

## Searchlight Town Advisory Board

February 10, 2021

### MINUTES

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Board Members: John Leone- Chair  
Patricia Mayne – Vice Chair  
Kyle Myers

Secretary: Tammy Harris (702) 298-0828, tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov

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- I. Call to Order by Chair Kyle Myers at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Kyle Myers.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Appoint a Searchlight Town Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair to serve a two - year term and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)  
Kyle Myers nominated John Leone as Chair and Patricia Mayne as Vice Chair. Upon a voice vote the motion was approved and the positions accepted. 3-0
- IV. Approval of November 12, 2020, Minutes.  
Moved by: Kyle Myers  
Action: Approved as written  
Vote: 3-0
- V. Approval of February 10, 2021 agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)  
Moved by: Kyle Myers  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 3-0
- VI. 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)

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Report read by Kyle Myers.

January 2021 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 23  
Traffic Citations: 74  
DUI: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 1  
Bookings: 2  
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 and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu with a follow-up regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

No report

4. Receive a report from Natalia Londono-Arroyo with Las Vegas Valley Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

John Leone read the report.

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Searchlight's usage for January 2020 was 4,140,000 gallons.  
Searchlight used 90,000 gallons less in January 2021 than in January 2020.

Update:

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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)

Patricia Mayne read the report.

February 2021 Statistics:

January 2021: Treated an average of 30,000 gallons per day  
January 2020: Treated an average of 33,000 gallons per day  
Flow decreased by 3,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Sewer service complaints: 0

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Call Before You Dig Tickets: 4 tickets received for January 2021.

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

Kyle Myers read the report.

Statistics: January 2021 – 0 program visits due to COVID-19

Upcoming Events: None

Contact information:

Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor

A'Lonn Bilbray, Recreation Specialist

Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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

Kelli Carlson provided the February report.

- The library is 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. The library is operating at 25% capacity.
- Wi-Fi is available 24 hours a day in the parking lot.

Children's activities:

- Three Square snacks are being distributed after school at the gate and not in the library.
- Take and Make, which is a Craft along with the snack, will be given out for additional at-home enrichment.
- The Winter Reading Program has been completed. There was seven entries which is a strong showing for this branch. Prizes for children and families will be announced soon.

Adult activities:

- The Book Club continues with a mix of in-person and call-in attendance. The Book Club will be held once a month, on the first Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 am.
- Painting with Ali will be held Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. This month they're painting an Easter / spring themed scene. The library will provide all supplies

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needed. Attendance is limited and reservations are required. Call or visit to make your reservation.

- Tax forms and information brochures are available.
- A DVD swap is coming later this month with a 100 DVD's available.
- Music from the last 60 years is being offered by Kelli Carlson.
- The partnership with Golden Knights has been renewed and book marks are available. A partnership with the Las Vegas Raiders will be announced soon.
- Recently library staff completed a two week daily report if you ever wonder what the Library is like. See Kelli Carlson to read the four page report with pictures.
- Additional information can be found on Facebook "Searchlight Library News" or call the Library for information.

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

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)

Last month, four street light outages, two missing signs and two pot holes were repaired.

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

No report

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

Michele Brown provided an update regarding the Searchlight Betterment Organization. In November the first phase of the Searchlight Beautification project was completed. Mr. Aren Hall was the force behind the efforts. To show the appreciation of Searchlight a plaque was presented to Mr. Hall with Equinox Gold giving them a lifetime Membership with Searchlight Betterment Organization. Ms. Brown stated they are appreciative for all their hard work.

In December the Toy Drive and the Parade was a success. Every child between the ages of 0 – 17 received a gift. The winners of the Parade was 1<sup>st</sup> place – Rochel Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Marshal Family, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Denny's.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization would like to recognize and award Jeremiah Lewis as the first annual Outstanding Youth Award. Mr. Lewis was awarded a plaque and \$25 for his continued Community support.

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12. Discuss and submit a request for the Flag Box Project to the BCC for consideration. (For Discussion only)

Michele Brown provided a presentation for the Flag Box Project. A model was provided of the finished project which included the murals around the building with the lights and flag. Ms. Brown said they have been working on this project for a year and she provided in depth history of Searchlight and explained each mural and the significance of each one. The goal is to have Real property Management and Commissioner Naft help move this project forward, and to see its completion.

VII Planning & Zoning:

Previous:

1. **WS-20-0417-JETT SEARCHLIGHT, LLC:**  
**WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** to allow an alternative trash enclosure.  
**DESIGN REVIEW** for a proposed trash enclosure in conjunction with an existing casino, restaurant, and tavern on 1.5 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the east side of US Highway 95, and the north side of Cottonwood Cove Road within Searchlight.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

Current Planning

- Re-striping of the parking areas to match the plan prior to final inspection
- Certificate of Occupancy and/or business license shall not be issued without final zoning inspection.
- Applicant is advised that a substantial change in circumstances or regulations may warrant denial or added conditions to an extension of time; the extension of time may be denied if the project has not commenced or there has been no substantial work towards completion within the time specified; and that this application must commence within 2 years of approval date or it will expire.

VIII. 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 Leone read the support letter and Kyle Myers motioned to approve the support letter. Upon a voice vote the letter was approved. 3-0.

