



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

May 10, 2023

MINUTES

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- I. Call to Order by Kyle Myers at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Kyle Myers.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2023. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kim Colton
Action: Approved as written
Vote: 5-0
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for May 10, 2023, and Hold, Combine, or Delete any Items. (For possible action)

Moved by: Robert Shawn
Action: Approved
Vote: 5-0
- V. Informational Items
 1. Receive a report and updates from the South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz regarding Rural Partners Network with USDA, and any other update from Clark County. (For discussion only)

Mark Moskowitz provided information for the Rural Network and to contact him to be added to the email list.

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

Officer Jeter provided the April report.

Calls for Service: 17
Traffic Citations: 52
DUI: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 0
Juvenile Citations: 0

Officer Jeter provided updated information regarding the abandoned trailers and when they will be removed.

The burglaries have stopped with the removal of several individuals. No violent crimes to report.

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

April Statistics:

Calls for Service: 12
Medical – 7
Auto – 2
Fire – 2
Plane crash – 1

The Clark County Volunteer Fire Department is looking for new applicants.

4. Receive a report from Sandra Yasenchak with Justice Court regarding statistics and other activities during the past month. (For discussion only)

April Statistics:

Court Calendar:
Arraignments – 36
Status Checks – 30
Preliminary Hearings – 25
Traffic Bench Trials – 23

Action Taken:

New traffic cases opened – 32
Sent to Collections – 32
Citations – 165 paid in full

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All courts are open to the public and begin at 10 am.

5. Receive a report from Jordan Bunker or Aaron Gamble with Las Vegas Valley Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Aaron Gamble provided the April report.

April 2023, the town of Searchlight used 3.45 million gallons of water.

The water system remains in stable condition.

6. Receive a report from Sue Bishop, Sr. Operations Supervisor with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition. (For discussion only)

Vegas Express ridership is up from this time last year. The Laughlin Express is slightly down from this time last year. With the increased outreach and getting the word out, hopefully the numbers will be back up.

The bus-stop located at East Encinitas has a new flyer, thanks to Kyle Myers. The flyer is to help promote public awareness of public transportation and services for Searchlight.

There have been difficulties on getting quotes for the new paratransit and express busses with the new low floors. With the rising cost and supply shortages it could take up to a year and half.

Meals on Wheels is delivered by Silver Rider for Searchlight and Laughlin. For ages 60 or older and must be homebound. For more information call (702) 298-4435

Officer Jeter commented on the free bus tickets for stranded motorists.

Kyle Myers commented on putting in solar lights at the bus stop, but Ms. Bishop said they have stopped using solar lights due to the high incidents of thefts. Kyle mentioned to up-grade to electricity and added a concrete pad at the bus stop to be more accessible. The area collects water when it rains.

7. Receive information from Lisa Ortega with Nevada Plants Community Forestry regarding trees for individuals and the community. (For discussion only)

Lisa Ortega explained the program and the grants that are available for the trees. There was a discussion on the size of the trees and information and instructions on how to plant the different trees for a better outcome and success.

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

April 2023 Statistics: Kayla McInnis read the report.

April 2023: Treated an average of 46 gallons per day

April 2022: Treated an average of 43 gallons per day

Flow increased by 3,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Sewer service complaints: 0

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Call before You Dig Tickets: 0 ticket received for April 2023.

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

A'Lonn Bilbray provided a brief report.

87 visits to the building in the month of April.

Contact information:

A'Lonn Bilbray, Supervisor

Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

10. Receive a report Tyler Young from the Searchlight Library regarding current and upcoming programs. (For discussion only)

Tyler Young provided the report including information for the Summer Reading Kickoff being held between May 15th through July 31.

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

Nothing to report.

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

SBO holding a Taco Night, contact the SBO for details and to order.

Memorial Day Event, to be held May 29th at the Searchlight Park and Cemetery starting at 9:30 am. This event will include Commissioner Naft and South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz.

VII. Planning & Zoning:

1. **AR-23-400023 (UC-21-0657)-RENEGADES MINES PARTNERS, LLC:**
USE PERMIT FIRST APPLICATION FOR REVIEW for a heliport.
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for landscaping and screening.
DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) heliport; and 2) final grading plan for a Hillside Development on 10.7 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 1.4 miles east of US Highway 95 and 1.7 miles north of Cottonwood Cove Road within Searchlight. (For possible action) To the BCC 05/17/23

Mr. Genghis Cohen started the conversation and answered questions. He said there will not be any planned flight increases and they don't fly over private property only over the BLM land. Between 2022 and 2023 there has been 5 landings, three in 2022 and two in 2023. Nothing has changed and according to the staff recommendations there has not been any complaints. There was two people there to oppose the application for review. Jack Weaver and Leslie Coon. Kim Colton motioned for approval with staff recommendations and for a one-year review. James

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Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 upon a voice vote, with Robert Shawn abstaining but did not provide a reason for abstaining.

2. **UC-23-0069-O'NEIL EDWARD J FAMILY TRUST & O'NEIL EDWARD J TRS:**

USE PERMIT for outdoor watercraft storage.

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: **1)** landscaping; **2)** gated access setback; **3)** off-site improvements (curb, gutter, partial pavement); **4)** alternative driveway geometrics; **5)** parking; **6)** eliminate trash enclosure; **7)** paved parking; and **8)** decorative fence.

DESIGN REVIEW for an outdoor watercraft storage on 0.4 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the north side of Cottonwood Cove Road and the west side of Main Street within Searchlight. (For possible action) To the BCC 05/17/2023

Carl Palm, representative with his son Greg Palm and Edward O'Neil, Owner. A lengthy discussion ensued with concerns regarding:

The number of waivers that are being requested.

Boats blocking the roads for extended periods of time.

Fire Hazards

Blowing trash, unsightly yard.

Over the limit of boats being stored.

Having the proper permits for this specific property

People living on site.

The questions were answered by Mr. Palm and son Greg Palm and the owner Mr. O'Neil. They said the property is currently being worked on to make it presentable, with clean up, adjusting the gates to prevent blocking the roads. Moving the fence line and installing a screen on the fence.

Officer Jeter commented that due to the number of break-ins on the property, it was his suggestion to have someone stay on property for a short time to provide security.

Kim Colton motioned to deny application UC/WS/DR 23-0069, James Allen seconded the motion. Motion for denial passed upon a voice vote 5-0.

VIII. General Business: None

IX. Public Comment:

Judy Bundorf provided an update for the new monument and said possibly in the future there could be a visitor center in Searchlight.

Kim Colton expressed her gratitude for Judy Bundorf's hard work in defending Searchlight with the windmill projects.

XI. Next Meeting Date: June 14, 2023

XII. Adjournment: 8:08 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the June 13, 2023, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the July 12, 2023.

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