



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

September 11, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members:	Kyle Myers – Chair Donna Moore – Vice Chair, (excused absence) Martin Batchelor	Ellie Deever Janis Kostecky
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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Ellie Deever.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Approval of August 14, 2019, Minutes.

Moved by: Janis Kostecky
Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0 Ellie Deever abstained due to not attending August meeting.
- IV. Approval of September 11, 2019, agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

Moved by: Ellie Deever
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0
- V. Informational Items
 1. Receive a report from Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

Officer Ortiz

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August 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 22
Traffic Citations: 116
DUI: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 5
Juvenile Citations: 0

Resident Dale Russell had a concern about non-licensed vehicles. Officer Ortiz said Metro tries to have officers here, but if you see a problem call it in.

Chair Myers asked Officer Ortiz what the public can do when they see these violations. Officer Ortiz said the infractions are misdemeanors and “if not committed in our presence, there is not a lot we can do. But if it’s a constant problem in your neighborhood, give Metro a call and we will come out and take a look.”

Ellie Deever voiced her concern about cars parking and blocking streets and what can be done. Officer Ortiz said to call Metro. “If we don’t receive the calls we can’t come out and respond.”

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)

Sue Landseadel provided the report.

August 2019 statistics:

Calls for service: 15
Medical: 10
Auto: 3
Fire: 2, one brush fire and one auto

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

Gabby Villafuerte provided the August report.

Water usage for August 2018 and 2019:

August 2019: 7.9 million gallons

August 2018: 7.7 million gallons

Searchlight usage decreased by 500,000 gallons from this time last year.
One leak was reported on West Hobson Street which has been repaired.
No other system issues were reported.

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, Ellie Deeever read the report.

August 2019 Statistics:

August 2019: Treated an average of 38,000 gallons per day
August 2018: Treated an average of 40,000 gallons per day
Flow decrease: 2,000 gallons per day from this time last year

Sewer service complaints: 0
Call Before You Dig Tickets: 9

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)

In Richard deClercq absence, Chair Myers read the report.

August 2019 Statistics:

Programs: 23
Total attendance for the month: 354
Total building use: 489

Upcoming Special Events:

- National Night Out, hosted by Metro, will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Searchlight Community Park.
- Halloween Event will be held on Wednesday, October 30th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Searchlight Community Center.

Updates:

Clark County Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for two part-time positions. The first position will be a paid recreation position, primarily working with the youth. The second position will be an unpaid Leader of the Future (LOFT) position. Applicants for the LOFT position must be between the ages of 13 and 16.

Contact information:

Richard deClercq, Supervisor

Michelle Brown, Recreation Assistant / office hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 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)

1. Children's Activities:

- a) Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school is open play and snacks.
- b) Educational programs will be held on Thursdays after school. On September 12th, the Builder's Club & Rigamajig will meet. The 4-H partnership will start on September 19th.

2. Adult Activities:

- a) Book Club will meet Tuesday, September 17th and Tuesday, October 1st at 10:30 a.m. at the Library.
- b) Sip and Paint will be held on September 26th at 1:30 a.m. All supplies will be provided by the Library. This month will be Halloween themed.

3. General News:

- a) The 4-H program is still working on getting the garden boxes installed for the younger kids program. A photography and video project are possible future projects.
- b) A DVD swap will be held this month and a large print swap in October.
- c) iPad lending is currently underway at the Library. See Kelli Carlson for details.

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 announced that various representatives will be visiting Searchlight.

September 8th – Legal Aid
October 17th – Humana
October 22nd – United Health Care

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

Chair Myers said he has not received a response from NV Energy for the past six months regarding the street light outages in Searchlight.

Diane Kendall provided suggestions to move forward and get a response for the light outages. Chair Myers said he would reach out to the County again and see if anything has changed.

Ms. Kendall asked Town Liaison Dr. Paulson if he could help with this issue. Dr. Paulson asked her to send him the information via email. Ms. Kendall is also concerned that the lack of lighting has become a safety issue.

Resident Judy Bundorf inquired about the washout on Grandpas Road and asked when the roads could be repaired. Chair Myers asked Ms. Bundorf to send him pictures and the locations.

11. Receive a report from Luis Plancarte of Equinox Gold regarding the status of the Castle Mountain Project. (For discussion only)

Luis Plancarte provided copies of a PowerPoint presentation to the board and public. Information was provided on Equinox Gold, what it does and how it would impact Searchlight and economic growth in the area.

