT: 3

**ABSENT: 2
Bill Bodkin
Mark Blair**

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 **George Beyer**.
- 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 May 15, 2013 Agenda.**

For Possible Action

Diane Kendall moved, **George Beyer** seconded to approve as presented the May 15, 2013 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.
Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0-2. Bill Bodkin, Mark Blair absent

B. **Approval of the April 10, 2013 Minutes.**

For Possible Action

Diane Kendall moved, **George Beyer** seconded to approve as presented the April 10, 2013 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0-2. Bill Bodkin, Mark Blair absent

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:** None

5. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department:**

A hard copy report provided by Lt. Brian Evans

April 2013 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 17

Traffic Citations: 159

DUI's: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 2

Juvenile Citations: 0

B. **Nevada Highway Patrol:**

Was unable attend

Sgt. Novel Mack

C. **Las Vegas Valley Water District:**

Was unable attend but provided a hard copy report read by Sandra Walters.

Jordan Bunker

The system remains stable with no major leaks or breaks over the last month. Water use in April 2013 was approximately 6 million gallons, which is about 500,000 more than what was used in April 2012. In 2013 the community has used approximately 21.5 million gallons thru April compared to approximately 19.3 million gallons during the same time period last year.

While water use is slightly higher this year than last, this year has been much drier and warmer on average. We appreciate the community's on going efforts to conserve water and report leaks when they are discovered. Also, construction for the new well is on schedule to be finished by the end of the summer.

- D. **Clark County Water Reclamation District:** **Jake Jacobson**
Jake Jacobson was unable to attend a hard copy report was provided by Jake Jacobson.

April 2013- treated an average of 41 Thousand Gallons per day.
Increase in flow 3,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.
No service complaints for the month of March 2013
0 - C.B.Y.D. Searchlight tickets received for March 2013

- E. **Parks & Recreation:** **Carolyn Johnson**

Carolynn Johnson reported the 4th of July theme will be "Only in America" and the parade lineup will be at 5pm on July 4th. The parade will start at 5:30pm.

The 4th of July pre-planning meeting will be the 20th of May and we are looking for any community groups or any one who would like to help so we can have one large community event this year.

The fourth of July celebration will be on the fourth of July this year.

There will be four camps this year and each one will be a week long. This will be for elementary and Jr high school age children.

There will not be a movie night this month but movie night will resume in June, on the third Friday of the month.

Jane Overy asked **Carolynn Johnson** about the signs for the trails; **Carolynn** said she has been in touch with **Jim Forman** who is the person doing the signs and Publics works will be putting up the signs soon.

Carolynn Johnson also advised they are painting the inside of the community center and hopes everyone likes the color.

F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department Station 75: John Palmer, Fire Chief** - Was unable to attend, No report.

G. **Justice Court:** **Judge Richard Hill**

Judge Hill Reported

Court Calendar:

April 2013

Arraignments-2

Preliminary Hearings-0

Status Checks- 4

Trials- 3

In custody- 0

Traffic – 12

Actions Taken:

Warrants- 56

Protection Orders-0

Court Dates:

May 21-Criminal

May 22-Traffic

June 4-Criminal

June 5-Traffic

All court dates are open to the public and begin at 10am

Community Interest:

On April 23, 2013 we had a planning meeting and a walk through with Rural Court Administrator **Karen Powell** and County Construction Project Coordinator **John Rodriguez** to begin upgrades to the Court building and equipment.

In the planning are new courtroom bench seating to replace the old theater style seats and new court room carpet, a new counter area with a more secure glass front, also all old floor tile is to be replaced. New metal detector and new phones are in the mix, and a new flat screen display for the courtroom video arraignments.

Funds for these upgrades come from an account know an AA fees, Administrative Assessments.

These funds are set aside over the years exclusively on account for any Searchlight Court improvements. The building and its equipment are now 14 years old.

The portable lighted flashing sign just north of town on Hwy 95 you are used to seeing, warning motorists of the impending 25 mile zone had been out of service for some time.

Our senior Clerk **Leslie Coon** in conversation with **Sergeant Warburton** of Metro learned that a new set of batteries were needed of which Metro did not seem to have the funds available to replace at this time.

Through a number of inquiries it was discovered Metro does have the needed funds and the batteries are on order.

Jacob Walton advised there is street lights out on Hwy 95 by the Rebel Station.

Diane Kendall said she would make a call to DOT to request a work order.

