



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

March 10, 2021

MINUTES

Board Members: John Leone– Chair
 Patricia Mayne – Vice Chair
 Kyle Myers

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

I. Call to Order by Chair John Leone at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Leone.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of Minutes for February 10, 2021.

Moved by: Kyle Myers
Action: Approved as written
Vote: 3-0

IV. Approval of the Agenda for March 10, 2021, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kyle Myers
Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0

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 Jeter provided the report and introduced two new officer.

February 2021 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 17
Traffic Citations: 52

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DUI: 1
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 1
Bookings: 3
Juvenile Citations: 0

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 and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu with a follow-up regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

No report

4. 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 report.

Searchlight's usage for February 2021 was 3.79 million gallons.
Searchlight's usage for February 2020 was 3.94 million gallons.
Searchlight used 150,000 gallons less in February 2021 than in February 2020.

Update:

There was a small leak on Gaviland that has been repaired. Two pipeline replacements will be moving forward by the end of the month. One on a small section of Waterspout and on Orlando Street and Desert Sage. Mr. Jackson said these have historically had some leaks and were able to get funding from the Army Corps of Engineers. The project will take a few weeks to complete with minimal outages.

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)

Kyle Myers read the February report.

January 2021 Statistics:

January 2021: Treated an average of 28,000 gallons per day

January 2020: Treated an average of 41,000 gallons per day

Flow decreased by 13,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig Tickets: 0 tickets received for January 2021.

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

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Vice Chair Mayne read the February report.

Statistics: February 2021 – 0 program visits due to COVID-19

Upcoming Events: None

Updates:

Monthly Metro meetings

Youth programming is looking for part-time staff to run the youth programs in Searchlight. Culinary Academy of Las Vegas will hold a mobile food pantry at the community center Friday, April 16. Flyers with the time of the event will be posted at a later time.

Contact information:

Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor

A'Lonn Bilbray, Recreation Specialist

Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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

Kelli Carlson provided the March report.

- The library is currently open for all library services, and will continue to have curbside services for patrons who request it. Masks or other appropriate face coverings is required for entry into the library and social distancing is practiced. The library is operating at 50% capacity.
- Wi-Fi is available 24 hours a day in the parking lot.

Children's activities:

- Snacks are being provided by Three Square and are being distributed after school at the gate and not in the library.
- Take and Make, which is a Craft along with the snack, will be given out for additional at-home enrichment. Approximately 20 crafts are distributed daily.
- The library is moving forward with booking summer performers providing COVID restrictions will be lifted with-in the next three months. This year we would like to hold the special programming on a weekday afternoon instead of Saturday mornings to hopefully boost attendance. Magician Adam Landon and possibly the Fratello Marionettes will back this summer.

Adult activities:

- The Book Club continues with a mix of in-person and call-in attendance. The Book

Club will be held once a month, on the first Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 am.

- Painting with Ali will be held Thursday, March 25th at 11:30 am. This month's painting is a night time firefly scene. The library will provide all supplies needed. Attendance is limited and reservations are required. Call or visit to make your reservation.
- Starting in May the Library will provide an adult Take and Make craft program to take home.

General News:

- All branches will be closed Easter Sunday April 4, 2021.
 - A DVD swap is coming later this month with a 100 DVD's available.
 - Tax forms and instruction books in Library.
 - The partnership with Golden Knights has been renewed and book marks are available.
 - Additional information can be found on Facebook "Searchlight Library News" or call the Library for information. Monthly calendar of events and upcoming event flyers are posted on the door.
8. Receive a report from Janis Kosticky with Searchlight Senior Center regarding current and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

No report

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

Kyle Myers provided the following report from Public Works.

"Cottonwood Cove Trail / sidewalks is at 35% design. We modified the design to include sidewalks on both sides of the street. The south side of the streets has some drainage issues and utility conflicts that will need to be addressed. This has doubled the original cost estimates that was budgeted for and we are identifying next steps to increase funding for the project.

*We are in the process of ordering the poles to install ten streetlights. Once the materials are procured, we will work on the next steps for installation.
The Searchlight – West drainage project is in early phase design."*

Kyle Myers said the maintenance division informed him that Public Works will have four major projects this year at Cottonwood Cove and said all are funded and ready to go. Before Labor Day the sewage force main will be replaced in the developed areas and re-drilling one of the water wells and replacing the water line to the storage tanks.

After Labor Day; the roads rehabilitation project. Federal Highways will be working on the road from the entrance station to the water, including the section traversing BLM land

between the entrance station and park boundary. As a part of this, the two sharp curves near Black Mountain will be re-aligned. Construction of the flood diversion structure in the wash west of the developed area.

Concessions division said the projects to issue a lease for the concessionaire facilities at Cottonwood Cove has been approved by NPS (National Park Service) headquarters and should be moving forward. As of now the Protection Division at Cottonwood Cove has a full staff with two additional seasonal rangers this summer.

Gas Line: Public comment period is open until March 24th on the Southwest Gas Corporation's project proposal to install 69.5 miles of natural gas pipeline with-in an existing permanent right-of-way.

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

Michelle Brown provided the following report regarding the Searchlight Mountain Flag Box:

"After speaking with Chris Wardlaw (Clark County Senior financial Analyst) I was given direction on how to proceed with RPM (Real Property Management) and contacted Robert Tomiyasu. I provided all state and federal verification for the Searchlight Betterment Organization and a contract will be drafted by RPM and the DA for the SBO to sign. The contract will be for maintenance and permission to be on the property. The next step is the allocation for funds from Fund 422 to purchase the mural and lighting.

The SBO is purchasing T-Shirts with the SBO logo and will be available for purchase at the Searchlight Treasures Thrift Store or any board member. The cost is \$20 per shirt and comes in Black or gray. All proceeds go to the funding of future projects."

The SBO will facilitate a town clean-up soon starting with the lot north of the horseshoe pits. There will be a trash collection clean-up on the lot west of the Thrift Store. Any parties who would like to volunteer please contact the SBO for more details.

Extreme Tours, a non-denominational Christian group has offered a free Concert in the Park this June. A group of 25 people will arrive on a Monday evening and do a street outreach on Tuesday and have the concert on Wednesday evening and possibly a skate competition at the skate park. More details will be forthcoming. If interested in this event contact the SBO at sbo89046@yahoo.com or call (702) 912-6275.

The SBO is promoting the Smile Amazon account. Everything you purchase Amazon will donate .05 percent to the SBO. All the money that is received will go back into community projects. This is an easy way to help Searchlight thrive.

11. Receive a report from Diane Kendall regarding Clark County Master Plan and Title 30 Development Code Rewrite Committee. (For discussion only)

No report

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

None

13. Receive a report from Jim Stanger, President of Friends of Walking Box Ranch, and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Jim Stanger said the Friends of Walking Box Ranch is back on site. The Friends of Walking Box Ranch is a 501C3 non-profit who partners with BLM and helps steward the Walking Box Ranch. The goal is to help BLM to fix up the site and put together some programs to open up to the public.

The public open is to be determined due to COVID but hoping in a few months. It's anticipated to be open on weekends to start. Next week they are hosting a Backyard Astronomy Evening and have flyers to pass out to the community on the back table.

Volunteers will be needed when the ranch opens, which includes grounds keeping and cleaning of the house.

14. Announcement of applicants sought for the Town Advisory Board. (For discussion only)

Chair Leone read the announcement.

15. Discuss the Laughlin Directory updates to include Searchlight's relevant community contact information with local numbers. (For discussion only)

Kyle Myers provided a list of agencies and phone numbers to be added when the new directory is updated. He explained what can be included to the directory.

Vice Chair Mayne explained the Searchlight agencies will be added with the Laughlin Directory to include both towns when the directory is updated later this year. Ms. Mayne asked for public input with regard to adding agencies and numbers.

Mr. Myers read the suggestions he had listed to add to the directory. If interested in receiving this list or want to provide a suggestion contact the Searchlight TAB Secretary Tammy Harris or TAB member Kyle Myers.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Appoint one member as the Searchlight Town Advisory Board representative to participate in the Transform Clark County - rewrite of Clark County's Development Code Title 30 (For Possible Action.)

Chair Leone motioned to re-nominate Diane Kendall to continue with the Title 30 rewrite. Diane Kendall responded by email that she accepts the nomination, read by Chair Leone. Kyle Myers second the motion to re-nominate Diane Kendall. Upon a voice vote motion approved 3-0.

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2. Discuss the request from Searchlight Betterment Organization regarding allocation of \$6,555 from fund 4370.422 for the Flag Box Project Proposal (Solar LED Lighting & Heavy Duty Canvas Murals) on parcel 243-35-310-083 and take appropriate action. (For possible action.)

Kyle Myers open to the public for comments. The flag box model was requested to be seen again and Michele Brown provided the model and explained the mural and lights.

Ms. Brown stated that once approved it will take about two weeks to complete.

Patricia Mayne said this will be a canvass mural and guarantee to last 10 years or replaced.

Kyle Myers and Patricia Mayne both disclosed they are members of the SBO but will not be abstaining from the vote.

Kyle Myers motioned to approve using Searchlight fund 422 and allocate \$6,555 to the Flag Box Project. Upon a voice vote motioned approve 3-0. Applause from the audience.

VIII. Public Comment:

Kim Means, Searchlight resident. She said she owns Mystery Ranch on Grandpas Road where she invites artist from all around the world. Ms. Means said she would like to invite some of the organizations in town, to include the SBO, the Library, and Walking Box Ranch to come and see what they are doing. She said she is also available if an artist is needed and to collaborate for workshops.

Ms. Means said she is one of the people who been talking with the organizers of Avi Kwa Ame National Monument and said that was a very important proposal to look at. She said she found out there is another wind farm project that has been proposed for Crescent Peak. If anyone is interested in the research she has done you can contact her to help you with the information she has.

Judy Bundorf, Grandpas Road. She stated Aeolus Wind Company has filed with BLM for plans of development. If anyone would like copies, email Judy Bundorf for more information. The area will be 14 square miles with 68 turbines with 50 miles of new roads throughout the mountain area if approved. This would be about three miles from Walking Box Ranch and your view to the west will be flashing red lights with turbines reaching 800 feet tall. The company would like to have the entire system up and running by 2024.

Ms. Bundorf updated regarding the burglary ring from two years ago, the suspect will be going to trial in June.

IX. Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2021

X. Adjournment: 6:50 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 14, 2021 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 12, 2021.

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