For a copy of the presentation, contact the Laughlin Town Manager's Office at (702) 298-0828.

12. Receive a report from Steven De Stefano of Republic Services regarding convenience center options for Searchlight community. (For discussion only)

Mr. De Stefano provided updates and two choices for residents regarding the convenience center. He started with a brief history of how the center was started and how it was overlooked through the years. The first choice is to close the convenience center on October 1st and make a new trash container be made available to residents once a month at no charge. The second choice would keep the current convenience center open but at a higher charge.

Mr. De Stefano pointed out that many items that are going in the big container could be placed curb side along with the resident's normal garbage, as long as it is less than 50 pounds and less than six feet. Flyers can be provided to residents with instructions on what is allowed and what is not allowed to be placed on the curb.

Diane Kendall is concerned if the convenience center is closed except for one day a month that people would start dumping their trash in the desert. She said a refrigerator has been sitting on the curb waiting to be picked up for weeks.

Mr. De Stefano said Republic Services does not pick up refrigerators at the curb or the convenience center as it is a hazardous waste item due to the freon. The owner can call a company to pick up these types of appliances and other hazard waste.

Ms. Kendall commented on Republic Services using older trucks for trash pickup rather than using the newer mechanical arm trucks. Mr. De Stefano said older trucks are used so that workers can pick up other items left next to the trash cans.

Resident William McInnis commented on the sign at the convenience center stating the center was free to residents. Mr. De Stefano said the sign is old and the center will be updated based on what the residents needs are. A comment was made about pickup of construction material. Mr. De Stefano said pickup is for normal household trash and not construction material.

A lengthy discussion continued with the pros and cons of the two choices given to the residents. Mr. De Stefano said for those who are interested in the contract with Clark County, it can be found online in its entirety. He said that Republic Services will do what the residents want, given the two choices.

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

Janis Kostecky reminded the residents of the 30th Anniversary of the Searchlight Community Center to be held Saturday, October 12th. The celebration will start at 1:00 p.m.

Ellie Deever said every Thursday until the middle of October the game “Mexican Train” will be played at the Senior Center instead of the Community Center. Game starts at 10:00 a.m., everyone is invited.

Resident Kayla McInnis announced a potluck BBQ will be held on September 21st in appreciation of the Volunteer Fire Department at the Searchlight Community Park from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Janis Kostecky reminded attendees of National Night Out being held on Wednesday, October 2nd.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **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. To the PC 06/04/2019 **Adopted As Amended – Forwarded To The 07/17/19 BCC Meeting. This item was held until the August 7th BCC Zoning Commission meeting. No further action at the time of this posting.**

ADOPTED.

VII. General Business:

1. Review/finalize FY 2021 budget request(s) and take public comment on the budget request(s). (For possible action)

The members discussed each of the budget requests and prioritized them in order. See chart below.

	Kyle Myers	Donna Moore	Martin Batchelor	Ellie Deever	Janis Kostecky	Total	Priority
Rex Bell Jr. Trail Park	6	5	4	8	8	31	T-4
Community Center Parking Lot Repaving	8	8	3	9	9	37	3
Community Center New Sound System	3	7	7	7	7	31	T-4
New Splash Pad	5	4	6	4	4	23	7
New Dog Park	7	9	8	3	3	30	5
Buffer Fence/Sidewalk along Michael Wendell Way	10	10	10	5	5	40	2
Repave Gap area of Cottonwood Cove	4	6	3	6	6	25	6
Install LED Streetlights	9	3	9	10	10	41	1

2. Nominate a representative and an alternate to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

Michele Brown was nominated by Kyle Myers as the representative. Motion passed by a voice vote, 4-0.

Kyle Myers nominated himself as the alternate. Motion passed by a voice vote, 4-0.

VIII. Public Comment:

Kelli Carlson commented on the recent Health Fair and said it was very successful and had a good turnout.

Resident Dale Russell commented on the splash pad and said it was not draining and had a concern that this was unsanitary for the kids playing in the water.

Jim Stanger from Friends of Sloan Canyon said his stewardship is working with Land Management. He said the BLM is ramping up future tours for Walking Box Ranch. The next tour is October 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help with the stewardship work.

Diane Kendall asked about having a day for pets which would include spay and neuter along with informational programs.

IX. Next Meeting Date: October 9, 2019.

X. Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the October 9, 2019 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the November 13, 2019.***

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