



# Searchlight Town Advisory Board

August 14, 2019

## MINUTES

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Board Members:	Kyle Myers – Chair Donna Moore – Vice Chair Martin Batchelor	Ellie Deever – Excused absence Janis Kostecky
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- I. Call to Order by Chair Kyle Myers at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Donna Moore.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Approval of July 10, 2019, Minutes.  
  
Moved by: Janis Kostecky  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 3-0 Martin Batchelor abstained due to not attending the July meeting.
- IV. Approval of August 14, 2019, agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)  
  
Moved by: Donna Moore  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 4-0
- 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)  
  
Lt. Jeff Hewes provided the report and updates.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARILYN KIRKPATRICK, CHAIR - LAWRENCE WEEKLY, Vice-Chair  
LARRY BROWN - JAMES GIBSON - JUSTIN JONES – MICHAEL NAFT - TICK SEGERBLOM  
YOLANDA KING, County Manager

July 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 23, calls are down 34 percent from this time last year

Traffic Citations: 223

DUI: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 9

Juvenile Citations: 4

Chair Myers opened the floor for public questions and concerns.

Jane Overy, Searchlight resident, asked why Metro has not responded to their questions over the past months. She said the incidents and crime have increased and she is concerned Metro is not working to get the issues under control.

Lt. Hewes responded that Searchlight generates about eight percent of the total calls for service, which means Metro would be in the Searchlight area eight percent of the time. The lieutenant said looking back, his officers are actually in the Searchlight area 25 percent of their time.

Ms. Overy said the only time officers are seen in Searchlight is on Highway 95 when issuing tickets and not while driving in town.

Additional questions were asked as to why an officer was not present locally to answer emergency calls and why calls were taking up to two hours for a response if at all.

Lt. Hewes said he went back over the logs and did not find any calls taking a two-hour response time and asked for the date and time to be provided so he could further investigate this claim. He said this would be unacceptable.

Chair Myers asked whether the percentage of the calls went up in Searchlight if it would result in a difference in response time from Metro. Lt. Hewes said he tries to match their presence here with the calls for service. Chair Myers asked about neighborhood watch programs and if they are effective in communities. Lt. Hewes said they are if there is citizen participation. He said he has coordinated watches and if Searchlight is interested in getting one here to let him know.

Martin Batchelor asked if there was a direct way to contact Lt. Hewes and the lieutenant said yes and provided his e-mail address.

National Night Out will be held in Searchlight on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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 regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

Sue Landseadel provided the report.

Calls for Service:

20 Calls for Medical

7 Auto, four with injuries

4 Fire Calls

1 Traffic problem

32 Total calls for service

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

Natalia Londono-Arroyo said Omar Saucedo is no longer with the Water District and introduced Gabby Villafuerte as the new liaison for Searchlight.

Ms. Villafuerte introduced herself and provided the July report.

Water usage for July 2018 and 2019:

July 2019: 7.55 million gallons

July 2018: 7.97 million gallons

Searchlight usage decreased by 420,000 gallons from this time last year. No major system issues to report.

There is a new conservation plan which is updated every five years as required by law to update the small system water conservation plan. The plan is currently available on line and open to public comment.

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.

July 2019 Statistics:

July 2019: Treated an average of 39,000 gallons per day

July 2018: Treated an average of 43,000 gallons per day

Flow decrease: 4,000 gallons per day from this time last year

Sewer service complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig Tickets: 3

6. Receive a report from Patrick Knierman with the U.S. Park Service regarding current issues and activities in the area and other related concerns. (For discussion only)

Patrick Knierman provided the NPS report and updates for July.

Incidents:

- Violation Notices Issued: 37
- Arrest: 0
- MVA: 2
- EMS: 2
- Fires: 1 (small brush fire at Arrowhead Cove)
- Search and Rescues: 5

Significant Incidents:

Fatalities:

- On July 21<sup>st</sup> at Chili Pepper Cove, an adult female fell off a jet ski and became unconscious. It appeared to be medical in nature.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup> at Placer Cove, an adult male was found in the water deceased. Initial investigation indicated a fall from a cliff.

Other:

- On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, rangers participated in the NDOW BUI checkpoint at Cottonwood Cove. Seventy-three vessels were stopped (254 persons aboard). Fifteen operators admitted to drinking/drug use. Nineteen persons were screened by field sobriety tests resulting in one arrest (OUI), 28 citations, and nine warnings.
- Several agencies assist for various incidents with some originating out of disputes starting in the park.
- Federal Highways will be returning to Cottonwood Cove next week to continue planning for the road rehabilitation project.

For full NPS report as presented to the Searchlight Town Board, contact the Laughlin Town Manager's Office for a copy.

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

July 2019 Statistics:

Programs: 24  
Total attendance for the month: 369  
Total building use: 541

Upcoming Special Events:

- Movies in the Park. Dates to be determined.

Updates:

- On September 7<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Naft will be hosting a community health fair at the Searchlight Community Center from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Flyers have been distributed.
- Clark County Parks and Recreation will be accepting applications for two part-time positions starting July 22<sup>nd</sup>. One position will be a paid recreation position and will primarily work with youth. The second position will be an unpaid Leader of the Future (LOFT) position. Applicants for the LOFT position must be between 13 and 16 years of age.
- CDBG Project update: Searchlight Fitness Center was deemed an eligible CDBG project and will be one of six projects that will be submitted with application for funding.

Contact information:

Richard deClercq, Supervisor

Michelle Brown, Recreation Assistant / Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682

Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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

Kelli Carlson provided the July report.

1. Children's Activities:

- a) Snack & Play after school will be ongoing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- b) The education program will continue on Thursdays after school beginning next week. August 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Builders Club, August 29<sup>th</sup> is the Science Club, and September 5<sup>th</sup> is the Art Club.
- c) The partnership with Will Douglas of Laughlin 4-H will continue this year. Additional programming may be added from 4-5:00 p.m. specifically for the middle and high school students. More details to follow.
- d) Mr. Douglas with 4-H and the Library are currently working on getting the required permission to install the garden box on the grounds. The hope is to start planting in October.

2. Adult Activities:

- a) The Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and again on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Ms. Carlson for details.
- b) The next Sip and Paint class will be held August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. All supplies are provided by the Library.

2. General News:

- a) iPad lending is available at the Library and is similar to the Hotspot lending program. See Ms. Carlson for more details.

See the Library’s Facebook page for full details on all programs.

9. Receive a report from Mike Jackson with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition regarding the status of the Silver Rider Bus System. (For discussion only)

Mike Jackson, executive director, and Sue Bishop, operations supervisor, provided updates and distributed an organizational information pamphlet to the TAB members and public.

Ridership is up 1,379 from the last quarter.

Ridership

Month	Year	Fixed Route	Paratransit	Las Vegas	Monthly Total
April	2019	24,166	868	298	25,332
May	2019	22,857	922	295	24,074
June	2019	20,128	842	248	21,218
		67,151	2,632	841	70,624
<b>Total for the Quarter</b>					

Services provided for Searchlight include the following:

- Searchlight Express every second and fourth Tuesday of every month
- Las Vegas Express is Monday through Friday
- Mobile Pantry once a month
- Meals on Wheels once a week, delivered on Wednesdays

The Searchlight Express continues to be donation-based with a suggested donation for standard passenger of \$8.00 and a registered senior suggested donation of \$5.00.

Fare has been evaluated and adjusted for the Las Vegas Express. Fares are now \$10.00 for a round trip and \$5.00 reduced fare round trip for seniors and children.

Ridership is down for Searchlight.

Jane Overy suggested that the seniors in the trailer parks are in need of the bus services.

Kelli Carlson asked what age is considered a senior. Mr. Jackson said 60 years of age.

10. Receive a report from Bill Turnbull regarding status of Searchlight Airpark with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. (For discussion only)

Mr. Turnbull provided an update on the status of the Searchlight Airpark. In 2015, he bought the property for remote control aircraft. The concern is how to maintain the airport. In 2016, he signed a contract for a direct sale and was told what it would cost to complete the sale. He received a good faith estimate of \$55,000 which did not include the land. A survey was done and sent to Reno. Reno would have to approve the survey and then send it back to Las Vegas, with Las Vegas then publishing it and completing the sale. About three weeks ago, a letter was received from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which stated the cost would now require another \$122,000. Mr. Turnbull said this additional cost would not make for a good business decision.

“So, at this time, we are at a stand-off. BLM said if they don’t receive this money, they cannot complete the land sale,” he said. Tomorrow, Mr. Turnbull said he will be meeting with BLM officials and will suggest the BLM grant him a right-of-way. In exchange for the right-of-way, he will improve and maintain the airport as well as insure it.

Mr. Turnbull spoke of the different uses for the airport which included the use of drones. He said residents could help him by making phone calls to support his efforts.

Patricia Mayne said she was confused as to the airport being private or public and if planes were able to land there. Mr. Turnbull said it is both but not sure if planes can land.

Judy Bundorf asked if Commissioner Naft could contact BLM in support of the airport. Mr. Turnbull said Clark County once owned the airport but turned it over to BLM and is not interested in taking it back.

Martin Batchelor asked about future development of drones and other factory manufactured aircraft. Mr. Turnbull provide information on different business scenarios that could potentially utilize the airport.

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

Janis Kostecky spoke about the activities and the Nook Thrift Store. There is an entire section that is half off.

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

Chair Myers said he is in the fourth month with no response from NV Energy regarding the street lights out in the area.

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

Jane Overy announced the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Searchlight Community Center to be held October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Library, Parks and Recreation, and the Searchlight Historical Museum will be participating. Entertainment will be an Al Jolson impersonator. Refreshments will be served.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **CP-19-900180:** That the Searchlight Town Advisory Board consider proposed changes to the Transportation Element of the Clark County Comprehensive Master Plan, and after conducting a public hearing, take appropriate action. To the PC 06/04/2019 **Adopted As Amended – Forwarded To The 07/17/19 BCC Meeting.**

**This item was held until the August 7<sup>th</sup> BCC Zoning Commission meeting. No further action at the time of this posting.**

VII. General Business:

1. Discuss and take public input regarding suggestions for Fiscal Year 2020 capital budget requests. (For possible action)

Public comment was open. Jane Overy asked about the trails and Dr. Brian Paulson said she could put it on the list.

Richard deClercq, Parks & Recreation program supervisor, said some of the items that will be submitted on his list included the parking lot, a new splash pad, and Trails Phase II. He said he will bring the list at the next meeting.

Patricia Mayne asked about a dog park and a buffer fence along the sidewalk and the road for the children. Jane Overy said no fencing was allowed. Chair Myers said since Public Works will be working on the roadway, he will work on getting some type of safe walkway.

Additional discussion ensued with suggestions and comments from the residents.

Diane Kendall said she supports finishing the park trails. Mr. Myers said Parks & Recreation can add the second phase of the trails.

Donna Moore suggested providing a location for a doctor's office or clinic. Janis Kostecky said a doctor has come out once or twice and they use the common area at the senior housing apartments. Joan Mesenbrink said there will be a doctor, a physician's assistant, and a nurse who will start on Thursday. Anyone can see this doctor if you are on Medicare or Medicaid.

Jane Overy provided the background and history of the medical clinic in Searchlight and why UMC left the entire area. After UMC left, the Food Bank took over the vacant space.



VIII. Public Comment:

Jane Overy commented on Republic Services not separating the trash cans. She said she is moving tomorrow but will be finishing projects here, one of which is a memorial for Verlie Doing. Ms. Overy would like to try again and get a waiver to rename the Searchlight Community Park to the Verlie Doing Memorial Park.

Judy Bundorf spoke about the National Parks Conservation Association and the Walking Box Ranch. Ms. Bundorf is going to attend a meeting tomorrow which will include Friends of Walking Box Ranch. She provided the location for the meeting for those who might be interested.

Patricia Mayne voiced her concern about dogs at-large.

Officer Maloney commented on dogs at-large and said to call Animal Control. It is an issue Metro is currently addressing and the more the complaints received, the more they will show up here.

IX. Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2019.

X. Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 11, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 9, 2019.***

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>

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

**LS20-008  
08/13/19**

**TO: LAUGHLIN OFFICERS**

**SUBJECT: CALLS FOR SERVICE - JULY 2019**

This is the Laughlin Substation Calls for Service Report for the month of July 2019

**Calls for Service - Laughlin**

- July - 2019: 379
- July - 2018: 484
  - Change from Last Year: -21.69%
- June - 2019: 388

**Calls for Service - Searchlight**

- July - 2019: 23
- July - 2018: 35
  - Change from Last Year: -34.29%
- June - 2019: 27

**Traffic Citations**

- Laughlin Citations: 622
- Searchlight Citations: 223
- Other Citations: 4

**DUI's**

- Laughlin: 3
- Searchlight: 0

**Battery Domestic Violence Arrests**

- Laughlin:
  - Adults: 9
  - Juveniles: 1
- Searchlight
  - Adults: 0
  - Juveniles: 0

**Bookings:**

- Laughlin: 63
- Searchlight: 9
- Juvenile Arrests:
  - Laughlin: 3
  - Searchlight: 0

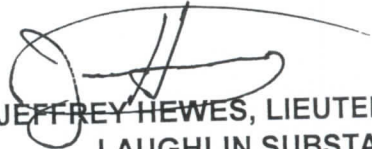
**Juvenile Citations:**

- Laughlin: 7 (5 Non-residents)
- Searchlight: 4

Below is a breakdown of calls for service by location and the % of the total:

<b>Casino Drive Area</b>	<b>June CFS</b>	<b>July CFS</b>	<b>July % of calls</b>
Riverside	41	49	12.93%
Colorado Belle	17	22	5.80%
Harrah's	16	18	4.75%
Tropicana	21	17	4.49%
Aquarius	10	15	3.96%
Pioneer	14	14	3.69%
Edgewater	13	11	2.90%
Golden Nugget	9	10	2.64%
Laughlin River Lodge	7	7	1.85%
Regency	0	3	0.79%
Laughlin Outlet Mall	7	3	0.79%
Nevada Made Marijuana	2	0	0.00%
Marks Plaza	1	0	0.00%

<b>Residential Area</b>	<b>June CFS</b>	<b>July CFS</b>	<b>July % of calls</b>
Riverwood	23	26	6.86%
Crown Point	20	15	3.96%
Vista Creek	17	13	3.43%
Vistas	7	5	1.32%
Vintage	6	5	1.32%
Laughlin Jr/Sr High	0	1	0.26%

  
**JEFFREY HEWES, LIEUTENANT**  
**LAUGHLIN SUBSTATION**

**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

JH:ebt

cc: Deputy Chief Andrew Walsh (email)  
 Captain Jack Owen (email)  
 Brian Paulson, Town Manager & Laughlin Town Advisory Board (8 copies)  
 Searchlight Town Advisory Board (8 copies)  
 Jeff Tomassetti, Assistant Manager, Juvenile Justice Services  
 Lt. Jeffrey Hewes  
 2 copies for Swing Shift Sgt.

## Transportation Element Map change requests

**NOTES:** 1 - When no right-of-way (ROW) width is given, the right-of-way width can vary from 0' to 60' (local street).  
 2 - All change requests are by Clark County Public Works.

	Approval
	Denial
	Change from Requested Designation

Map	Change #	Commiss District	TAB / CAC	Description	ROW Width		Staff	TAB / CAC	PC	BCC	Notes
					Current	Request					
Map 12	79	A	Searchlight	<b>All designations</b> - remove designations as Arterials (100'+) & (120'+) and Collectors (80'+) on map	various	none	yes	4-0	5-0		Remove designations
Map 12	80	A	Searchlight	<b>Cottonwood Cove Road</b> - change to Collector (60'+) from State Hwy (R-O-W per NDOT) between Hwy 95 & Washington Street	R-O-W per NDOT	60'	yes	4-0	5-0		Reduce width
Map 12	81	A	Searchlight	<b>Cottonwood Cove Road</b> - change to Arterial (100'+) from State Hwy (R-O-W per NDOT) going east from Washington Street	R-O-W per NDOT	100'	yes	4-0	5-0		Reduce width

