



Searchlight Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, May 11, 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
Sandra Walters

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: 14 persons signed in.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order as deemed necessary.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. **Approval of the May 11, 2011 Agenda.** **Action**

Bill Bodkin moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve as presented the May 11, 2011 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

- B. **Approval of the March 9, 2011 Minutes.** **Action**

Verlie Doing moved, **Ellie Shook** seconded to approve as presented the

March 9, 2011 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried as corrected 5-0.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** **Action**

4. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department**

Jill Canepa read the April Statistics into the record from the written report.

Searchlight April 2011 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 13
Traffic Citations: 99
DUI's: 1
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 2
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.** **Jordan Bunker** reported.

Searchlight LVVWD Report. Well S-3 design is 100% complete and construction should start this fall. From the well the water will travel into the discharge pipeline that conveys the water from the well to the water treatment facility, and the project is complete. The water treatment facility design is 99% complete and construction should begin this fall as well. From the water treatment facility the water will be put into the transmission pipeline for delivery to residents and it is also fully designed and construction should start this fall. Well S-2 has been operating about two hours per day more than it normally does this time of year so it will be inspected for leaks.

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. **ZC-0584-10-USA:**

ZONE CHANGE to reclassify a 1.1 acre portion of a 626.0 acre site from R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone to P-F (Public Facility) Zone. **DESIGN REVIEW** for a groundwater well, ancillary equipment, and communication tower. Generally located 2.3 miles south of State Route 164, and 4.5 miles west of US Highway 95 within Searchlight (description on file). *Approved by the Zoning Commission on 02/02/11 subject to certain conditions.*

7. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT**

Receive a report from Nancy Lipski, on Time Limits, Commencement and Studies.

Nancy Lipski, Director, Clark County Comprehensive Planning, reported that **Commissioner Giunchigliani** has asked that Comprehensive Planning meet with developers, builders, and people in the industry to see about changing the Code for Definitions of Commence, Definitions of Complete, and maybe changing the way we do things. The industry is not happy about the proposed changes, but there are projects that are started but never completed, so the rural communities are being asked how the process can be improved or changed. **Ms. Lipski** asked the Searchlight Town Advisory Board if they like the current process, and if not, what changes should be considered.

Jane Overy, 210 North Montana, Searchlight, NV, thinks that having the applicant return after a one or two year interval to explain why the project isn't proceeding as proposed would be useful because with no information from the applicant rumors get started. There should be some sort of notice in the process to require the applicant to come back and not just report what they are doing at the time of application. More information is needed in the process. **Ms. Lipski** suggested that perhaps her staff could notify each TAB/CAC when a Notice to Commence has expired, and perhaps Extensions of Time should require a justification why an applicant hasn't started the project. **Ms. Lipski** stated "What I'm seeing is that it's not that you mind the commence and complete and the time frames, you just want more information. If they come in for an extension, you'd like to know why they are having to extend, if they have expired you would like us to let you know what has expired. It's as simple as that."

B. **REAFFIRM OR DISSOLVE CAPITAL FUNDS COMMITTEE**

Discuss the Searchlight Town Advisory Board standing Capital Funds Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Jackie Brady reported that in 2004 there was \$152,000 provided through Parks & Recreation as a Capital Fund to be used by Searchlight and the Capital Funds Committee was formed to make recommendations to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board concerning what projects would receive priority. There were different iterations of projects that worked out and didn't work out, and the Capital Funds Committee came back and made other recommendations. The \$152,000 was spent in Searchlight over a two to three year period. In July 2004 Clark County Finance transferred the Searchlight Trust Fund formed from the sale of land into the Searchlight Capital Fund in order to keep track of the funds better. A memo was sent to the Searchlight Town Advisory Board in 2004 concerning the status of the account. According to Clark County Finance there is currently \$300,000 available in the Searchlight Capital Fund with no intention of currently using it for anything. To use that money would require approvals.

