



Searchlight Town Advisory Board

February 12, 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 January 15, 2020, Minutes

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

IV. Approval of February 12, 2020 agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)

Chair Myers moved that agenda informational item 12 be moved to informational item 1 on the agenda.

Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0

Donna Moore moved to approve the February 12, 2020 agenda.

Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0

V. Informational Items

1. Receive an awards presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in honoring and recognizing a Searchlight citizen. (For discussion only)

Wayne Mesenbrink, Commander, VFW Post 10468, presented an award to Susan Landseadel on behalf of the VFW, the Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department, and the Searchlight Betterment Organization. Commander Mesenbrink stated that Susan is our “EMT and our angel” and read a statement thanking Susan for exemplary humanitarian efforts both on and off duty and for giving above and beyond the call of duty as an EMT. On behalf of the VFW, Susan was awarded a check for \$250 and Joan Mesenbrink from the Searchlight Senior Center presented Susan with a bouquet of flowers.

2. Receive a report from Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

Officer Mike Maloney provided the January report.

January 2020 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 15

Traffic Citations: 299

DUI: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 5

Juvenile Citations: 0

Audrey Morrison expressed her thanks for the extra attention Metro Police has given to speeding on Highway 95. Officer Maloney acknowledged that an extra patrol has been sent up specifically for the purpose of traffic control on Fridays. He also stated that they plan to send up extra patrols on Cottonwood Cove Road when the warmer weather starts.

Chair Myers also thanked Metro Police for their professionalism and for providing a fast response time in handling an issue he encountered recently. Officer Maloney replied that the decrease in response time is also due to the fact that more patrols have been assigned to the area.

Tony Chavira stated he thought the police were local. Officer Maloney explained that Metro Police are not permanent in the area but are shared between Laughlin, Searchlight, and Nelson’s Landing.

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 January report.

January 2020 statistics:

Calls for Service: 19

Medical: 15

Auto: 3

Fire: 0

Suicide: 1 (Ms. Landseadel noted the suicide was not a person from Searchlight.)

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

Derek Jackson provided the January report.

January 2020 Searchlight used 4.14 million gallons of water.

January 2019 Searchlight used 5 million gallons of water.

The community of Searchlight used almost 900,000 gallons less in January 2020 than it did in January of 2019. This continues a declining trend in water use which is attributed to finding pipelines that were habitually leaking and getting them repaired or replaced.

“We are working on some additional pipeline replacements and upgrades for the Searchlight water system. We are looking to replace the 4” PVC main, which has had several breaks on Orlando Street, and replace and upgrade the 2” main on Desert Sage to 6” PVC with a new hydrant installed at the corner of Orlando and Desert Sage. We are also looking to replace the 2” main that is on Water Spout Street. between Colorado and Montana Street. This line has had several breaks over the last few years. We hope to have these done by the end of March or beginning of April,” he said.

These projects will be funded mostly by Army Corps of Engineers funds with the remainder covered by system funds.

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 January report.

January 2020 Statistics:

January 2020: Treated an average of 33,000 gallons per day

January 2019: Treated an average of 46,000 gallons per day

Flow: Decreased by 13,000 gallons per day from last year at this time

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)

In Richard deClercq's absence, Chair Myers read the Parks & Recreation report.

January 2020 Statistics:

Programs: 2
Total attendance for the month: 372
Total building use: 677

Upcoming Special Events:

Movies in the Park will be held on Fridays, April 17th and April 24th, with inflatables for the kids at 6:00 p.m. and movie at 7:15 p.m.

The Searchlight Annual Egg Run will be held Saturday, April 4th, with a tentative start time of 10:00 a.m.

Updates:

The Searchlight Community Center is being painted both outside and inside during February and March.

The Searchlight Community Center parking lot replacement project received a notice to proceed in late January. The project should begin this spring.

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 snacks and open play.

- b) Educational and craft programs will be held on Thursdays after school. 4-H will be held on February 12th and 26th with a Lego robotics unit and a Cubelets robotics program on the 20th. The Library's brand new Cubelets sets represent a \$4,000 investment in the Searchlight branch by the Clark County Library District. A St. Patrick's Day craft program will be scheduled early next month.
- c) There are nine entries for the Library's Winter Reading Challenge for K-12 kids, which is the highest participation in 2 ½ years. Twenty-five dollar Amazon gift card prizes will be handed out this week.
- d) 4-H for older kids will hold an advanced robotics unit after the grade school group on February 12th and 26th.

2. Adult Activities:

- a) Upcoming meetings of the Book Club will be Tuesday, February 18th and Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:30 a.m. at the Library. See Kelli Carlson for details.
- b) Sip and Paint will be held on Thursday, February 27th at 1:30 p.m. This month is a bright-colored spring themed picture. No experience is necessary. All supplies will be provided by the Library.

3. General News:

- a) The Library will be closed on February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day.
- b) Nevada voter registration forms are available along with information on the Nevada Caucus procedures. See Kelli Carlson at the Library.
- c) A limited number of tax forms and instruction books are also available at the Library. The Clark County Library District is partnering with AARP to give tax assistance at various branches including the Laughlin branch. See the website <https://lvcclld.org/> for more details.
- d) Commissioner Michael Naft and his staff have been very responsive in helping with issues involving our residents such as the 4-H garden box that we are trying to get planted.
- e) Budgeting is happening so the Library is gathering statistics with which to justify its existence. Statistics were provided that spanned the last 2 ½ years in order to thank the public for their support of the Library. Attendance and food distribution on the youth side is up 525 percent from fiscal year 2016-17, adult programming attendance is up 285 percent and door count is up 275 percent. 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)

Dinner is provided at the Senior Center every Thursday beginning with a salad bar at 4:30

p.m. followed by dinner at 5:00 at \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Ms. Kostecky indicated that the Nook had new things placed in it every week and invited the public to come and enjoy it.

