



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

August 9, 2023

MINUTES

Board Members: Kyle Myers – Chairperson
James Allen – Vice Chairperson
Kim Colton
Kayla McInnis
Robert Shawn – Absent

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6th Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

- 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 July 12, 2023. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kim Colton
Action: Approved as written
Vote: 4-0
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for August 9, 2023, and Hold, Combine, or Delete any Items. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kayla McInnis
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0
- V. Informational Items

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1. Receive a report and updates from the South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz regarding updates on the Searchlight Health and Wellness Fair held on July 22nd and the upcoming Searchlight Animal Clinic, being held August 19th, and any other updates from Clark County. (For discussion only)

Mark Moskowitz commented about the Health and Wellness Fair. He thanked Michele Brown for all her hard work. He asked the public what we could do to make it more successful and have better attendance, such as change the times or day of the week.

The second annual Animal Clinic will be held August 19th from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Searchlight Volunteer Fire Station. He thanked Kim Colton for helping to facilitate this event. Mr. Moskowitz thanked the CCFD for their help with the York Fire and Kyle Myers and Michele Brown for their help with getting updates out to the community.

Flyers are in the back with information on discounted home internet and how to sign up. Commissioner Naft's newsletter is available in the back.

Kim Colton inquired about having access to local television channels with out using cable or satellite. Mark Moskowitz and Elias Askins from Rural Partners network said they will both look into it.

2. Receive a report from Andrew Bennett – Director of the Office of Traffic Safety to discuss ongoing traffic safety efforts in Clark County. (For discussion only)

Mr. Bennett explained the purpose of Traffic safety. The mission is to improve the protection of life and property for existing residents, future residents, and visitors. He explained designs and why some designs are used in specific areas and others not.

Chair Myers inquired about the walking paths on both side of Cottonwood Cove. Mr. Bennett said this project was about 90% completed but will get a status.

Other concerns voiced by the STAB were:

Safe route to school on Cottonwood Cove

Completed streets.

ADA concerns, including the bus stop which has been washed out.

Traffic increases on the weekends, how to slow people down.

No shoulder on the Nipton Road

3. Receive a report from Patricia Haddad – Director of Government Relations from Clark County School District to discuss resources available to the community. (For discussion only)

Ms. Haddad said they are building relationships, providing resources and sharing resources. Flyers on the back table.

Chair Myers inquired about changing school assignments. Searchlight parents are not happy with Boulder City school system and would like to change the school assignment to the Laughlin school system. Boulder City does not provide after school transportation to the Searchlight students to be able to participate in after school sports or educational clubs.

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The SBO and Silver Rider would be willing to work together to provide after school transportation from the Laughlin School.

Michele Brown voiced her concerns regarding students being bussed to Boulder City instead of Laughlin. Boulder City is not able to provide after school activities for the Searchlight students such as sports and educational clubs due to not providing later bus service.

Mark Moskowitz with Ms. Haddad will work together and provide additional information for a change in school assignment and other information for the public.

4. 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 report.

Calls for Service: 29
Traffic Citations: 34
DUI: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 0
Juvenile Citations: 0

There have been three burglaries in Searchlight and said he can't express enough how important it is to provide your property with light and camera's. Protect your houses and watch over your neighbor's house.

Officer Jeter said his working hours at this time are Wednesday – Saturday from 6:00 am – 4:00 pm. If you need an officer outside of these times to call 911 or dispatch and request an on-duty officer and don't call him during his off-duty hours.

Joan Mesenbrink voiced her concerns about senior safety and the recent break-ins.

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

Ridership on express routes has increased from previous years. We credit that with our outreach with the public and the Town Board meetings.

General Updates:

SNTC Laughlin and organizations statewide continue to experience workforce shortages. SNTC has increased the starting salary by 13% and in the process of restructuring salary and benefits to be more attractive.

Grants:

The SNTC has been notified that 100% of the grant application amount of \$3,466,942 for 2023-2024 has been granted.

The SNTC is bringing back the Toy Drive for 2023 in honor of Megan Belle Jackson

Meals on Wheels (MOW) has openings for new clients. Must be 60+ and homebound. Homebound individuals or their care givers can contact Silver Rider to get more information and sign up.

