



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

January 15, 2020

MINUTES

Board Members:	Kyle Myers – Chair Donna Moore – Vice Chair Martin Batchelor – Excused absence	Janis Kostecky Vacant
Secretary:	Tammy Harris (702) 298-0828 tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov	
Town Liaison:	Dr. Brian Paulson (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov	

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 December 11, 2019, Minutes.

Moved by: Janis Kostecky
Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0

IV. Approval of January 15, 2020 agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

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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 Leavitt provided the December report. As a new officer in the area, Officer Leavitt said he has been here for about six months which he also said has been so far the best six months of his career. He has done lots of different things working in Metro. Since his arrival in the Laughlin/Searchlight area, Officer Leavitt said this has been the least amount of stress he has experienced in a long time.

December 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 9
Traffic Citations: 156
DUI: 0
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0
Bookings: 4
Juvenile Citations: 0

Audrey Morrison has a concern of vehicles speeding on U.S. 95 on Friday evenings between the hours of 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Officer Leavitt said he will report this information to Lt. Hewes.

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 December report.

December 2019 statistics:

Calls for Service: 11
Medical: 7
Auto: 3
Fire: 1 car 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 December report.

Well Levels:

Usage for Searchlight in December of 2019 was 3,790,000 gallons.
Usage for Searchlight in December of 2018 was 5,240,000 gallons.

Searchlight used 1,450,000 gallons less in December of 2019 than in December of 2018.

For the year ending 2018, the Searchlight Water System used 72,190,000 gallons.

For the year ending 2019, Searchlight only used 66,140,000 gallons, which is over 6 million gallons less than the previous year.

The LVVWD abandoned several thousand feet of old, leaky 8” PVC main on Nipton Road, and tied in all services to the newer, 12” ductile iron pipeline that runs from the wells. That work was completed in December, and the costs will be reimbursed by the Army Corp of Engineers.

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 December report.

December 2019 Statistics:

December 2019: Treated an average of 43,000 gallons per day
December 2018: Treated an average of 43,000 gallons per day
Flow: Same number of gallons per day as from this time last year.

Sewer service complaints: 0
Call Before You Dig Tickets: 1

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)

Richard deClercq provided the December report.

December 2019 Statistics:

Programs: 21
Total attendance for the month: 441
Total building use: 803

Richard deClercq thanked and recognized the following people for their support and participation in the Holiday Parade.

- ❖ Michele Brown for organizing the parade
- ❖ STAB Chair Myers for turning on the holiday lights
- ❖ Metro Police
- ❖ Clark County Fire Department

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- ❖ Laughlin Senior Center
- ❖ Smith's
- ❖ Kathy Ochs (donation of Cinnabon rolls)
- ❖ Everyone who participated

Upcoming Special Events:

Movies in the Park will be held in March or April with date and time to be determined at a later date. The movie event will take place at the Searchlight Community Park.

Searchlight's Annual Egg Run will be held Saturday, April 11th with a tentative start time of 10:00 a.m. The free event will take place at the baseball field behind the community center.

Updates: None

Contact information:

Richard deClercq, Supervisor

Michele 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.
- c) The annual Winter Reading Challenge has begun and continues through January 31, 2020. A \$25 Amazon gift card will be awarded for each of the three age categories.

2. Adult Activities:

- a) Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 21st, at 10:30 a.m. at the Library. See Kelli Carlson for details.
- b) Sip and Paint will be held on Thursday, January 30th, at 1:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided by the Library. This month will be a floral painting focusing on shading techniques.

3. General News:

- a) The Library has current voter registration forms for anyone needing to register. See Kelli Carlson at the Library.
- b) A district wide closure will be held on February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. 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)

Thursday dinners are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Everyone is welcome.

Senior Center is open M-T-W and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

Chair Myers reported three street light outages which have been repaired by NV Energy.

11. Receive a report from Luis Plancarte of Equinox Gold regarding the status of the Castle Mountain Project. (For discussion only)

Luis Plancarte and Aren Hall provided the updates. Mr. Plancarte said they have started staffing and getting the building permits for the small offices. He expects concrete to be poured this month.

Mr. Hall said the BLM approved dust suppressants and the transplanting of 600 Joshua trees and yuccas to our nursery on site. There is a program where some of these trees can be donated. If anyone is interested, contact Mr. Hall. When the mining company is finished with the land, the flora and fauna will be restored as close to the original landscape.

Chair Myers asked about a timeline when the mine will be in operation. Mr. Plancarte said they are forecasting the third or fourth quarter of this year.

12. Receive a report from Judith Brown and Kate McDonald with the U.S. Census Bureau regarding 2020 Census recruiting and updates. (For discussion only)

Judith Brown, Census recruiting assistant, said Kate McDonald was not feeling well and was unable to attend tonight.

Ms. Brown provided recruiting updates and said the 2020 Census is currently taking applications online for the Searchlight area, including Cal-Nev-Ari and Palm Gardens. The recruiting ends in March with training to start shortly thereafter. The count date will begin in April and will run through mid-July.

She acknowledged Kelli Carlson from the Library and Janis Kostecky from the Senior Center as being a huge help with their resources.

Ms. Brown stressed the importance of getting a proper census count when it comes to federal funding.

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

None

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **UC-19-0809-DOING RILEY GENTRY:**

USE PERMITS for the following: **1)** to allow agriculture livestock, large (horses) and agriculture livestock, small (chickens) prior to a principal use; **2)** allow an increase in the number of agriculture livestock large (horses); and **3)** allow accessory agricultural buildings prior to a principal use.

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: **1)** fence height; and **2)** fence setback on 0.2 acres in an R-T (Manufactured Home Residential) zone. Generally located on the south side of Encinitas Street and the west side of Lincoln Street within Searchlight. To the PC on 01/07/2020

No final action at the time of this posting.

VII. General Business:

VIII. Public Comment:

Gary Komers commented on zoning item UC-19-0809 and the hearing that was held. He said he was upset by the Planning Commission's decision and how they ignored the TAB's recommendation. He was also concerned of the misrepresentation of Searchlight made by one of the planning board members with his comments regarding donkeys and horses at large within the town.

Jim Stanger with Friends of Walking Box Ranch said the BLM will open the ranch to the public on a regular basis starting in March and will celebrate the opening with an open house. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a hotdog and a beverage. Date and time will be determined at a later time.

Mr. Stanger said they are currently looking for volunteers for all aspects of the maintenance and tours of the ranch. Flyers will be posted with additional information.

Judy Bundorf said the FAA is revising the flight pattern into Henderson going directly over Searchlight and how this will impact Mr. Turnbull who owns a portion of the airstrip in Searchlight and is currently working on getting a business started to test drones. Ms. Bundorf said there is a public comment period open until January 21st if anyone is interested she can provide the information.

Maria Jenson with HELP of Southern Nevada's Weatherization Program set up a table with information for the residents and how to apply for the program. Ms. Jenson explained in part what the program was and if anyone had any questions or would like a packet to apply for the program to see her after the meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2020.

X. Adjournment: 7:43 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 12, 2020 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 11, 2020.

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

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