Bingo is happening Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$1.00 a card.

Audrey Morrison announced that the Senior Center has donated a ping pong table to the Community Center for anyone who wants to organize tournaments. Contact Michele Brown to get set up.

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

No report

Tony Chivara reported that 4-5 heavily weighted semi-trucks are going up Encinitas Street coming from the rock quarry. He stated that it is lucky that the weather is cool currently or the street would be damaged. Chair Myers said he did not think it would pertain to Public Works but he would call around to see what information he could get on the matter.

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

Dr. Brian Paulson, Clark County liaison for Searchlight, announced the following updates:

- a) Clark County Administrative Services has placed an ad in Sunday's *Las Vegas Review-Journal* announcing they will be taking applications to fill the vacant position on the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. The appointment will be for the remainder of the current term ending January 4, 2021. Applicants must be eligible to vote and live within town boundaries. A flyer with details is available on the information table at the back of the room.
- b) The Laughlin Town Manager's Office is also looking to fill a vacancy. Applications for a part-time clerical assistant with a wage of \$9.00 per hour for 19 ½ hours per week.
- c) There are two weeks remaining for anyone who would like to apply for U.S. Census work covering Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari, and Palm Gardens.
- d) Information on any of the above is available at the Laughlin Town Manager's Office at (702) 298-0828.

Mark Robledo, Clark County Management Analyst for the Laughlin Town Manager's Office, presented an update from the meeting at the Searchlight Senior Center with Commissioner Michael Naft. He stated that Commissioner Naft wanted to thank everyone who came and that there was a very good turnout of about 40 people. Mr. Robledo had received answers to some of the questions that were asked at that meeting which he then provided:

- a) The roof repair was completed on January 22nd.

- b) The back door and ceiling tiles installations were both completed on February 6th.
- c) The exterior painting of the Senior Center and the Community Center is scheduled for late March.
- d) The flooring for the Senior Center is funded but they haven't gotten an estimate yet. The start date is projected for 2-3 months from now.
- e) The parking lot will be crack sealed and restriped approximately 9-12 months from now.
- f) The parking lot at the Community Center is scheduled to be repaired/replaced this coming summer. An exact month was not provided.

Mr. Robledo said he would be happy to follow up with the Commissioner if there were any further questions and can be reached at the Laughlin Town Manager's Office at (702) 298-0828.

Janis Kostecky announced that the Senior Center board meeting will be Thursday, February 13th, at 3:00 p.m. and anyone who wished to attend is welcome.

Michele Brown with Clark County Parks and Recreation announced that the Democratic Caucus will be held at the Searchlight Community Center on Saturday, February 22nd. Caucus volunteers will arrive at 7:30 a.m., open up at 9:00 a.m., and close at 4:00 p.m.

12. Discuss amending Title 30.44 in regards to large livestock in residential areas. (For discussion only)

Diane Kendall requested that this item be put on the agenda for next month for action. She proposed that Title 30.44 be amended to take Searchlight out of being labeled an agricultural community and take large livestock out of Searchlight unless on the outskirts by two acres or more.

Chair Myers brought up the point that Title 30.44 applies to a number of locations besides Searchlight. Ms. Kendall replied that she is not suggesting that other areas be considered, only Searchlight since "we are not agricultural."

An unnamed person in the audience asked if instead we couldn't request that Searchlight be made to come under a different zoning other than R-T (Rural Transition).

Ms. Kendall replied that this would be a question for Clark County. She had requested they be present for this TAB meeting and would like them to be present for the upcoming one so that we can get information and direction.

Chair Myers asked if Ms. Kendall thought that recommending an ordinance from the Clark County Board of Commissioners would make the process simpler than amending Title 30.44 as a whole.

Ms. Kendall responded that she didn't know and would need to ask Clark County for guidance. She would like it to be an item for action on the next agenda.

Chair Myers stated the Board would take that into consideration.

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.

THIS ITEM HAS BEEN APPEALED and scheduled for the 02/05/20 BCC meeting for final action.

VII. General Business:

1. Discuss a request from Mike Jackson, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTC) Silver Rider, for support of SNTC's request for continuation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Searchlight, send a letter of support to the Board of County Commissioners, and take any other action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

Chair Myers read the proposed letter of support to the Board and audience and then moved that the letter be approved for signing.

Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0

2. Discuss changing the time for the Searchlight Town Advisory Board meeting and take any action deemed necessary. (For possible action)

Diane Kendall suggested moving the starting time to 5:00 p.m. Yvonne Bailey suggested moving the time to 6:00 p.m.

Chair Myers asked for a show of hands from those who would like to change the time to 6:00 p.m. A large majority responded by raised hands.

Chair Myers moved that the time for Searchlight TAB meetings be changed to 6:00 p.m.

Action: Approved
Vote: 3-0

Chair Myers then indicated to the residents and public that if anyone wanted to add an item to the next agenda that now is the time to do it.

- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2020
- X. Adjournment: 7:47 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 11, 2020 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 15, 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>