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2. Appoint one member as the Searchlight Town Advisory Board representative to participate in the Transform Clark County - rewrite of Clark County's Development Code Title 30 (For Possible Action).

After a brief discussion the TAB members voted to continue with Diane Kendall to represent Searchlight. Ms. Kendall was not available to accept the position.

IX. Public Comment:

Judy Bundorf provided information and updates regarding the Avi Kwa Ame Prosed National monument. If interested in the map and the updated material please contact our office for a copy.

Ms. Bundorf advised the walking Box Ranch was still closed to the public but see the website for future events and those interested in volunteering.

Eren Hall from Equinox Gold, said there will be another Joshua tree event if anyone is interested.

Hayley Maio introduced herself with the extension education and spoke about the 4-H and the Master Gardner and programs that will possibly be available for Searchlight.

X. Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2021

XI. Adjournment: 6:53 pm

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 10, 2021 meeting.  
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 14, 2021.*

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

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## CLARK COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

### Searchlight Town Advisory Board Meeting

February 10, 2021

**Statistics:** January 2021 – treated an average of 30 Thousand Gallons per day.

January 2020 – had an average of 33 Thousand Gallons per day.

**Difference of 2020/2021 –**

- Flow decreased by 3,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

**Sewer Service Complaints:** No sewer service complaints for the month of January 2021.

**Call Before You Dig:** 4 C.B.Y.D. Searchlight ticket(s) received for January 2021.

### Influent Monthly Flow Comparison:

- See attached chart

### Other:

## Searchlight Library Town Council Report 02/10/2021

### Branch status:

1. We are currently open for all library services, and we continue to have Curbside services for patrons who request it. Masks or other appropriate face covering is required for entry in the library, social distancing is practiced, and we are operating at 25% capacity.
2. Additionally as always our wifi is available 24 hours a day in the parking lot.

### Children's Activities:

1. We continue to distribute our Three Square snacks after school. Currently we are still distributing them right after school at the gate, and not in the branch. In addition to snacks we are also giving out "Take and Make" crafts with the snack for additional at-home enrichment. We are handing out approximately 20 crafts per school day. I have brought some samples of our crafts for this month at the back of the room.
2. We recently completed the Winter Reading Challenge for children. We had 7 entries, which was a strong showing for our branch. Prizes for children and families will be announced soon!
3. At this point that is all the programming we have, until we can regain access to the Community Room for more space, or at such time when occupancy limits are raised to 100% again.

### Adult Activities:

1. Book Club – Our book club continues with a mix of in-person and call-in attendance. Book club continues ONCE a month, and we are switching next month to the FIRST Wednesday of the month. Next month we meet on 2/10 at 11:30. See me if you are interested.
2. Painting with Ali, will be in branch on THURSDAY 02/25 at 11:30 am. This month we are painting an Easter/Spring themed scene. We provide all supplies needed. Attendance is limited and reservations are required. Call or visit us to make a reservation. Samples of paintings in the back of the room.

### General News:

1. All branches closed 2/15 for President's Day.
2. Tax Forms and Information brochures in branch. Also tax help available at certain branches by reservation. See [ivccld.org](http://ivccld.org) for more information
3. 100 "new to us" DVD swap from our Distribution Center is coming later this month. Also I brought in some new to us Music CDs, featuring the theme of ME! I brought in the greatest hits cds available in our DC of my favorite musicians from the last 60 years.
4. We have renewed our partnership with the Golden Knights- bookmarks, and will soon be announcing a new partnership with the Raiders.
5. Have you ever wondered what a week in the Searchlight library is like? We recently had to do 2 weeks of daily event reports. It's surprisingly a LOT! See me if you'd like to read the 4 page report – with pictures!
6. \*\* Facebook! \*\* We have a new information page called Searchlight Library News. Please find us on Facebook and like us to receive information about our upcoming programs. Call anytime too.

**Las Vegas Valley Water District Report for tonight's Searchlight TAB  
Meeting by Natalia Londono-Arroyo**

**Well Levels:**

Usage for January 2021 was 4,050,000 gallons.

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**Update**

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LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM

LS21-002  
02/02/21

TO: LAUGHLIN OFFICERS

SUBJECT: CALLS FOR SERVICE - January 2021

This is the Laughlin Substation Calls for Service Report for the month of January 2021:

**Calls for Service - Laughlin**

- January - 2021: 337
- January - 2020: 333
  - Change from Last Year: 1.20%
- December - 2020: 298

**Calls for Service - Searchlight**

- January - 2021: 23
- January - 2020: 15
  - Change from Last Year: 53.33%
- December - 2020: 13

**Traffic Citations**

- Laughlin Citations: 264
- Searchlight Citations: 74
- Other Citations: 2

**DUI's**

- Laughlin: 4
- Searchlight: 0

**Battery Domestic Violence Arrests**

- Laughlin:
  - Adults: 6
  - Juveniles: 0
- Searchlight:
  - Adults: 1
  - Juveniles: 0

**Bookings:**

- Laughlin: 41
- Searchlight: 2
- Juvenile Arrests:
  - Laughlin: 0
  - Searchlight: 0

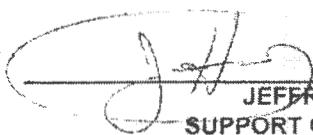
**Juvenile Citations:**

- Laughlin: 0
- Searchlight: 0

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

Casino Drive Area	December CFS	January CFS	January % of calls
Riverside	23	38	11.28%
Aquarius	16	24	7.12%
Edgewater	12	19	5.64%
Tropicana	10	17	5.04%
Harrah's	11	15	4.45%
Golden Nugget	12	12	3.56%
Pioneer	10	9	2.67%
Laughlin River Lodge	5	3	0.89%
Laughlin Outlet Mall	3	3	0.89%
Colorado Belle	2	1	0.30%
Nevada Made Marijuana	1	1	0.30%
Marks Plaza	1	0	0.00%
Regency	0	0	0.00%

Residential Area	December CFS	January CFS	January % of calls
Riverwood	17	26	7.72%
Crown Point	19	15	4.45%
Vista Creek	24	13	3.86%
Vintage	2	5	1.48%
Vistas	5	4	1.19%
Laughlin Jr/Sr High	0	0	0.00%



JEFFREY HEWES, LIEUTENANT  
SUPPORT OPERATIONS / LAUGHLIN

JH:roy

cc: Deputy Chief John McGrath (email)  
 Captain Roxanne Burke (email)  
 Town Manager & Laughlin Town Advisory Board (8 copies)  
 Searchlight Town Advisory Board (8 copies)  
 Jeff Tomassetti, Assistant Manager, Juvenile Justice Services  
 Lt. Jeffrey Hewes  
 6 copies for Sergeants.



## Searchlight February 2021 Report – Clark County Parks and Recreation

**Statistics:** January 2021 – 0 programs-0 program visits due to covid-19

0 total building use due to covid-19

### **Upcoming Special Events:**

No upcoming events

### **Updates:**

- Monthly Metro Meetings- on hold due to “statewide pause”.
- Planning stages for upcoming programming – Kids Programming on hold due to “statewide pause”.

**Michele Brown- Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Contact Info:**

**Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor**

**A'lonn Bilbray, Recreation Specialist**

**Searchlight Office – 702-297-1682**

**Laughlin Office – 702-298-3413**

## Searchlight Betterment Organization Town Board Report

January 27, 2021

The SBO is now an official member of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. We are delighted with all the help they have already given us. In the future we will have a flyer in their office with our Mission Statement and news on past, present and future projects.

In November the first phase of the Searchlight Beautification project was completed. There were 20 Joshua trees planted down Main St and Cottonwood Cove Road by landscapers hired by Equinox Gold. They did an excellent job of placement in a very short period of time. Mr. Aren Hall was the force behind this effort and we are so grateful for all his hard work. To show our appreciation the Searchlight Executive Board would like to present a plaque to Equinox Gold stating a Lifetime Membership in our organization. There will be a second phase to this project so if anyone wants a Joshua tree planted on their property. It's easy! Just email the SBO at [sbo89046@yahoo.com](mailto:sbo89046@yahoo.com) and let us know your name, property address, how many trees you would like and a phone number where you can be reached when trees become available.

December was a very busy month with the Toy Drive and the Parade of Lights. Both were very successful. We were able to give every child ages 0 to 17 a gift this year thanks to all the folks that supported our efforts. The winners of the parade were: 1<sup>st</sup> place Rochel Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> place the Marshall Family, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Dennys. Thank you to all the entries.

The SBO would like to acknowledge an outstanding youth in our town each year. Lately it seems as if we focus on bad behavior when we should be focusing on good. This year the board voted on a boy who is always there to help and relates well with adults. He is well liked by the

community and is very enterprising. We would like to present the first annual Outstanding Youth award to Jeremiah Lewis. Keep up the good work Jeremiah.

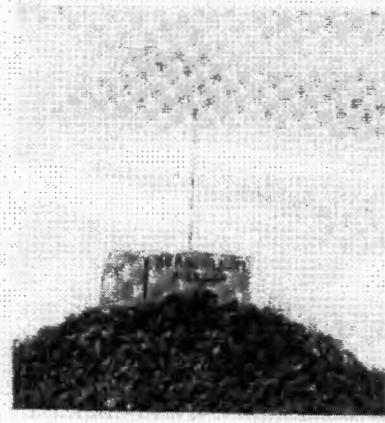
As always if you would like to become a member, donate or volunteer to help with a project you can contact any board member personally or email us and someone will get right back to you. We will be having open meetings again as soon as the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

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## SOLAR LED LIGHTING PROPOSAL

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**Presented to:**  
Searchlight Town Advisory Board



**Project Site:**  
Searchlight, Nevada

**Presented by:**  
Scott Shaw  
1 Sun Solar Electric, LLC  
Phone: (702) 309-9300  
Email: [scott@1sunsolar.com](mailto:scott@1sunsolar.com)  
NCL 71332





## SEARCHLIGHT BETTERMENT ORGANIZATION

To: Searchlight Town Advisory Board & Board of County Commissioners,

The Searchlight Betterment Organization is a small grassroots 501C3 Non-Profit Organization formed to help support, facilitate and fund projects that encourage tourism, economic growth and housing and infrastructure development in Searchlight, Nevada. As well as an overall better quality of life for Searchlight residents.

The old water tank with the flag pole in the center of town has become more of an eyesore over the years. Tourist lay eyes on it and the first thing to come to mind is that Searchlight is a forgotten ghost town.

We at The Searchlight Betterment Organization believe Searchlight is an amazing historic community with limitless potential for the future. The "Flag Box" as we call it, should be a shining beacon of pride we have for our community for all to see. Whether you are a local Searchlighter, tourist or passerby, the flag box should be a positive conversation starter about our community's beginnings and historic relevance.

We have worked with the Searchlight Historic Museum in finding old photographs to create 8' x 20' foot heavy duty canvas murals. The canvas is specifically designed to withstand our winds and hot summer weather here in Searchlight. Searchlight is a historic ranching and mining community. So we found photographs that accurately display our colorful past while at the same time being easily viewed from anywhere in town, on all four walls.

The second part of this proposed project is to apply solar lighting to the murals in such a way as not to disturb community members while at the same time, sufficiently lighting up the murals for all to see at night. These lights would be mounted on a small slab in front of each wall. This would also help with preventing theft and vandalism.

The Searchlight Betterment Organization has received proposal quotes for the project. For the murals, Wall Sensations has quoted \$5,250. 1 Sun Solar Electric has quoted the solar lighting at \$2,505. Which brings the total proposed Flag Box Project cost to \$7,755. The Searchlight Betterment Organization is willing to donate \$1,200 to the project. Bringing the remaining costs to \$6,555.

We would humbly like to request your support and approval for the Flag Box Project on parcel 243-35-310-088 owned by Clark County Real Property Management. We also would like to request, for your consideration, payment for the remaining costs from The Searchlight Capital Construction Fund 422.

Searchlight Betterment Organization



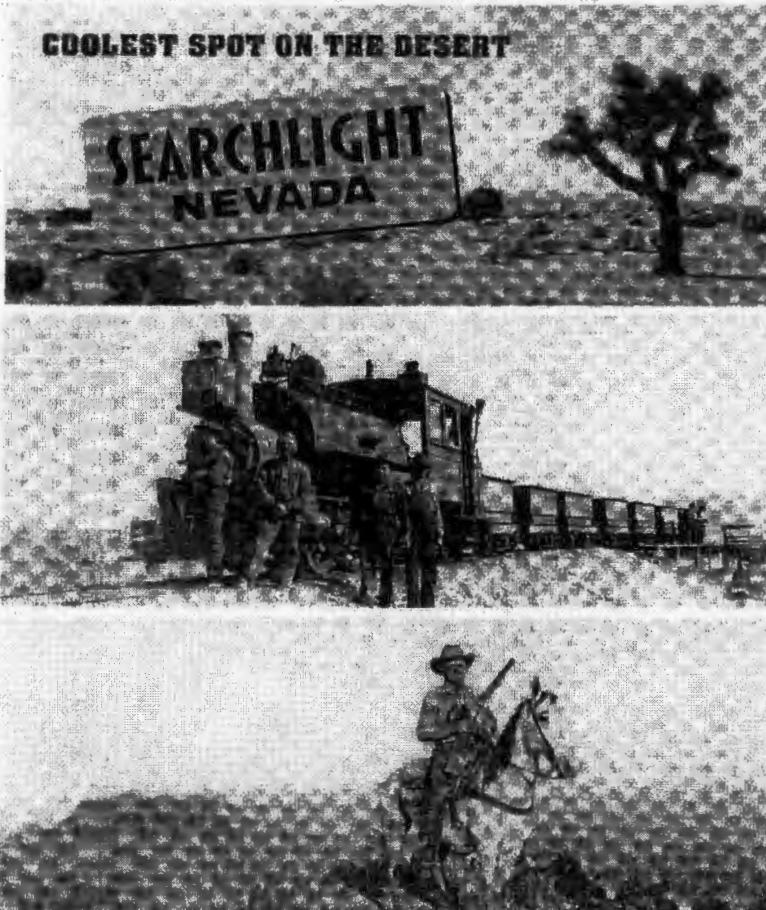
Po Box 154  
Searchlight, NV



702-742-1595



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east / west walls

north wall

south wall



**WALL SENSATIONS**

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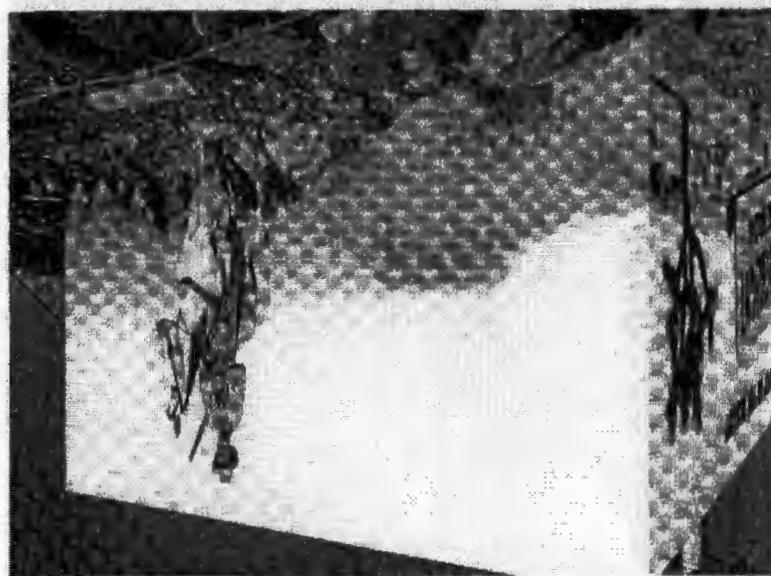
SEARCHLIGHT, NV IN SITU MOCKUPS  
8 X 20 - 4 panels

Stop by a nearby new model or under a shade tree.

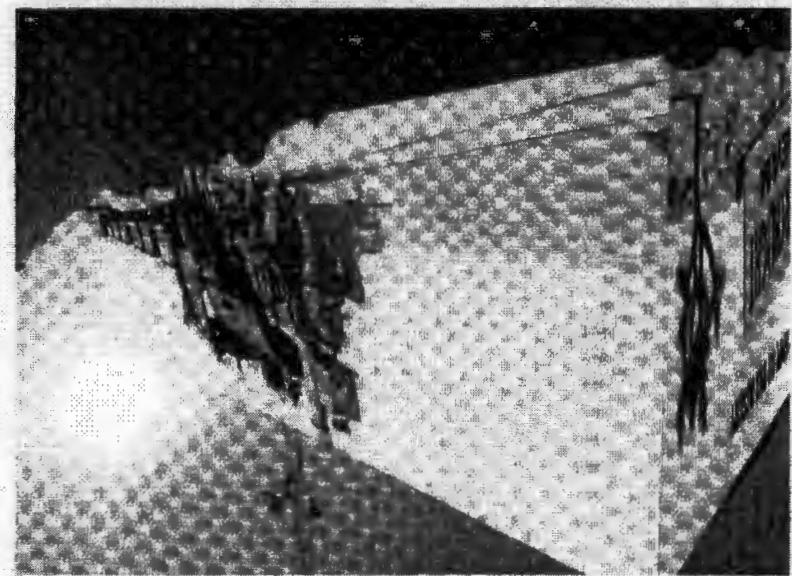
**WALL SENSATIONS**

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SEARCHLIGHT, NY IN STU MOCKUPS

west wall/south wall



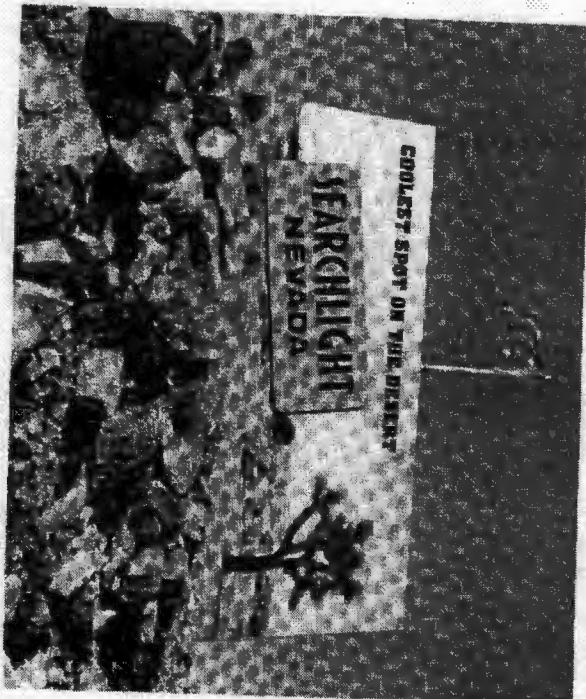
north wall / west wall



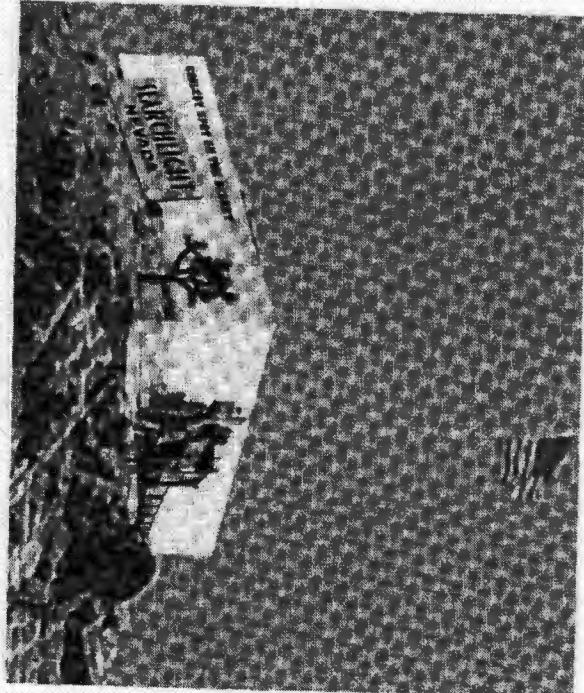


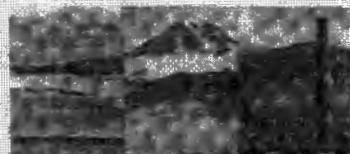
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8 X 20 - 4 panels

east wall



north wall/west wall





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SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD  
PRESENTATION

