



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

September 9, 2020

MINUTES

Board Members:	Kyle Myers – Chair	Vacant
	Donna Moore – Vice Chair	Vacant
	Janis Kostecky	
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Town Liaison:	Mark Robledo, (702) 298-0828, Mark.Robledo@clarkcountynv.gov	

I. Call to Order by Chair Kyle Myers at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Janis Kostecky.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of June 10, 2020, Minutes.

Moved by: Janis Kostecky

Action: Approved

Vote: 3-0

IV. Approval of September 9, 2020 agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kyle Myers

Action: Approved with a change moving V.10. to V. 1.

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 introduced himself and provided the August report.

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August 2020 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 28
Traffic Citations: 76
DUI: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 3
Bookings: 7
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 Assistant Chief Haydu and Searchlight Volunteer Fire Chief Rick Marshall regarding calls for service and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

Assistant Chief Haydu provided information regarding the Volunteer Fire Station, saying there are 10 volunteer rural divisions which covers 7,500 square miles of Clark County and responds to just under 2,000 calls annually.

Searchlight History:

Population (2010): 536
Current population: 356
Highest population (1907): 5,000

Demographics:

315 Households
Median age is 55 years
23.5% of household has someone 65 years or older in the home. That leaves 241 homes, in theory, with residents fit to volunteer, yet only 2 percent do.

A program Chief Haydu developed about 5 years ago allowed people interested in volunteering to do so without having to live in a rural community. Previously, only residents could be volunteer firefighters in a rural community. Now, anyone 18 years or older with an Emergency Medical Technician certification can apply. They must, however, commit to volunteers a minimum of 24 hours each month at their assigned fire station. Some of the Non-Resident volunteers assigned to Searchlight routinely volunteer in excess of 80 hours per month.

Searchlight Fire Department

Busiest Rural Fire Station in the County for the past three years.
272 Calls last year
Rescue 75 ran 229 calls, most of any rural rescue

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44 “Alpha” calls (Not run in town- Community medicine)

67 “Bravo” calls

44 “Charlie” calls

74 “Delta” calls

25 Fires

18 Other/Miscellaneous calls

27 Members

20 are Non-Resident Volunteers (65% of your local fire department does not live in the area)

As Non-Resident members they are required to staff their assigned fire station 24 hours/month.

Sue Lanseadel recently retired after 18 years. Sue ran many of the calls, no replacement.

Marshall family 3 out of 4 are volunteers. Rick Marshall serves as the Fire Chief and is one of the best Volunteer Chiefs in the County.

Buie family both brothers and a wife who volunteer

Lack of new local members. We will train willing new members including medical training

Medial Response

When no one is available from Fire Station 75, dispatch will respond Engine 76, 85 and/or Rescue 76 and/or AMR from Laughlin, 38.2 Miles and 36 minutes away, or Community Ambulance from Henderson (43 miles or 42 minutes on all “Charlie, Delta and Echo “calls. In addition, an Air Ambulance from Mercy Air is either put on stand-by or if the call seems severe enough launched to the airport. Only AMR and Community Ambulance are sent on “Alpha” and “Bravo” calls. Calls are prioritized by our dispatch using national EMS dispatch standards.

CCFD Responds Laughlin units as well as units from Las Vegas on all structure fires to support Stations 75 and 84.

Full Time Coverage

The annual staffing cost of a CCFD Rescue to the taxpayers is approximately \$1.5 million and the annual costs for an Engine about \$3 million. These costs do not include the cost of the fire station and the apparatus.

Searchlight’s total Revenue for 2018 was \$436,840.

New Equipment

Due to the call volume at station 75, CCFD is in the process of moving a newer Squad (2017) from a slower station to Searchlight, this is a 14 year newer vehicle, and a newer medium duty Rescue (2008) (ambulance) to Cal-Nev-Ari to replace the 1999 ambulance (9 year upgrade).

Medical Needs

As with the other 9 Rural Communities, Emergency Medical Services must rely solely on a corps of dedicated volunteers as there is simply not enough tax base to support paid personnel. Our motto for the Rural Division is in fact “Neighbors helping Neighbors”. Our volunteers, while committed to serve, must also work full-time jobs to support their families.

If you have serious medical conditions, the only way to ensure a 3-4-minute response 90 percent of the time is to live in an urban community were those resources are available. Your Fire Department is made up of your neighbors who volunteer and have made a commitment to help in a time of need.

Vice Chair Moore inquired about the possibility of having a CPR class for the residents of

Searchlight. Asst. Chief Haydu said they could look into that and said there is a CERT program in Laughlin that could be organized in Searchlight for training.

Rick Marshall commented regarding the CPR and said community involvement is needed. Vice Chair Moore said there needs to be a larger distribution for the community. Janis Kosticky and Kelli Carlson provided different locations that could be used to post flyers.

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

Searchlight's usage for August 2020 was 7.51 million gallons.

Searchlight's usage for August 2019 was 7.19 million gallons.

Searchlight used 320,000 gallons less in August of 2020 than in August of 2019.

There were no other concerns/issues in the month of August.

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, Donna Moore read the report.

August 2020 Statistics:

August 2020: Treated an average of 34,000 gallons per day

August 2019: Treated an average of 38,000 gallons per day

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

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig Tickets: 0

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

Michele Brown provided the August report.

Statistics: August 2020 – 0 programs.) programs visits due to COVID-19

Upcoming Events: None

Updates: Kids / Teens Programming starting the week of September 14th

Searchlight Kiddos Club, ages 5-11 held Mondays at the Community Center

Searchlight Teen Club, ages 12-17 held every other Friday at the Youth Center

Children's and Teens will need to have a waivers signed by parents and masks required.

Contact information:

Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor

Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682

Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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

Kelly Carlson provided the September's report.

- We are 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.
- Wi-Fi is available 24 hours a day in the parking lot.
- In person programs have been reinstated, masks and social distancing will be followed.
- Returned item will be quarantines for a minimum of four days.

Children's' Activities:

- Three Square snacks are being distributed after school at the gate and not in the library.
- Take and Make will start in a few weeks. Crafts with a snack will be given out for additional at-home enrichment.
- After finalizing licensing and logistics an after school movie event could be scheduled at the library at least once a month, with the first one in 2-3 weeks.

Adult activities:

- The Book Club will be held once a month, on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am. The next date is October 14th. The book is "The Only Woman in the Room" a historical fictionalized account of Heddy Lamar, who was an impressive scientist in Germany before she was a Hollywood star.
 - Sip and paint is now Painting with Ali. Due to district guide lines food and drinks are currently not allowed. Painting with Ali will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at 11:30 am. All supplies will be provided. Attendance is limited to 12 people, and reservations are required.
 - The library district has made the decision to incorporate all branch pages under on district umbrella. The library however is allowed to work with local Facebook pages and currently working the Searchlight News page for our relevant "Searchlight Library News" Call if you have any questions or concerns.
8. Receive a report from Janis Kostecky with Searchlight Senior Center regarding current and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Janis Kostecky stated there are currently no activities at the senior center.

Three Square is still available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon for food pick-up.

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

Cottonwood Trail project update has been delayed and possibly be ready by the end of the year.

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

This item moved to #1.

Diane Kendall said she received an email from Clark County that stated on September 15th and 16th the preliminary plan will be heard by the BCC. Between September 21st and 28th there will be additional meetings with the consultant. Ms. Kendall said she will send notices to the community by email, and if you are not on the email list to contact her at diakendall@gmail.com to receive the up-dates.

Next Wednesday at 10:00 am, Lt. Hewes will be in Searchlight to meet with the community.

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

County Liaison Mark Robledo introduced himself as the new liaison with the retirement of Brian Paulson.

Mr. Robledo announced on Saturday Morning, September 26th, Commissioner Naft and Congresswoman Susie Lee will be in Searchlight at the community center parking lot to say a few words regarding the new re-pavement. They will meet with the public and take a few questions before going on to Laughlin.

Chair Myers announced the County is accepting TAB applications for the next term, and the County is accepting applications for Poll workers for the upcoming election.

12. Receive a report from the Betterment Committee regarding current projects and updates. (For discussion only)

Michele Brown provided the report which read in part.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization (SBO) applied for an AARP Grant to complete phases 2 and 3 at the Rex Bell Trail and to include a dog park.

The flag box project is ongoing and a new Nevada flag has been ordered. New flags were purchased in conjunction with the VFW. The flags will be placed on US 95 light poles for patriotic holidays.

A plaque was purchased to honor Willie Martello through the Museum Guild. The plaque will be placed on Memory Walk at the Mining Park.

The Searchlight Beautification project is back on track. Replanting of the Joshua trees to their new locations will be done October 12th thru October 16th. The community wishes to thank Aren Hall with Equinox Gold for working with the SBO and the donated tree.

The SBO submitted a letter to Denny's in support of the Denny's Grocery menu. If you would like to show your support submit a letter to the Denny's manager Abraham directly or email

to the SBO at sbo89046@yahoo.com.

The Annual membership drive started August 25th and will continue until September 25th. Anyone interested in joining please contact Michele Brown at (702) 912-6275 or any other member. Dues are \$15 a person or \$25 a couple.

A toy drive will start November 1st. The event will be sponsored by Clark County Parks & Recreation and SBO. Limit the cost to no more than \$10 and unwrapped. The toys can be dropped off at the Thrift Store in the bin supplied during open hours.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Review FY 2021 budget request(s) and take public input regarding suggestions for FY 2022 budget request(s). (For possible action).

Chair Myers open the comments to the public with no additional suggestions. The TAB members had a brief discussion and will finalize the capital improvements list during the October TAB meeting.

VIII. Public Comment:

Judy Bundorf provided an update for Walking Box Ranch. The Ranch is currently still closed due to the COVID-19, but working with BLM to schedule tours on an infrequent basis. Additional updates will be posted on the website or Facebook.

The Ranch will be organizing an orientation in October for volunteers for outside and indoor positions.

Ms. Bundorf provided an update for the recent burglaries and said the suspect was out of jail and at large.

IX. Next Meeting Date: October 14, 2020

X. Adjournment: 6:57 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the October 14, 2020 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the November 12, 2020.

To listen to the audio recording of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board go to:
<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/town-liaison/Pages/Searchlight%20Town%20Advisory%20Board.aspx>