6. **ZONING:** None

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

1. **NZC-0155-13 – NEVADA MILLING & MINING, LLC, ET AL:**

ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 10.6 acres from H-2 (General Highway Frontage) Zone to R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone for a mining operation and all accessory uses. Generally located 400 feet west of US Highway 95 and 9,400 feet north of State Highway 164 within Searchlight (description on file). To the PC 05/07/2013

2. **UC-0659-12 – NEVADA MILLING & MINING LLC, ET AL:**

USE PERMIT for mining operations and all accessory uses.

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to reduce on-site parking.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** a mining site; **2)** modular buildings; **3)** alternative design standards for modular units per Table 30.56-2; and **4)** preliminary grading plan per 30.56.100 for hillside and foothills development in conjunction with mining operations on 88.0 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone and an H-2 (General Highway Frontage) Zone. Generally located 400 feet west of US Highway 95, and 9,400 feet north of State Route 164 within Searchlight. To the BCC 05/08/2013

3. WS-0684-12 – SEARCHLIGHT DEVELOPMENT, INC., ET AL:

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to waive paving requirement on a proposed parking lot.

DESIGN REVIEW for a parking lot on 0.4 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the east side of US Highway 95 and the north side of Gaviland Street within Searchlight. To the BCC 05/08/2013

8. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. Area Director **Tom Stevens Stephens**, USDA Rural Development. To provide an Overview of USDA Rural Development Programs and briefly discuss the three major program areas of Housing Programs, Community Programs, and Business Programs.

Tom Stephens from USDA Rural Development advised his last name was spelled incorrectly. Correction noted.

Tom Stephens continued with his presentation and provided a folder to the STAB members and any one else who was interested in the information he provided.

There are many programs he calls the A_B_C's of Rural Development. Affordable housing, Business and cooperative programs, and community programs.

Tom Stephens advised they just moved their offices but all the old phone numbers should still work for anyone who would like to contact his office regarding any of the programs that are offered.

Tom Stephens gave a brief description of low income home loans, home repairs and rural rental housing.

Diane Kendall asked if it was only a certain type of apartments available for rent and **Tom Stephens** said yes, they are not part of HUD.

USDA also provides assistance with home and business energy cost called REEP.

In the USDA Rural Development office there are specialists who can help with most needs for home and business and answer questions. Even if they are unable to help they can provide additional outside information.

Judge Hill asked how the application process works, **Tom Stephens** said there is a waiting list and the applicant is contacted every 3-6 months to update the list. It is a first come first serve process, except for special situations.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

- A. **Capital Funds Committee**
No Report
- B. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership Trails Committee**
No Report

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

- A. **Public Works/Roads: Bill Bodkin**
Absent

- B. **Senior Center: Kate Dobbie:**

The bake sale on April 27th was a success.
The yard sale was not a success, we hope for better results next time.

Kate Dobbie reported the senior center will serve a Fathers Day Breakfast on Monday June 17th at 11am. The cost will be \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 a couple.

Silver Rider will deliver meals to the homebound residents. For more information on this service contact Silver Rider at (702) 298-4435

“The Nook” is having a Blowout Sale on men’s clothing- .50 cents per item on men’s clothing until the end of June.
Thrift shop is open to the public Monday – Wednesday 9am – 1pm and Thursday & Friday 1pm – 6pm

The senior center is going through economic difficulties and donations are direly needed.

- C. **Searchlight Wind Energy Project: Judy Bundorf**

Judy Bundorf reported that the project has not moved forward since there is not a power purchase agreement yet.

Judy Bundorf also stated there will not be any repercussion for the death or injury of Eagles or Condors due to the wind turbines. She also stated Fish & Wildlife in California is granting the use of “Round Up” weed control for the weeds and she has a concern that this could cause further death and injury to the native animals and wildlife in the area.

D. **Special Events** None

11. **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.

Jane Overy thanked Laughlin Town Managers office for their help with the repair of the road inside the cemetery.

Judge Hill asked **Jane Overy** if some trees were planted at the cemetery, Jane said they did plant some trees and she is also planting some Mexican prim-rose bushes. Jane also advised someone was hired to water the trees every other day for three months.

Jane Overy also thanked the Fire Dept for the loan of a special water container to haul the water for the watering of recently planted trees at the cemetery.

Kate Dobbie announced the VFW will have their Memorial Ceremony at the Searchlight cemetery on Sunday May 26, 2013 at 1pm and everyone is welcome.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 6:00pm the next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:00pm Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than May 16, 2013, and May 31, 2013, respectively.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** **For Possible Action**

Sandra Walters adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the May 15, 2013 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting.