

# **Searchlight Town Advisory Board**

# March 11, 2020

# **MINUTES**

Board Members: Kyle Myers - Chair

Donna Moore - Vice Chair

Janis Kostecky Vacant

Martin Batchelor - excused absence

Secretary: Tammy Harris (702) 298-0828 tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov

Town Liaison: Dr. Brian Paulson (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov

- I. Call to Order by Chair Kyle Myers at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Donna Moore.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Approval of February 12, 2020, Minutes.

Moved by: Janis Kostecky

Action: Approved

Vote: 3-0

IV. Approval of March 11, 2020 agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

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#### V. Informational Items

Receive a report from Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month 1. and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

Officer Mike Maloney provided the February's report.

February 2020 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 15

Traffic Citations: 202

DUI: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 3

Juvenile Citations: 1 – resident

Joan Mesenbrink voiced a concern regarding vandalism at the Senior Apartments which included a car and knock and runs. Officer Maloney was not aware of the incidents, but said he can look into it and get back to her. He suggested to keep lights on and all doors locked.

Chair Myers asked if there was a curfew. Officer Maloney said there is per Clark County for 10:00 p.m. Chair Myers asked if residents should call if they see kids out past curfew. Officer Maloney responded, "You can if they are creating problems."

2. Receive a report from Nevada Highway Patrol regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns. (For discussion only)

No report

3. Receive a report from Searchlight Volunteer Fire District regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

No report

4. Receive a report from Gabby Villafuerte with Las Vegas Valley Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Gabby Villafuerte provided the February report.

Well Levels:

Usage for February 2020 was 3.94 million gallons. Usage for February 2019 was 4.49 million gallons.

Searchlight used 550,000 less gallons February of this year compared to February of last year.

Audrey Morrison had a concern regarding the church and the unusually high water bill. She said they have checked the meter. Ms. Villafuerte said she will get Ms. Morrison's information so she can look into the problem.

Chair Myers asked if the County switched to a different landscaping water schedule.

Ms. Villafuerte responded yes and that residents should have received information in the mail. According to numerous residents, they did not get the new schedule.

5. Receive a report from Greg Turner with Clark County Water Reclamation District regarding the status of the wastewater system and water usage. (For discussion only)

In Greg Turner's absence, Donna Moore read the February report.

February 2020 Statistics:

February 2020: Treated an average of 41,000 gallons per day February 2019: Treated an average of 48,000 gallons per day Flow: decreased by 7,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Sewer service complaints: 0 Call Before You Dig Tickets: 0

6. Receive a report from Patrick Knierman with the U.S. Park Service regarding current issues and activities in the area and other related concerns. (For discussion only)

No report

7. Receive a report from Richard deClercq with Parks & Recreation regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

A'lonn Bilbray provided the February report.

February 2020 Statistics:

Programs: 20

Total attendance for the month: 477

Total building use: 701

Updates: The Searchlight Community Center parking lot replacement received the Notice to Proceed in late January. The project should begin this spring.

Contact information:

Richard deClercq, Supervisor

Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant / office hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682 Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

8. Receive a report from Kelli Carlson with Searchlight Library regarding current and upcoming programs. (For discussion only)

Janis Kostecky read the March report.

- 1. Children's Activities:
  - a) Tuesday and Wednesday snacks after school with open play on Tuesdays and Rec Crew on Wednesdays.

b) Educational and craft programs after school on Thursdays and 4-H with Will Douglas every other week.

#### 2. Adult Activities:

a) The next Book Club meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

#### 3. General News:

a) Tax Time is here and the Library has limited copies of the forms and instructions books.

See the Library's Facebook page for full details on all programs.

9. Receive a report from Janis Kostecky with Searchlight Senior Center regarding current and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Janis Kostecky provided information on upcoming meetings and dinner menu.

10. Receive a report from Kyle Myers regarding current road conditions and Public Works concerns. (For discussion only)

Chair Myers provided information on the trucks from the rock quarry. NDOT spoke to them about the route of the trucks and will now use Cottonwood Cove.

11. Receive a report from Mike Jackson with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition regarding the status of the Silver Rider Bus System. (For discussion only)

In Mike Jackson's absence, Sue Bishop provided an update on the SNTC and special events that Silver Rider participated in.

Vegas Express Riders: Five days a week

December 2019: 287 November 2019: 286 October 2019: 319

Searchlight Express Riders: Twice a month

December 2019: 30 November 2019: 42 October 2019: 36

### Grants:

Per the last quarterly report, it was announced that SNTC received the full requested amount. The support and partnerships provided by the community helped achieve SNTC's goals.

#### Shop with a Cop:

Every year in December, Silver Rider provides transportation for this program. It was very

successful and Silver Rider transported 150 kids from Laughlin and Searchlight.

#### Outreach:

In 2020, Anna Talamo, Director of Operations, and Sue Bishop, Operations Supervisor, will begin to have a bigger presence in the community to get more information of the needs of Searchlight and promote the services that Silver Rider provides.

#### Safety and Security:

There were no incidents this quarter involving Searchlight.

Chair Kyle Myers asked if there <u>was were</u> any pickups at Cottonwood Cove. Ms. Bishop said no, there has not been a need or request in the past. Mr. Myers suggested that Silver Rider contact the residents to find out if there was a need for transportation. Chair Myers asked where the current pickups were now. Ms. Bishop said seniors receive door-to-door service. There is a mobile <u>panty pantry</u> once a month and the pickup is on Cottonwood Road.

Janis Kostecky asked when is the pantry pickup and the regular pickup? Ms. Bishop said pantry pickup is once a month on the third Wednesday. Regular pickup is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There was also a decrease in fares from Searchlight to Henderson.

12. Searchlight Museum Guild to present an award to Searchlight Town Liaison, Dr. Brian Paulson.

Jane Overy, founder of the Searchlight Museum, along with Janis Kostecky and Joan Mesenbrink, presented a plaque to Dr. Brian Paulson. Ms. Overy said she has known Dr. Paulson for over 25 years due to her service on Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for 15 years. During that time, Searchlight was able to acquire a lot of things over the years. Dr. Paulson was instrumental as a Clark County coordinator for this board and was helpful with getting some of these capital projects for Searchlight, which included the senior center, fire hydrants, two water holding tanks, and additional water lines

Ms. Overy introduced Searchlight Museum Guild Board members Butch and Janis Kostecky, Joan Mesenbrink, and Rose and Jerry Crawford, who could not be present tonight, and welcomed Dr. Paulson as a lifetime member of the Searchlight Museum Guild. Memberships help the community purchase needed items and provide care for the Searchlight Cemetery, she said.

Dr. Paulson was asked by Ms. Overy to approach the podium for which she presented him with the plaque, a memento given for all lifetime members. Dr. Paulson said this came as a surprise to him and expressed his appreciation for the honor. He said his heart loves history and in preserving historical items and a lifetime membership was a way of giving back to the community.

Dr. Paulson spoke about his involvement with the CDAC as well as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program over the years and how people like Jane Overy and Verlie Doing were instrumental in obtaining grant funds for Searchlight.

Ms. Overy said she wanted to do something before she left town, so she started the Searchlight Betterment Organization (SBO) with some younger town residents. She credited them for the wonderful things they are doing for the community, and said anything bought from Amazon can result with the SBO receiving a little kickback from the purchases.

13. Announcements of upcoming neighborhood meetings and County or community meetings and events. (For discussion only)

Judy Bundorf said she is on the board for the newly formed Friends of Walking Box Ranch and announced that on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, UNLV and BLM will be sponsoring an event at the Ranch. More information forthcoming at a later date.

Dr. Brian Paulson said the Clark County Comprehensive Planning Department hired a new consultant in January. The Clark County CP Master Plan (Title 30) will be updated which is done every 5-10 years. Representatives from each TAB will be appointed at an upcoming TAB meeting and invited to participate in the planning meetings.

There will be opportunities for public input in addition to the TABs. This project is anticipated for completion in December 2022 or 2023 at the latest.

Judy Bundorf said in regards to Friends of Walking Box Ranch, in the near future they will be looking for docent volunteers from this area.

a) Clark County is currently taking applications to fill a vacancy on the Searchlight Town Advisory Board (TAB).

The appointment will be for the remainder of the current term ending January 4, 2021. The Searchlight TAB holds regularly scheduled public meetings. Applicants must be eligible to vote and live within the town boundaries.

Functions of the Searchlight TAB include: hearing matters pertaining to the town (long range planning, land use, zoning, public works projects, new ordinances, etc.), providing input regarding these matters to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), forwarding community concerns/problems to County Staff for resolution, and disseminating information received from the BCC and County staff to town residents.

Applications can be obtained online at clarkcountynv.gov or by calling Clark County Administrative Services at (702) 455-3530 or the Laughlin Town Manager's Office at (702) 298-0828.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm on March 16, 2020.

# VI. Planning & Zoning:

## 1. UC-19-0809-DOING RILEY GENTRY:

<u>USE PERMITS</u> for the following: 1) to allow agriculture livestock, large (horses) and agriculture livestock, small (chickens) prior to a principal use; 2) allow an increase in the number of agriculture livestock large (horses); and 3) allow accessory agricultural buildings

prior to a principal use.

<u>WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</u> for the following: 1) fence height; and 2) fence setback on 0.2 acres in an R-T (Manufactured Home Residential) zone. Generally located on the south side of Encinitas Street and the west side of Lincoln Street within Searchlight.

# **DENIED** - without prejudice.

VII. General Business: None

#### VIII. Public Comment:

Gary Komers expressed his dissatisfaction with the way the BCC handled the land use issues regarding large animals, and lack of influence the Searchlight TAB had with the BCC decisions with this item.

Michele Brown, Secretary, Searchlight Betterment Organization, read a report for March 11, 2020.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization is currently working with Aren Hall of Equinox Gold on a Searchlight Beautification project. We have been given the opportunity to have Joshua Trees planted and maintained (with owner's permission) for three months by contractors hired by Equinox Gold. At this time we have approximately 20 trees whose locations have been secured. There will also be an opportunity for the community to pick up Yucca, beavertail cactus, and barrel cactus at a "to be announced location" these plants will need to be planted and cared for by the person picking them up.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization is now holding meetings which are open to the public, to be held the first Monday of each month, located at the Senior Center at 5:00 p.m. Agendas will be posted a week in advance. If anyone would like an item on the agenda, contact Michele Brown no later than two weeks before the next scheduled meeting.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization would like to request to be on the TAB agenda quarterly for reports and updates starting in June.

For a copy of the full report, contact Michele Brown or the Laughlin Town Manager's Office.

Jane Overy announced on November  $7^{th}$  from 1:00-3:30 p.m., the Museum Guild will have an event which they will feature a John Wayne impersonator, with the same name, for entertainment.

IX. Next Meeting Date: May 13 July 15, 2020

X. Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the May 13 June 10, 2020 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the July 15 une 10, 2020.

To listen to the audio recording of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board go to: <a href="http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/town-liaison/Pages/Searchlight%20Town%20Advisory%20Board.aspx">http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/town-liaison/Pages/Searchlight%20Town%20Advisory%20Board.aspx</a>