



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

May 15, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members:	Kyle Myers – Chair Donna Moore – Vice Chair – Excused absence Martin Batchelor	Ellie Deever Janis Kostecky
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I. Call to Order by Chair Kyle Myers at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Ellie Deever.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of May 15, 2019, Minutes.

Moved by: Kyle Myers
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0

IV. Approval of April 10, 2019, agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kyle Myers
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0

V. Informational Items

Public Works zoning item # CP-19-900180 was move to the beginning of the meeting:

CP-19-900180: That the Searchlight Town Advisory Board consider proposed changes to the Transportation Element of the Clark County Comprehensive Master Plan, and after conducting a public hearing, take appropriate action. (For possible action) To the PC 06/04/2019

Garrett TerBerg from Comprehensive Planning provided a detailed description and information on each of the three transportation elements.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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YOLANDA KING, County Manager

After a brief discussion amongst the town board members, Chair Kyle Myers motioned to approve changes to all three elements. Motion passed, 4-0.

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

Officer Moises Ortiz

April 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 16
Traffic Citations: 201
DUI: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 1
Bookings: 4
Juvenile Citations: 1

Officer Ortiz advised there were flyers on the back table for crime prevention tips. On the bottom of the flyer is an email address where you can register your items.

An update on the burglaries included one person in custody with 91 items having been returned to the owners.

Jack Weaver expressed his gratitude to the Metro officers for their hard work and finding the people responsible for the thefts.

Jane Overy inquired about any updates from her three requests regarding the increase of officers for Searchlight. Officer Ortiz said he will give the information to Lt. Hewes to address.

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 Judge Richard Hill with Justice Court regarding statistics and other activities during the past month. (For discussion only)

No report

5. Receive a report from Kathy Flanagan with Las Vegas Valley Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Derek Jackson provided the LVVWD report. No major issues or concerns with the water system in Searchlight.

Water usage for February 2018 and 2019:

Searchlight usage decreased by 450,000 gallons from this time last year.

Update on current projects:

- The S1 well pipeline to Nipton Road is completed.
 - The PVC line that runs by the church to the highway has been replaced. The Water District is looking to connect the 12-inch line on Nipton Road to the 8-inch line running down Hobson Street. Currently, there is only one line that runs in Searchlight under the highway that feeds into the town. If something happened with the line, the Water District would struggle to get water to town. The project is in the design phase and will be funded through federal grants.
6. Receive a report from Greg Turner with Clark County Water Reclamation District regarding the status of the water system and water usage. (For discussion only)

In Greg Turner's absence, Ellie Deever read the report.

April 2019 Statistics:

April 2019: 41,000 gallons treated per day

April 2018: 39,000 gallons treated per day

Flow increase: 2,000 gallons per day from this time last year

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig Tickets: 1

7. 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)

Ranger Tom Thorn provided the NPS report and updates for April.

Incidents:

Violation Notices Issued: 8

Arrest: 0

MVA: 0

EMS: 3

Fires: 1 (unfounded)

Search and Rescues: 2

- A male wandered away from the group at Six Mile Cove and could not be located. He reappeared about dusk.

- A missing kayaker on the river was located just after the search party launched.
- Ranger staff completed training in preparation for the summer season.

Significant Incidents:

- Fatality - Cardiac arrest in Cottonwood Cove Trailer Village. Medical crews from NPS, Searchlight VFD, and Mercy Air did a great job and got the patient to the hospital alive, but subsequently passed away a couple of hours later.
- Rangers worked with the NPS and the Metro Search and Rescue Dive Team to recover a sunken vehicle at Fire Mountain Cove. It was reported stolen from Las Vegas in November 2018.
- Report of possible break-in at Trailer Village. An investigation found the owner hired an outside cleaning crew, but failed to notify the concessions manager they would be there.
- Rangers assisted Metro with a reported break-in and trespassing at Capitol Hill Mine in Nelson backcountry.
- The Katherine Landing area had a rash of roll-over crashes involving impaired drivers.

For full NPS report as presented to the Searchlight Town Board, contact the Laughlin Town Manager's Office for a copy.

8. Receive a report from Bob Leuck, Deputy Director, Public Works, regarding current public works projects in Searchlight and surrounding area. (For discussion only)

Bob Leuck provided an update on the following projects for Searchlight:

Design for the Cottonwood Cove Trails project should be completed in July or August. Public Works will come back in the fall and schedule a presentation once the design is completed. There may be some easements or changes to the road to fit the trail on both sides.

Public Works completed the Encinitas Street storm drain system earlier this year. After the current rains, the drain worked well.

The west storm drain moves water down to Cree's Mobile Home Park, causing a lot of damage. A notice to proceed was issued this week to start designing the project. Construction should start during Summer 2020.

A question was asked about getting additional streetlights. Mr. Leuck said to contact Public Works and it will be evaluated. Public Works doesn't know unless it's causing a specific problem. If there is a pedestrian or vehicle safety concern, information can be given to Dr. Paulson who can provide Public Works with the information.

Chair Myers said he has compiled a list over the last three years for the streetlights. He asked about the completion of the Cottonwood Cove Trails project. Mr. Leuck said it most likely won't be completed until around December 2020.

Chair Myers opened the comments to the public.

Jennifer Walker, owner of Cree's Mobile Home Park, asked if Public Works will provide the Walkers with updates on the project moving forward. Mr. Leuck said yes and they will be in touch on a regular basis.

Jane Overy asked Chair Myers if he included the Community Center parking lot with the list of street lights. Mr. Myers said he did not, but that he can add to it.

Judy Bundorf asked about the trail along Cottonwood Cove Road and if it was based on the 2009 study. Mr. Leuck said he believed it was but there has been prior work done with the most recent in 2016 or 2017. This may have been the last time someone from Public Works was here to speak about the project. Ms. Bundorf asked if the plan was a concrete sidewalk or compacted peat gravel. Mr. Leuck said it will be some type of a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt.

Chair Myers closed the public comments and opened the discussion to the board.

Janis Kostecky voiced her concern about her property across the street from Cree's and if the flooding that occurs on her driveway would be included in the west storm drain project. Mr. Leuck said because of other damage, construction will start at Highway 95 and work down with the entire area being addressed.

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

April 2019 Statistics:

Programs: 23
Total attendance for the month: 369
Total building use: 726

Upcoming Special Events:

- Searchlight Egg Run had 100 people attend. There were 2,200 filled eggs and 1,500 pieces of candy and prize baskets and bunnies given away.

Nothing is currently scheduled in June, but hopefully will resume in July with movies in the park. Time and date will be announced at a later date.

Updates:

There has been a huge increase in vandalism at the Youth Center and Community Center parking lot. In the last 45 days, there have been eight windows broken at the Youth Center, damage to the splash pad and bathroom in Searchlight Park, and more recently, two lights which have been broken out. If anyone sees anything, please report right away. Mr. deClercq announced there is a job opening which will be posted.

Jane Overy asked if Parks and Recreation considered using cameras. Mr. deClercq said that might be a consideration and is being discussed.

Janis Kosticky voiced her concerns about the increased vandalism.

Chair Myers commented on the CDBG process and said in July the application would be available. He would like a town meeting to get residents' input before the release date. He asked Mr. deClercq about a proposed fitness center and to obtain additional information. Mr. deClercq said he has an RPM estimate and the project is on a list through Parks & Recreation awaiting some type of funding. Chair Myers asked for more detailed information so it could be discussed for potential CDBG recommendation.

Martin Batchelor asked where specifically the job opening will be posted. Mr. deClercq said a notice will be found on the website as well as posted in this building and at the Parks & Recreation building in Laughlin.

Contact information:

Richard deClercq, Supervisor
Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant
Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682
Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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

Kelli Carlson provided the April report. Ms. Carlson introduced her new assistant, Ally, who has taken over the Sip & Paint program and has been working great with the kids.

1. Children's Activities:

- a) The Library will continue to have scheduled programs for kids after school on Thursdays. Tomorrow will be the Builders Club.
- b) The Library kicks off its Summer Learning Challenge on Tuesday, May 23rd with outreach to the elementary school and a cupcake party in the Library after school. During the summer break, the Library will host an open read on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with various programs on Thursdays and Saturdays to ensure the children can qualify for the grand prize in their age category.

- c) Wednesday with the Rec Crew finished last week. There will be an open play and snack.
 - d) Snacks and open play are available on Thursdays after school until 4:00 p.m.
2. Adult Activities:
- a) Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 28th and Tuesday, June 11th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. See Kelli Carlson for details.
 - b) Sip and Paint will be held on May 30th at 1:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided by the Library. The theme is “Cute as a Lady Bug”.
 - c) On May 30th, there will be a “mystery celebration” from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Hint: It will involve cake.
3. General News:
- a) June will be DVD Swap Month. The fiction section will be rotating its offerings and new material will be added to the children’s section.
 - b) New Wi-Fi units are now available.
 - c) iPad lending will be coming in about two weeks.
 - d) All libraries will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

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

11. Receive a report from Will Douglas with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Will Douglas said he had a great year working with the kids in addition to Kelli and Ally from the Library.

New Lego robotics kits were made available in both Searchlight and Laughlin. There are over 200 different projects that kids can work on through the 4-H program. A new project starting in Searchlight will be gardening. This summer, a garden bed will be built for the project behind the community center, providing a real hands-on project for the kids.

Kelli Carlson said the money from the Library Foundation and donations of book sales go into a fund which has provided the money for the garden materials. The Library District has committed a contribution of \$500 a year for more materials.

Mr. Douglas said Cooperative Extension works well with partnerships and is able to do much more. He would like to see the community get involved with the gardening as they move forward.

Chair Kyle Myers inquired about additional volunteers for the garden project. Mr. Douglas said volunteers could be used eventually but not at first. There is an extensive background check and vetting process to go through with the University (of Nevada) to work with the kids. Once cleared, a volunteer would have the ability to work with extension and beyond.

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

Janis Kostecky provided the report.

- Dinner this week will be sloppy joes. The cost is \$4 per person.
- A church yard sale will be held on both Friday and Saturday, May 17th & 18th, starting at 8:00 a.m.
- A Memorial Day BBQ will be held on May 25th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be games, prizes, and a bouncy house for the kids. All are welcome.
- Ceramics will be held on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., Book Club at 10:30 a.m., and Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

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

There was nothing to report for April.

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

Jane Overy spoke of the Church parking lot sale and how hard everyone has been working on it.

After about two years, Ms. Overy said she finally has control of the heating and cooling in the archive room.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization (SBO) is rescheduling its large town clean-up day as it was unable to secure the large trash dumpsters. The small town clean-up has been rescheduled for June 8th from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. along US 95 from casino to casino and along Cottonwood Cove Road from US 95 to Michael Wendell Way.

On June 4th, for one day only, the SBO will be collecting old clothing in 33 gallon bags.

Audrey Morrison voiced her concerns about kids tearing down flyers when posted. Chair Myers asked for the locations. Ms. Morrison responded at the post office and along US 95.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

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VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Judy Bundorf commented about the meetings with BLM regarding the BLM 2009 – 2014 Resource Management Plan (RMP). Moving forward, the BLM will continue to use the 21-year-old RMP for the entire area.

The second item is Assembly Bill 95 which is going to the Senate tomorrow with regards to water in Nevada. It would take 75 percent of the domestic well owner's allotment and place domestic wells under the authority of the state water engineer. Ms. Bundorf provided copies of the assembly bill to the town board, including contact information for the senators.

Michele Brown said if there was any clothing left after the church sale to call her or Kyle Myers as they will pick it up for the SBO.

IX. Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2019.

X. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the June 12, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the July 10, 2019.

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