DATE December 30, 2020  
Quotation # 2011-1058  
Customer ID

Customer Name:	Searchlight Betterment Organization
Name	Kyle Meyers
Company Name	Searchlight Betterment Organization
Street Address	Flag Box Project
City, ST ZIP Code	Searchlight, Nevada
Phone	702-742-1835

Invoice ARG  
Prepared by: ARG  
OWNER

Referral source: Website

Comments or special instructions:

Description	AMOUNT
Searchlight Artwork- Design-	\$ 500.00
Printing 4 separate murals approximately 8' x 20'	4,000.00
Installation	1,250.00
No tax, shipped out of state	
Deposit Paid Dec 9, 2020.	(500.00)
3 year warranty from Fading or coming loose from the walls- full replacement warranty	
Total	5,750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,250.00</b>

Terms: upon receipt

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Pay to the order of Wall Sensations, Inc.  
5321 E. Shaw Butte Dr.  
Scottsdale AZ 85254  
602-539-6486

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February 10, 2021

Michael Naft  
Commissioner  
Clark County Board of County Commissioners  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

RE: Searchlight Transportation Support

At the February 10, 2021 meeting, the Searchlight Town Advisory Board requested a letter be sent to the Board of County Commissioners to support the continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) for the community of Searchlight.

Public transportation is vital to the community of Searchlight, particularly in these difficult economic times. Searchlight has a high population of senior citizens, as well as low-income residents, who are public transit dependent.

Residents in rural communities like Searchlight have limited services available, making public transportation their only access to normal daily necessities and life sustaining medical accessibility. Although this is the case in many rural communities, transportation is especially critical to the residents of Searchlight who have no other public transportation options currently open to them.

The Searchlight Town Advisory Board appreciates Board of County Commissioner consideration of the request for continued Federal Transit Administration funding for the operation of the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) local bus service to provide public transportation in Searchlight, Nevada.

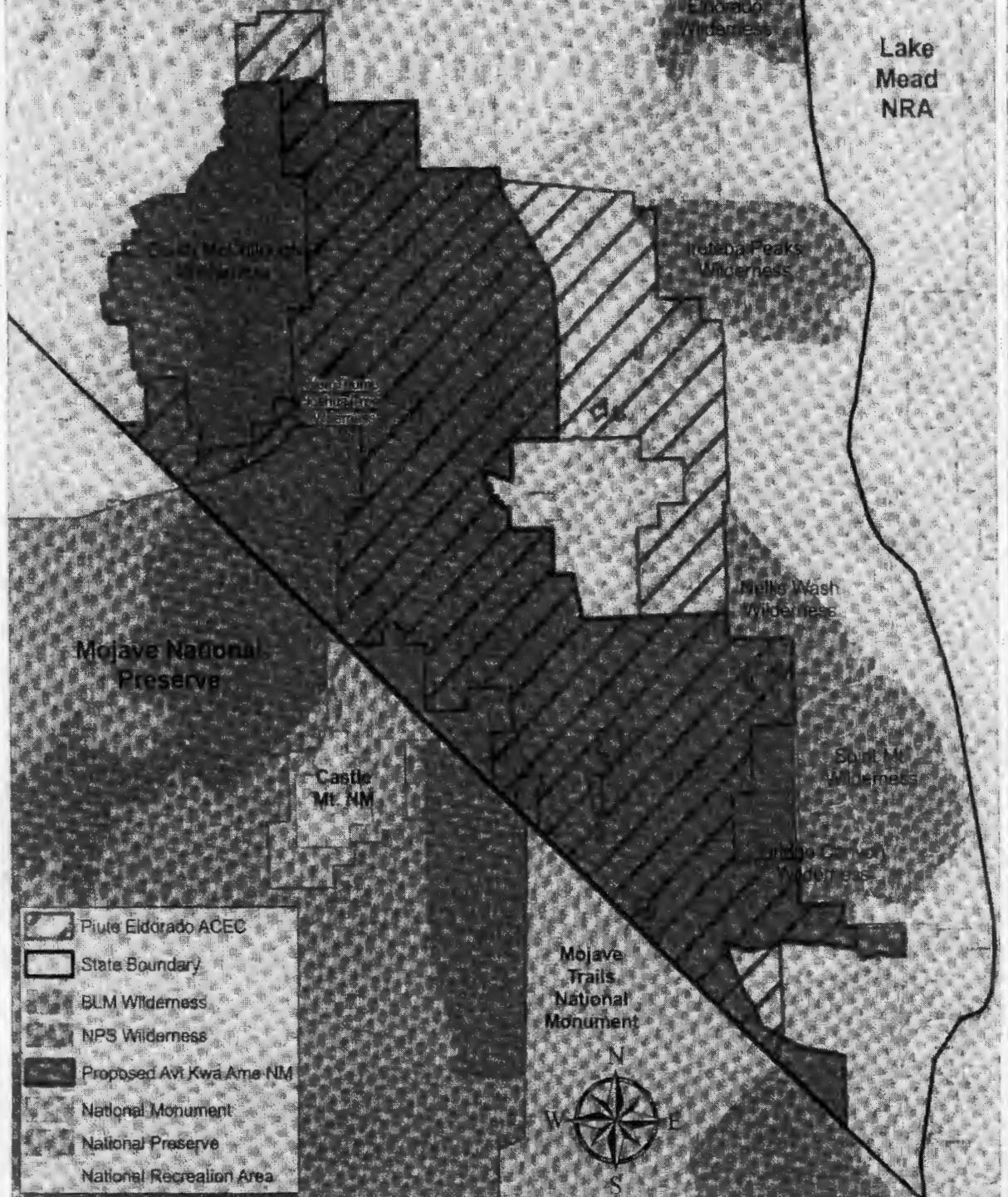
Respectfully submitted,

  
STAB Chair  
Searchlight Town Advisory Board

Cc: Les Lee Shell, Chief Executive Officer  
Mike Jackson, Executive Director, Silver Rider  
Searchlight Town Advisory Board  
Deb Dauenhauer, Chief Financial Officer  
Tiffany Hesser, Liaison to Comm. Naft

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## Avi Kwa Ame Proposed National Monument



# Help Protect Our Searchlight Public Lands!

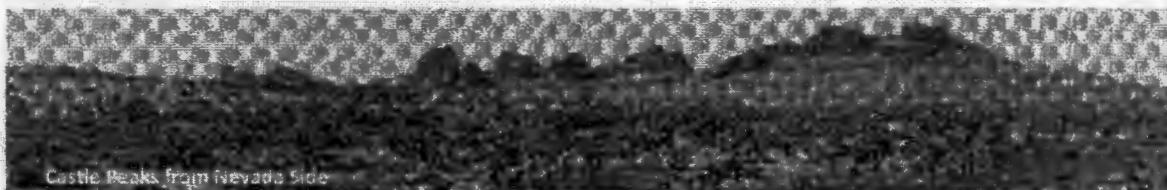
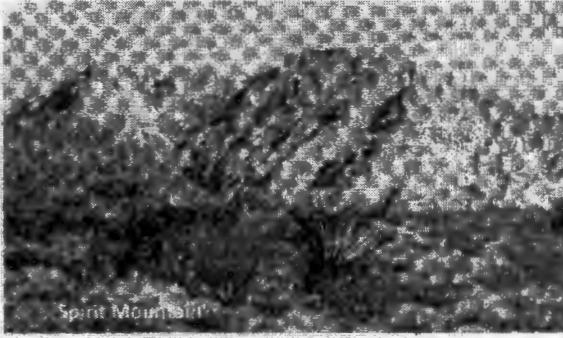
## Avi Kwa Ame National Monument and What It Can Do For Us

### *The Problem and Opportunity*

- Just a few years ago, a large energy company wanted to surround our town with 440 ft high windmills, threatening our scenery, recreation, and quality of life and disregarding the wishes of our citizens. By working together, we won that fight, and the next, which would have placed even larger windmills across our nearby western mountains. However, there will be no end to these proposals unless we do something more permanent about it.
- Now, thanks to the hard work of our local residents, conservation groups, hunters and other recreational users, we can help stop this large-scale development on our public lands by supporting legislation to establish a new National Monument in our region, Avi Kwa Ame (the Mojave name for Spirit Mountain).
- Much of the area within the proposed 380,000-acre Monument is already part of the Paiute/Eldorado Valley Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) surrounding Searchlight, and has enjoyed some level of protection, which is why our landscape is still intact as of now. However, a National Monument designation will offer much stronger protection for our future, and add additional federal lands to fill in the gaps in the protected areas, while guaranteeing our continued access for recreational use.

### *What is a National Monument?*

A National Monument is a permanent designation for public land established by Congress to protect important values and develop a management plan with local input. Local input means the management of these public lands takes into consideration our local priorities, include possibilities to improve recreational access, promote cooperative conservation, and better preserve our wildlife migration corridors. National Monuments receive funding from Congress to support management including recreation, resource protection and maintenance. National Monuments respect private property rights by only affecting federal lands, not private land, and maintaining public access.



### **Goals we can achieve with a National Monument**

- Protect all of our **existing recreational uses**, including hunting, camping, hiking, OHV use and backcountry driving on existing designated roads and trails.
- Protect **native plants and animals**, including the critical migratory corridors for bighorn sheep.
- Protect our **spectacular views** from large-scale development (such as wind projects) on public lands.
- Protect the **health of residents** by stopping major disturbance of soils in the region that have high levels of naturally occurring asbestos and *Coccidioides immitis* fungi (source of Valley Fever).
- Honor **existing mining claims, private property and utility rights-of-way** within the boundaries.
- Protect **sacred Native American cultural sites and values**.

### **A National Monument Will Help our Local Economy**

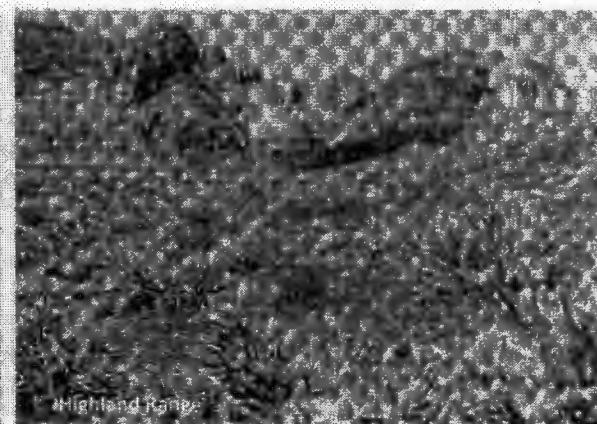
- Studies show that national monuments provide economic growth in adjacent local communities. Protected lands help create jobs and continued growth, as well as help sustain property values and attract new investment.
- The greatest value of natural landscapes often lies in their ability to attract and retain people, entrepreneurs, their businesses, and the growing number of retirees who locate for quality of life reasons. This monument can help us maintain our quality of life while helping our community prosper, and preserving our town's cultural heritage.

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Newberry Mountains under starlight



Highland Range

### **Features of the Proposed National Monument**

- **World's largest Joshua Tree Forest:** Our region is the eastern portion of the world's largest Joshua Tree Forest.
- **Desert Tortoise, Bighorn Sheep and Golden Eagles:** The proposed Monument lands are a rich habitat that supports several dozen special status species, including the Gila Monster, Desert Bighorn Sheep, and Desert Tortoise. These lands support the highest density tortoise population in Nevada and contain important bighorn migration routes. Our area has been designated by Audubon as an "Important Birding Area" with one of the highest golden eagle and raptor populations in Nevada.

- **Cultural Landscape:** Our entire area is considered sacred by the ten Yuman speaking tribes as well as the Hopi and Chemehuevi Paiute. For the Yuman tribes, our area is empirically tied to their creation, cosmology, and well-being.
- **Crossroads of the American West:** This area showcases the progression of human history in the Eastern Mojave Desert, from the ancient Mojave Trail, through the Garces Expedition, the U.S. Army Camel Corps, gold, silver and turquoise mining, to historic cattle grazing, the Walking Box Ranch and the Movie industry.

## We Need Your Help!

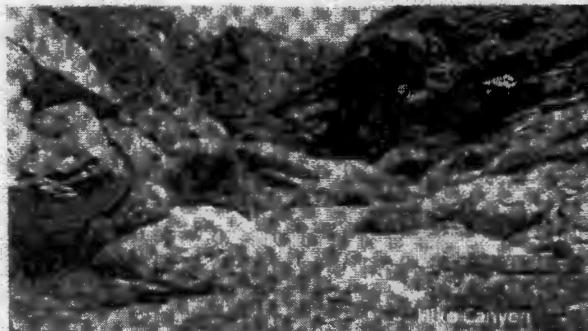
Help the National Monument become a reality and protect our lands. We need a strong showing of support from local residents to get the attention of our representatives!

- Add your name to the Searchlight Area Residents Support Letter. Call or email Kim Garrison Means at 714-329-2889 ([unitedcatalysts@hotmail.com](mailto:unitedcatalysts@hotmail.com)) or Judy Bundorf at 702-682-9963 ([jbundorf@cox.net](mailto:jbundorf@cox.net)) to be included.
- Find out more information at [HonorSpiritMountain.org](http://HonorSpiritMountain.org) and sign the online petition.
- Call, email or write our political representatives to voice your personal support for the National Monument designation at:
 

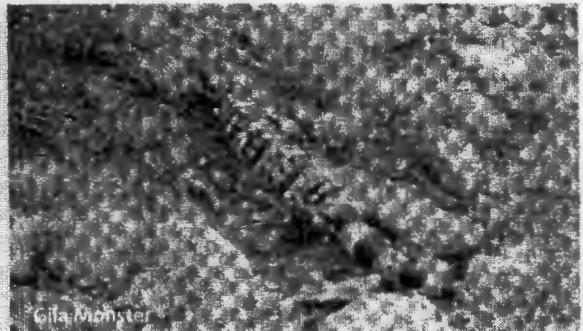
**Congresswoman Susie Lee:** 702-963-9336; <https://susielee.house.gov/contact> (under share your opinion); 8872 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

**Senator Catherine Cortez Masto:** 702-388-5020; <https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/contact/connect> (under share your opinion); 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 8016; Las Vegas, NV 89101.

**Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft:** 702-455-3500; [ccdist3@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:ccdist3@ClarkCountyNV.gov); 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Floor 6, Las Vegas, NV 89155.
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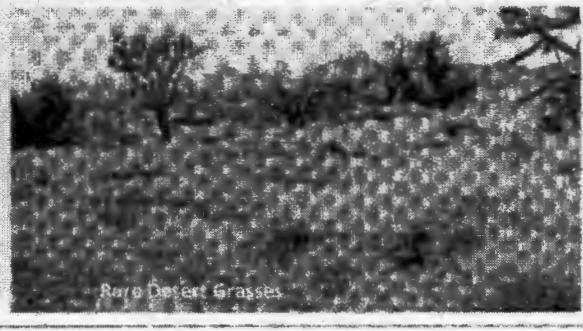
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Gila Monster



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Rare Desert Grasses