Jane Overy, 210 Montana Street, Searchlight, NV, gave a brief history of the Searchlight Trust Fund. The money that was used to build the Searchlight Community Center was from the sale of land, and there was \$75,000 left over after the construction of the Searchlight Community Center. There was not enough to furnish the building, so additional monies were requested and **Dave Parks**, who was the Town Services representative at that time, suggested that the \$75,000 be kept in the Searchlight Trust Fund for future use at the Searchlight Community Center. For years the Searchlight Trust Fund was published in the newspaper, then it stopped being published so every once in a while **Ms. Overy** would call to check on it. When **Commissioner Bruce Woodbury** was leaving office **Ms. Overy** took her paperwork on the Searchlight Trust Fund to the Commissioner and he tracked down the money. **Commissioner Woodbury** told **Ms. Overy** it was under a new name and number in the financial system, but he would make sure to pass on that those funds stay in the Trust Fund until Searchlight decides to do something with the Searchlight Community Center building. **Ms. Overy** was hoping that those funds could be used for an extension to the Searchlight Community Center, which is really needed. Prior bids to add an extension to the Searchlight Community Center came in at \$750,000 when all of the contractors were busy, and another came in at \$250,000 but that contractor left town. **Ms. Overy** stated "It is hoped that the money can be left in the Trust Fund until we can figure out what to do with it. The money in the Trust Fund was originally specified for the Searchlight Community Center, but I don't know what other funds were co-mingled, like the Capital Improvement Fund left over from the \$152,000, but those funds were originally for all the Searchlight Town

Board members at that time were set aside for the Searchlight Community Center building.” When asked by **Jill Canepa** if there is documentation, **Ms. Overy** responded that **Dave Parks** should be able to give that information because he’s the one who suggested we do that. **Commissioner Woodbury** also said when he was leaving that he would make sure that those funds stayed in that trust and not be touched by anyone. **Ms. Overy** kept track of the money because nobody seemed to be aware of it or care about it and she wanted to see about getting the Searchlight Community Center building extended and enlarged. The Searchlight Town Advisory Board, several times along the line, dedicated those funds for the expansion of the Searchlight Community Center.

Bill Bodkin asked what the current amount is and **Jackie Brady** confirmed that there is \$300,000 in the account. **Jane Overy** stated that several times over the years the Searchlight Town Advisory Board dedicated a portion of those funds for expansion of the Searchlight Community Center.

Jackie Brady asked that **Jane Overy’s** comments be included in these minutes so Finance, **Commissioner Sisolak**, and anyone else who needs it, get a copy of these minutes.

Jackie Brady clarified that the \$152,000 was the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund that the Board of County Commissioners approved for one year and part of it was spent on the Searchlight baseball field. At the same time that you had the \$152,000, there was \$124,000 in Trust Fund monies in 2004, and that account is at \$300,000 today.

After discussion, **Jill Canepa** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to reaffirm the Capital Funds Committee members **Jill Canepa, Stan Colton, Jane Overy, Diane Kendall, Mitch Canepa, Mike Romero, Debbie Pinkerton** and **Joyce Nowlin**, and add current Searchlight Town Advisory Board members **Bill Bodkin, Verlie Doing, Ellie Shook** and **Sandra Walters** to the Capital Funds Committee. Before the vote, **Bill Bodkin** asked that the members of the Capital Funds Committee be read into the record, so **Jill Canepa** read the list of twelve committee members to be appointed as follows:

Searchlight Capital Funds Committee

Bill Bodkin-STAB
Jill Canepa-STAB
Mitch Canepa
Stan Colton
Verlie Doing-STAB
Diane Kendall

Joyce Nowlin
Jane Overy
Debbie Pinkerton
Mike Romero
Ellie Shook-STAB
Sandra Walters-STAB

Jackie Brady suggested that the committee should appoint a Secretary for the Capital Funds Committee because the Searchlight Town Advisory Board Secretary, **Leslie Uncel**, will be unable to serve in that capacity. **Jill Canepa** volunteered to serve as Secretary for the next meeting scheduled for June 7, 2011, at which time an agenda item will be on the agenda to appoint a Secretary for the committee.

Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

A. **Capital Funds Committee – Next scheduled meeting date June 7, 2011**

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.**

B. **Public Works/Roads**

Bill Bodkin reported that Clark County Public Works is waiting for a temperature change to slurry seal the residential streets in Searchlight. The crack sealing has already been done and within two or three weeks when the temperature maintains above 70 degrees (even at night) the slurry sealing with oil and sand will be done.

Jackie Brady reported that she just got a copy of the Notice to Proceed with the slurry seal project and it will start on May 16, 2011.