Chair Myers asked if Silver Rider will participate with the Halloween Haunted Bus again and Ms. Bishop said yes, they would.

Full report is available upon request.

6. Receive a report from Michele Brown with Searchlight Betterment Organization. (For discussion only)

Chair Myers read the report.

May 23rd was the second “Taco Tuesday” held at the senior center and had a great outcome.

The SBO helped sponsor the “night Owl” Bushwackers motorcycle race on June 16th and 17th. The race was a huge success. T-shirts are still available at the Thrift store for \$15.

On August 17th and 18th the SBO is hosting the Extreme Tour. This troupe donates their time to do street ministry benefitting the homeless youth.

SBO has mural T-shirts available for \$25 at the Thrift Store or contact Kyle Myers if you don’t find your size.

7. 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)

July 2023 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 16

Medical – 10

Auto – 4

Fire – 2

Ms. Colton said they were tasked with structure watch during the York Fire. Chair Myers thanked the Searchlight Fire Department for their work and dedication during the fire.

There was a concern about not being able to reach anyone from the fire department during that time. Kim Colton said in the future they would post on the door a name and number of someone that would be available to answer questions during major events.

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

July 2023 Court Calendar:

Arraignments: 21

Status Checks: 32

All – Hearings – Trials: 53

Action Taken:

New Civil Citations Filed: 209
New Traffic or Misdemeanor Citations Filed: 80
New Criminal Complaints Filed: 5
Cased Closed: 210

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

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

July 2023, the town of Searchlight used 5.4 million gallons of water.

The water system remains in stable condition with no service line or mainline breaks or leaks. The flow test was completed with out any issues.

10. 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)

Kayla McGinnis read the July report.

July 2023 Statistics:

July 2023: Treated an average of 43 gallons per day.
July 2022: Treated an average of 48 gallons per day.
Flow, same number of gallons per day at this time last year.

Sewer service complaints: 0
Call before You Dig Tickets: 0 ticket received for July 2023.

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

A'Lonn Bilbray provided the report.

Statistics: July 2023
Programs: 5
Visits: 94

Cal-Nev-Ari:
Programs: 5
Visits: 27

Representative from Real Property Management (RPM) John Advent, and Justin Williams, Manager with Parks and Recreation attended the August TAB meeting to provide information on the new splash pad. This included six designs and asking for community impute on what features they would like to see with the new Splash Pad.

Chair Myers suggested a Q&A involving parent and their kids. It was suggested that benches be installed for the parents to sit at and the restroom be open during the open times of the splash pad.

Residents voiced their desire to have a few more features and have it look more rustic like a mining town to match the motif of Searchlight.

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

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

Michael Chapmen said there are flyers on the back table with the calendar of programs and events.

There will be game show day and they will take the program to the seniors of Cottonwood Apartments.

Contact the Library for dates and times of the classes and events.

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

Nothing to report for the month. James Allan said he spoke to NDOT about installing planters on SR 95.

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

Elias Askins from Rural partners Network announced a planning meeting at the Laughlin Government Center, August 30th at 1:30 – 3:30 pm for all network partners and anyone interested in attending. He will check into the availability of local TV in Searchlight.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Review FY 2024 budget requests and take public input regarding suggestions for FY 2024 budget requests. (For possible action)

After some discussion the TAB made their selections by priority and requested a new format. Their selections will be finalized at the next meeting held September 13th.

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VIII. Public Comment:

Judy Bundorf provided an update on the BLM and Crescent Wind. Ms. Bundorf provided an update on the person that was jailed for the burglaries in Searchlight and could possibly be released in September.

Nataly Jeter provide an update for the Walking Box Ranch. Events will resume in October.

Luis Plancarte from Equinox Gold provided some updates, which included adopt a plant day and said they had minimal fire damage to the mine area. He requested to be on the agenda next month and will provide a PowerPoint presentation at that time.

IX. Next Meeting Date: September 13, 2023

X. Adjournment:

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 13, 2023, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 11, 2023.

To listen to the audio recording of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board go to:

<https://clarkcountynv.gov/SearchlightTAB>

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