



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

April 14, 2021 (Revised)

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 March 10, 2021.

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

IV. Approval of the Agenda for April 14, 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 Jason Levitt provided the March report.

March 2021 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 18
Traffic Citations: 68
DUI: 1

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Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 2

Juvenile Citations: 0

Judy Bundorf commented on Grandpas Road someone was using a shot gun and damaging Joshua trees and is requesting public signs to be posted for “No Shooting” in this area. Officer Levitt said Metro does not provide the signage but contact the County to have this addressed.

Leland Means thanked Metro for patrolling the area around Grandpas Road.

Patricia Mayne voiced her concern with Carters Trailer Park and the loud music, fireworks / gunshots. Her question to Metro is this something Metro has to catch in the act? Officer Levitt said there is a lot that needs to be done at the park and trailers are not legally registered and it’s tough to track down the owner. But if there is a problem, he said by all means call us. If the person who made the call is located, that person can sign the complaint and a citation can be written. Ms. Mayne inquired about unlicensed cars. Officer Levitt said if the car is on private property there is nothing they will do.

Kyle Myers asked about getting calls for service statistics, officer Levitt said call the Laughlin Sub-station and ask for those statistics.

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

No report

3. 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 March 2021 was 3.3 million gallons.

Searchlight used 600,000 gallons less in March 2021 than in March 2020.

Update:

Update from last month, they are replacing the pipes on Orlando Street and Desert Sage. Mr. Jackson said these are older mains and had some breaks and are under sized. A fire hydrant will also be installed on the corner. The project started Tuesday and some prep work was done to insure customers have water on those streets. Tomorrow there will be a short shut down for customers on the two blocks. The project could take up to eight weeks.

Patricia Mayne inquired about the number of fire hydrants that are in Searchlight. Mr. Jackson said approximately fifty.

Kyle Myers inquired about how it’s determined where the fire hydrants go. Mr. Jackson said there is a planning division and they are the ones who deal with the ISO (Insurance service office) surveys and determine where the fire hydrants would go.

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4. 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 March report.

March 2021 Statistics:

March 2021: Treated an average of 34,000 gallons per day

March 2020: Treated an average of 30,000 gallons per day

Flow increased by 4,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig Tickets: 3 tickets received for March 2021.

5. Receive a report and updates from Clark County Public Works regarding the status of current and upcoming projects. (For discussion only)

Was not able to attend

6. Receive a report from Anna Talamo, Director of operations with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition. (For discussion only)

Vegas Express

Jan 2021:	109	Jan 2020:	315
Feb 2021:	132	Feb 2020:	274
Mar 2021:	146	Mar 2020:	207

Searchlight Express

Jan 2021:	10	Jan 2020:	30
Feb 2021:	8	Feb 2020:	33
Mar 2021:	12	Mar 2020:	39

General Update:

Bus shelter:

This shelter is owned by the County, Donated by RTC for school district use. As a partner we are willing to maintain but we are not in position to empty trash daily. The county offered us easement, but we are not in the position to take on the liability. We currently do not utilize this stop, but if we do partner up, we can add it to our Vegas Express.

Ridership:

Ridership is down due to covid seating capacity. As seating capacity is eased up, we are

working on ridership incentives.

Outreach:

Anna Talamo and Sue Bishop will work on outreach once Covid allows

Safety and Security

No incidents this Quarter

Kyle Myers inquired about the capacity levels, Ms. Talamo said each County starting May 1st will decide if the six foot social distancing can be removed or if not by June 1st. Keeping to the social distancing she said they had to close off every other row.

Mr. Myers asked if Silver Rider would provide maintenance for the bus shelter in Searchlight. Ms. Talamo said there is a service worker who goes to all the stops in Laughlin and the bus shelters would be cleaned periodically. She said Silver Rider can use the shelter as the Vegas Express and every day someone can see what needs to be done. Trash would be an issue since there is nowhere to put the trash. Kyle Myers said the back board has been damaged and if this was something that could be repaired. Ms. Talamo said she will find out who would be do the repairs.

7. Receive a report from Community Outreach Specialist Maria Jensen with HELP of Southern Nevada regarding the weatherization program. (For discussion only)

Maria Jensen introduced herself and said their goal is to help low income families weatherize their homes and save money for other needs. Ms. Jensen explained the process when an application is sent in. If approved a letter will be sent and an assessor will call to set up an appointment. Besides house's, mobile homes and renters are also eligible. Swag bags are available in the back with applications.

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

Shelly Gulotta provided the report.

Monthly Metro meetings will be with the new officer Lt. Rogers. The dates will be determined at a later date.

Youth programming is looking for part-time staff, eighteen years or older, willing to work 20 hours a week to help run the youth programs in Searchlight.

Culinary Academy of Las Vegas will hold a mobile food pantry at the community center Friday, April 16, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. It will be drive through and a zip code will be required to insure the needs of this community are being met.

The community center is now open but still following the guidelines. Arts and Crafts are being offered from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Exercise glass being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 10:30am

Mexican Train to be held on Mondays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. These are senior programs and will need to show proof of vaccination and your first shot must be received two weeks prior. Mask and temperature checks will be mandated.

Patricia Mayne inquired if just seniors would be able to attend these classes. Ms. Gulotta said no one would not turn anyone away but the classes are geared for adults 50 or older.

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

9. 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 15-18 crafts are distributed daily.
- With the easing of restrictions the Library will resume the Thursday after school programs beginning the first week of May. A paint class with Ali is being planned for grades 3+.
- The library district has booked summer performers. In Searchlight Magician Adam Landon will be here July 8th at 2:00 pm. Fratello Marionettes and other performers including Jim Gill will be at various urban branches.

Kelli Carlson said the Safe Place signage has increased and the Library is considered a safe place. The Safe Place Program is for children ages 12-18 who are at risk for whatever reasons.

Adult activities:

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- 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. This month's book is by David Baldacci called "One Good Deed"
- Painting with Ali will be held Thursday, April 29th at 11:30 am. This month's painting is a summer beach 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 twice a month an adult Take and Make craft program to take home. This will continue through summer.

General News:

- Limited tax forms and instruction books are still available.
- The Library received 25 TV series DVD and 25 music CD's.
- The partnership with Golden Knights has been renewed and book marks are available.
- Fax prices have been lowered to .50 cents per page. Scan/copy/print is also 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.

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

No report

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

No report

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

Judy Bundorf, said Friends of Walking Box Ranch continues to have monthly ZOOM meetings and have been unable to have any public events other than Star Gazing. On May 15th another star gazing event will be held and flyer will be available.

Michele Brown with the Searchlight Betterment Organization (SBO) said they will start having public meetings the first Monday of every month at the senior center at 4:00 pm. The SBO would like for the community to attend and would like the community impute.

Chair Leone announced the County is taking application for the STAB.

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13. Receive a report and updates from Alan O'Neil, advisor to the National Parks Conservation Association to discuss the proposed Avi Kwa Monument. (For discussion only)

Kim Means started the presentation. She is here to speak about the National Monument and explain why this is of great concern to the Searchlight community. She said she has a number of people here tonight to help provide the information.

Judy Bundorf provided the history of the wind projects and explained why the national monument would help protect the area and the conservation for the endangered animals, and historic resources. Ms. Bundorf provided pictures and maps of where the wind farms would be if constructed. She said the turbines are over 400 feet tall.

Ms. Means stated the wind mills are so tall that you could see them from three states, Arizona, California and Nevada. She spoke about the proposed monument area and why this area is being proposed.

Alan O'Neill spoke about some of the history of the area and why the urgency to propose the monument.

Ms. Means commented on how important it is to have community involvement and to have a voice.

Berta spoke about the advantages of having the monument in the area and the economic benefits towns that are adjacent.

Gabriel di Chiara spoke about the need for the monument and support from the community. He said either the President or Act of Declaration can declare the monument. Once the monument is created, a managing agency is chosen and in this case the BLM (Bureau of Land Management).

Leland Means spoke about the disadvantages of wind farms and said there would be no advantages for the community. He said there are opportunities for local business and tour companies next to a national monument.

Kim Means said the public can support the national monument by public speaking, sending postcards and signing a letter.

Kyle Myers commented about his concerns of BLM changing the structure of the agreement and not allowing ATV's and OHV at the national monument. Ms. Berta said the monument would protect the existing roads with no changes with the uses. Mr. Myers inquired if the BLM would be able to close any roads if the monument was approved. Ms. Berta said no. The roads are mapped out to ensure no changes are made to the existing roads. It was also stated the once designated it becomes law and BLM would follow that law that congress passed.

Mr. Myers asked if this proposed monument has been sent to the current presidential administration or congress and Ms. Berta said they have communicated the values of the landscape to all the congressional delegation in Nevada.

Jim Beneda, Cal Nev Ari, commented that it's a good idea to preserve as much land as possibly but voiced his concerns regarding the national monument and the people that are facilitating the monument are not from Nevada according to Mr. Beneda. Another concern is the amount of land and would Searchlight and Cal Nev Ari be able to expand if the monument was designated.

Kelli Carlson spoke about Boulder City and the renewable energy.

Mikayla Whitmore commented that this is an important step and is happy to be a part of this process and to be here.

14. Receive information from Hilda Romero with Sunrise Health. (For discussion only)

Was unable to attend

- VI. Planning & Zoning: None
- VII. General Business: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2021
- X. Adjournment: 8:27 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the May 12, 2021 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the June 9, 2021.

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<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/town-liaison/Pages/Searchlight%20Town%20Advisory%20Board.aspx>

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