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

Easter Dinner. There was a nice gathering for Easter Dinner with all the trimmings and **Chef “T”** an, **Lori** and **Jeff** did a great job. **General Membership Meeting.** On May 5, 2011, a General Membership Meeting was held at which **Margaret Knoles** and **Jean Groves** were presented the annual Governor’s Good Samaritan Award, followed by a Cinco de Mayo dinner. **Farmer’s Stand.** The Farmer’s Stand will be at the Senior Center on May 12, 2011, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. **Style Show.** A Style Show was held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 2:00 PM with fashions provided by Bonworth Fashions located in the mall in Laughlin. **Swap Meet.** On Saturday, May 21, 2011 and Sunday, May 22, 2011, 8:00 AM

to 5:00 PM, a Senior Center Swap Meet is being held. Vendor parking lot space is \$15 and pickup truck space is also \$15. There will be hot dogs, chili dogs, water and soda available for \$1 and up. Call Lori at 297-1614 to reserve your space. **Volunteers.** Volunteers are needed at the Senior Center, so if you have any free time to volunteer, please call **Lori** at 297-1614 to find out what she needs and when. Your help would be very much appreciated. **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. **Lunch & Dinner.** Lunch is served on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:30 AM. Dinner is served on Thursday and Friday at 5:00 PM. **50/50 Raffle.** A 50/50 raffle will be held after dinner on Thursday nights. **Bingo.** Bingo is at 6:00 PM every Thursday following dinner. Dinner is at 5:00 PM. Free Bingo for prizes starts at 2:30 PM on Friday and pool shooting immediately after dinner. **Pool.** Pool practice is Monday mornings, 9:00 AM and Friday evenings, 5:00 PM. 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**

Jane Overy, 210 Montana Street, Searchlight, NV, reported that an election was held and new officers were appointed as follows: **Joyce Nowlin**, President, **John Palmer**, Vice President, **Iris Reid Hattersley** as Secretary, and **Lori McCoy** as Treasurer.

E. **Special Events** – No report.

E. **Waste Water Management**

Bill Bodkin reported that the new Waste Water Treatment Plant is in the works.

G. **University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator**

Surveys. The surveys that were sent out for UNR Cooperative Extension and UMC Quick Care are back and the results have been tallied. **UMC Quick Care Clinic Survey.** There was an 8% return rate for the UMC Quick Care survey from the Searchlight area and 72% of the respondents said they would like the UMC Clinic open Monday through Friday. 64% of the respondents said that they would change their primary care provider to the Searchlight Clinic if that was an option for them. There were also

numerous comments. **UNR Cooperative Extension Survey.** There was an approximate 10% return rate for the UNR Cooperative Extension survey from the Searchlight area and the results analysis is being written up for all of southern Clark County from Searchlight to Laughlin. Programs and classes will be offered based on the results of the survey and health and nutrition is high in all areas and all age ranges, so that is something we will be doing in this area.

Budget. Governor Sandoval has recommended a 33% higher education budget cut and University of Nevada, Reno, is saying they will meet the budget cut by cutting 72% of the Cooperative Extension budget. The impacts of such a cut are unknown at this time. The whole purpose of cooperative extension is to reach the rural areas so **Ms. Marcusson** does not believe the new office in Laughlin is going anywhere, but 72% is a very big number. People in Laughlin are writing letters to support keeping the cooperative extension, and if anyone in Searchlight would like to write a support letter just email **Ms. Marcusson** at marcussond@unce.unr.edu and she will provide the necessary information.

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

Jill Canepa reported that the Searchlight Town Cleanup was a great success and gave special thanks to **Dick Hill** and **Mitch Canepa** for emptying the dumpsters. A letter in connection with the Searchlight Town Cleanup was received from **Commissioner Steve Sisolak** and read into the record as follows: I would like to thank you and the entire town board for your dedication in this effort. I appreciate all that you do for the Searchlight Community.

Russ Coon, Searchlight Resident, wants to see “Newby, the fake cop” back on the highway. People are speeding through town and ignoring the 25 mph speed limit. **Jackie Brady** responded that she would forward the request on to **Lt. Brian Evans** of the Laughlin Metro Substation.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Wednesday, June 1, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 6:00 P.M., Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than May 20, 2011, and June 6, 2011, respectively.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jill Canepa declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the June 15, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting

minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting.