



# Searchlight Town Advisory Board

November 13, 2019

## MINUTES

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Board Members:	Kyle Myers – Chair- excused absence Donna Moore – Vice Chair Martin Batchelor	Ellie Deever Janis Kostecky
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- I. Call to Order by Vice Chair Donna Moore at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Martin Batchelor
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Approval of October 9, 2019, Minutes.  
  
Moved by: Ellie Deever  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 4-0
- IV. Approval of November 13, 2019, agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)  
  
Moved by: Ellie Deever  
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)

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

Officer Ortiz provided the October report.

October 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 12  
Traffic Citations: 122  
DUI: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0  
Bookings: 6  
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 regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

Sue Landseadel provided the report.

October 2019 statistics:

Calls for Service: 22  
Medical: 17  
Auto: 3  
Fire: 2, one vehicle and one house fire.

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

Gabby Villafuerte provided the October report.

Water usage for October 2018 and 2019:

October 2018: 6.08 million gallons  
October 2019: 4.93 million gallons

In 2019, Searchlight used 1.15 million gallons less than in 2018 in the same month.  
No major system issues to report for the month of October.

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, Ellie Deever read the report.

October 2019 Statistics:

October 2019: Treated an average of 31,000 gallons per day  
October 2018: Treated an average of 42,000 gallons per day  
Flow decrease: 11,000 gallons per day from this time last year

Sewer service complaints: 0  
Call Before You Dig Tickets: 6

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)

No report

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

In Richard deClercq absence's, Martin Batchelor read the report.

October 2019 Statistics:

Programs: 15 with two special events  
Total attendance for the month: 600  
Total building use: 433  
Fall Fest: 80 participants

Upcoming Special Events:

- None

Updates:

- Searchlight Park basketball court is currently under construction and should be completed by the end of December providing construction stays on track.

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)

1. Children's Activities:

- a) Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school are open play and snacks.
- b) Educational programs will be held on Thursdays after school, alternating between

Builder's Club and Rigamajig. December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the pillow craft and volunteers are needed to cut fabric. See Kelli Carlson for more details.

- c) The garden box installation is ongoing with no word yet on when the project will move forward. Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is the start of the new program for the middle school and high school students.

2. Adult Activities:

- a) Book Club will meet Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. at the Library. See Kelli Carlson for details.
- b) Sip and Paint will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided by the Library. This month will be winter holiday themed.
- c) The Searchlight Library is looking for volunteers to do various non-technical projects. They must be able to pass a background check and the hours are flexible. See Kelli Carlson if interested.

3. General News:

- a) The Library will be partnering with the 2020 Census for applying for census jobs. Next year the Library will provide resources to complete the census online.
- b) The Library and One Stop Career Center are exploring a partnership to assist people applying for jobs online, unemployment benefits, and other benefits. See Kelli Carlson if interested.

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

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

On Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, is the annual Thanksgiving dinner at a cost of \$5.00. The Center will be closed both Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week.

There are racks of winter coats for anyone looking for a coat.

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

No report

- 11. Receive a report from Kate McDonald with U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 2020 U.S. Census count. (For discussion only)

Kate McDonald, a partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, provided STAB members and the general public with packets of information regarding the upcoming U.S.

Census count, including jobs that will be made available during the count. Ms. McDonald is reaching out and making contact with agencies and organizations about the upcoming 2020 Census.

The actual Census Day is April 1, 2020, and residents should anticipate receiving a post card in March asking them to visit the 2020 Census website. For the first time, people will be able to complete their census online as well as by phone or paper.

Judith Brown, a Laughlin recruiter assistant, spoke about the temporary part time jobs available and provided a flyer with information on how to apply and the pay scale. All positions available in Laughlin are field positions which entails working from your home and going out door-to-door in the community to take the census.

Kelli Carlson said they will be trained to help people register on the computers.

12. Receive a report from Melissa Schalles with College of Southern Nevada regarding a possible veterinary services day in Searchlight. (For discussion only)

Ms. Schalles was unable to attend.

13. Receive a report from Alan O'Neill, adviser for National Parks Conservation Association, regarding proposal for Avi Kwa Ame (Spirit Mountain) National Monument near Searchlight. (For discussion only)

Mr. O'Neill provided a map and information on the National Preservation Lands showing borders of the proposed monument. He spoke of protecting the flora and fauna in the desert. The goals to be achieved by a National Monument would be in part:

- Protecting existing recreation uses;
- Protecting the critical migratory corridors;
- Protecting native plants and wildlife, including federal, state and county species, and sacred Native American cultural sites and values; and
- Honoring existing mining claims.

In order to stop large scale development on public lands in southern Clark County, a coalition of tribes, conservation groups, and residents are asking the Congressional delegation to consider establishing a new monument in the new public lands legislation.

There were questions and concerns about off road activities and if that could have an impact on the current events in the area.

Dr. Paulson invited Mr. O’Neil to speak at the next meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Donald Deever spoke of his support of the monument and how he wanted protection for the area. His concerns were to keep the land undeveloped from the wind turbines.

14. Receive a report from Jim Stanger with Friends of Walking Box Ranch regarding updates to the community and news and activities at Walking Box Ranch.

Mr. Stanger, board president of Friends of Walking Box Ranch, provided updates regarding Walking Box Ranch, which included restoration of the barn and refurbishing of the house in February. The ranch will be open to the public beginning in February. Currently, the ranch will only be open on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

To receive the newsletter, go to website [www.friendsofwbr.org](http://www.friendsofwbr.org) to sign up. Contact Ranger Jim Flook at (702) 515-5352 to schedule a tour or volunteer.

Dale Russell asked how many acres encompassed the ranch. Mr. Stanger said the ranch is approximately 40 acres.

Janis Kostecky asked if there was going to be a charge. Mr. Stanger said not at this time.

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

None

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Review, discuss, and approve the 2020 Searchlight Town Advisory Board meeting dates, and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

After a brief discussion, Ellie Deever moved to approve the dates as submitted. Martin Batchelor seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote, 4-0.

VIII. Public Comment:

Judy Bundorf expressed her thanks to Public Works for its recent work on Grandpas Road.

Ashanti McGee, a District Representative for Congresswoman Susie Lee, was in attendance and said Congresswoman Lee’s office is open to the public. They can and handle a variety of different federal issues, including Social Security, veteran benefits, passports, Medicare, and post office

issues. Ms. McGee provided contact cards and said she would be available to talk after the meeting.

Meloris Blakeley is the manager of the Thrift shop and said if you need anything to get it at the Thrift store.

Audrey Morrison expressed a concern regarding the crosswalk flashing light that is not working on Highway 95. She requested that the light get repaired.

IX. Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2019.

X. Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the December 11, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the January 15, 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>