



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2011
6:00 P.M.
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Bill Bodkin**
Jill Canepa
Verlie Doing
Ellie Shook

ABSENT: **Sandra Walters (Excused Absence)**

OTHERS PRESENT: 22 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 August 10, 2011 Agenda.** **For Possible Action**

Bill Bodkin moved, **Jill Canepa** seconded to approve as presented the August 10, 2011 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (Sandra Walters absent).

B. **Approval of the July 13, 2011 Minutes.** **For Possible Action**

Verlie Doing moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve as presented the July 13, 2011 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried as presented 4-0-0 (Sandra Walters 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:** **For Possible Action**

5. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department**

No Metropolitan Police Department representative was present so the Chair read the Searchlight July 2011 Statistics into the record as follows:

Searchlight July 2011 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 20
Traffic Citations: 46
DUI’s: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 1 Adult, 0 Juvenile
Juvenile Arrests: 0
Juvenile Citations: 0

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

C. **U.S. Park Service** – No report.

D. **Las Vegas Valley Water District**

No Las Vegas Valley Water District representative was present so the Chair read the following e-mail report from **Jordan Bunker** into the record as follows:

Construction Activity. Most remaining construction projects are still in

design and should be completed this fall. **Main Breaks.** A leak was reported on Hill and Montana, but after investigation it was on the property owners side of the meter so the water was shut off and repaired. **Water System.** Everything else is currently stable in the water system.

E. **Clark County Water Reclamation District**

Jake Jacobson reported that in July 2011 a total of 48,000 gallons were treated compared to 60,000 gallons for this same period in 2010. No sewer service complaints and no call before you dig tickets were received in July 2011. A flow chart will be included with each monthly report in the future.

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

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

6. **ZONING:** **Action**

A. None.

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

A. *None.*

8. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **DISCUSS NAMING OF ROAD OR TRAIL TO REX BELL**
Discuss re-naming Transfer Station Road or the new Searchlight Trail “Rex Bell”, and take any action deemed appropriate.

After brief comments and discussion, **Verlie Doing** moved, **Bill Bodkin** seconded to name the new Searchlight Community Center Trail, located off Cottonwood Cove Road, between Michael Wendell Way and Gasline Road, “**Rex Bell Trail Park**”. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (Sandra Walters absent).

B. **SEARCHLIGHT AIRPORT**
Receive a report from Stan Colton on the condition of the Searchlight Airport, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Stan Colton, 673 S. US Hwy. 95, Searchlight, NV, read a brief history of the Searchlight Airport. The airport was part of the Clark County Airport system until about four years ago when Clark County gave up airport control and wrote a letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) stating its desire to release the runway to the Searchlight Airpark

developers, who own about one thousand feet of the runway, and the Searchlight Town Advisory Board (STAB) supported the action. The runway is located on some private land, but mostly public land held by the BLM. Today the runway is in disrepair and deteriorating because the Searchlight Airpark developers are in default with the lending bank who is seeking foreclosure and has a court appointed receiver, **Layne Swainston**, to administer the property. **Mr. Colton** suggests the Searchlight Town Advisory Board take a position in support of whatever action it takes to preserve this community asset by getting the weeds taken off the runway and pre-emergent chemicals sprayed as needed to keep the weeds from returning and further deteriorating the runway.

Mr. Layne Swainston was present and reported that he has been working with Clark County to improve the off-site improvements in order to get bond funds released. There was a punch list that was re-established in May 2011 and runs out on Friday, August 12, 2011, and an extension will be sought. This is not a facility that Clark County has maintained or intends to maintain. Responsibilities need to be identified in terms of who is responsible for maintenance and on-going repairs. Nothing has been done to the runway since the original construction. It is an asset to the community and makes a unique facility because of the length of the runway and the potential for improving the surface of the runway to handle much heavier traffic than it currently can. The bank must put money in place so the receivership has access to it. About one year ago there was a contractor quote of \$25,000 for weed abatement, but to date there is no money to pay the contractor.

Stan Colton was asked what actions he thought the STAB should take for weed abatement and he suggested that Clark County Public Response (Code Enforcement) may be the answer, but he's not sure (he has already filed a Code Enforcement complaint on-line). The developers hold the lease from BLM on the runway, as well as owning a portion in the middle, but the courts must release the money to maintain the asset and its value. **Mr. Swainston** responded that he's not sure that the lease is still in force with the BLM, but he will get that information and report back with his findings to the STAB next month.

Upon the recommendation of **Deborah Murray**, Development Coordinator, Laughlin Town Manager's Office, **Jill Canepa** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded that the Receiver ask the court for money to perform weed abatement on the Searchlight Air Park property as soon as possible. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (Sandra Walters absent).

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

- A. **Capital Funds Committee – Next scheduled meeting date September 6, 2011**

10. **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership – No report.**
- B. **Community Development Advisory Committee – No report.**

11. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

- A. **Searchlight Clinic – No report.**
- B. **Public Works/Roads - No report.**
- C. **Senior Center: Kate Dobie, Cal-Nv-Ari, NV**

Senior 50 Plus Club General Membership Meeting. The membership meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, September 8, 2011, 3:00 PM, with nominations for Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four members at large. The election will be held in October 2011. **Elvis Presley-Frank Sinatra Concert.** Anyone interested in attending an Elvis Presley-Frank Sinatra (tribute) Concert, The Legend Lives Show, at a cost of \$12.00 admission, Searchlight Senior Center, on a Saturday night in September 2011, should call 297-1614. **Ice Cream Social.** An Ice Cream Social will be sponsored by New Hope Hospice will be held at the Senior Center on Monday, August 22, 2011, 12:00 PM, and Amy McNeill will be present to answer questions about hospice services. **Summer Fun Night.** Summer Fun Night will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, August 22, 2011, from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM and will include grilled hot dogs, chili-cheese dogs, potato salad, baked beans and ice cream bars. **Thrift Nook.** \$1/bag sale every Tuesday. Open during regular Senior Center hours. **Pool.** Monday morning and Friday night senior pool shooting, but the poolroom is open anytime the center is open. **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 \$2 for those over age 60 and \$3 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.

For more information on events and services call the Senior 50 Plus Club at 297-1614.

- D. **Museum Guild** – No report.
- E. **Special Events** – No report.
- F. **University of Nevada Cooperative Extension:** **Debbie Marcusson,**
Extension Educator

No report.

12. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

There is a period at the beginning of each meeting for the Public to comment on action items on this agenda, as well as a period at the end of the meeting for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, but not appearing on this agenda. The Board retains the discretion to take additional Public Comment during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the Board for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board. Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, 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 your 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.

Judy Bundorf, Grandpa's Road, Searchlight, NV, reported that scoping report for the Las Vegas Travel and Recreation Implementation Plan (Bureau of Land Management) is now available on-line. The link will be forwarded to the Searchlight Library for anyone interested in reviewing the plan.

Judy Bundorf, Grandpa's Road, Searchlight, NV, reported that she talked with **Greg Helseth** of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on August 2, 2011, about when the draft Environment Impact Statement for the Searchlight wind energy project will be available, and was told that an administrative draft will be out by September 6, 2011 as an internal BLM document that will be refined over a period of six weeks before notification is published in the federal register. From that date there will be forty-five days to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement draft.

13. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, August 31, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than August 22, 2011, and September 5, 2011, respectively.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jill Canepa declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 14, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting.