

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
12/8/2010**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

**LARENE YOUNGHANS (LY) – Chairman
TERESA SULLIVAN (TS) – Vice-Chairman
ERIKA GERLING (EG) – Treasurer
BERT BERTRAM (BB) – Member
KAY HANDY (KH) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of December 8, 2010.

KH – Motion to approve with the exception of item 4a and 6 Emergency Items; Second TS; 5-0

3 Action – Approval of Minutes dated; November 17, 2010

TS- Motion to approve minutes of November 17th; Second KH; 5-0

4 Presentations

- a. Presentation – State Assemblyman; Ed Goedhart, to speak to the success of the participants and community in keeping the Amargosa Toad from becoming endangered.**

This item was pulled

- b. Presentation – About racing and recreational events to possibly take place in Beatty Nevada, a 15 minute video followed by a question and answer session for duration of up to 25 minutes.**

David Spicer - Spoke about the goal of the presentation; to bring in important events to our communities that will contribute an economic benefit.

The event will be done in a controlled manner with all of the required permits. The process will include mapping that will be presented to the community, which will consider and address habitat and right of way concerns. Red Bull will be the title sponsor of the event.

The BLM introduced Red Bull to the Mirand Group, which David Spicer currently works closely with, providing properties for the Mirand Group's racing events.

Mr. Spicer introduced Gregg.

Gregg Espinoza; Marketing Manager for Red Bull North America Incorporated for Southern Nevada- Stated that Mirand Racing will be putting on the event, with Red Bull as the title sponsor. Mr. Espinoza presented "Red Bull Ghost Riders"; Nuremburg style event which is a technical type of race incorporating; Endureo-Cross and Moto-Cross, trials and rally. This will be a challenging race that would incorporate a sand hill climb, rocky trails, teeter totters. The course would be 70 to 100 miles in length. This course could be completed in 4 to 5 hours by a skilled rider; the race will also be available to amateur and hobby riders. The United States Enduro-Cross races are primarily held in arenas in contrast with the European races being held outside. Three hundred plus people are expected to enter this race most of those riders participate in arena racing.

Mr. Espinoza -Gave a brief history about Red Bull Energy Drink, and it's involvement in diverse sporting events and sports.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated Red Bull is looking to use Beatty as their "Ghost Town", building the course around the town, with a goal of making the course visible from town. The European races are not spectator friendly, due to spectator view-ability and this would be the first course of its type with a spectator friendly environment. Mirand will design and build the course, race dates are anticipated in late October.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated this type of event has appeal in; Southern California, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado because they are states where Euro-Style racers predominantly live in the US. It is an event with a huge reach not just within the southwest, but potentially across the country.

Beatty being the gateway to Death Valley is a great attraction and the Town of Rhyolite; there are very few towns that are left in existence like it. The media attraction to the location could lead to televised recordings of races.

The event would bring; the only distance Enduro-Style event in the United States, media exposure for the Town and Rhyolite. Mirand would be the race promoter and organizer for the event with a willingness work closely with local authorities to ensure all requirements and specifications are met. The goal is a true partnership with the Town, Mirand and Red Bull. Fund raising possibilities: concessions for high schools, Lions Club, VFW, and organizations like that, and the Rhyolite Conservation Fund.

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Mr. Espinoza - Spoke about the economic impact; registration of 300 to 500 riders, on average every rider is equivalent to 3 people, they don't come alone; Moto-Cross or Enduro is a family style event resulting in approximately 900 people. Approximately 1500 spectators are anticipated for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday event. Moto-Cross racers spend on average; \$300.00 per person, this figure has been based on over 9 years of racing data; spent on fuel, food and beverage, lodging, ice, this does not include the concessions spoke about earlier, brining over \$270,000.00 to the local economy for a 3 day event.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated they would be looking to use the Town infrastructure, medical safety teams, bleachers, safety rails, and a pit area. They want to use the Town as part of the race. They would ask for reasonable pricing for all commodities.

Mr. Espinoza - Played a short video presentation showing the style of racing.

Mr. Espinoza - Spoke about the race courses; these are not high speed courses, this is a technical course, and average speeds are approximately 30 to 35 miles per hour on the high side, due to the complexity of the course. Average width of the trail is 30 inches; 70 to 100 miles in length.

EG - Inquired about a map of the track, and asked if some of the course would be on BLM land.

Mr. Espinoza - Responded that the track is in the process of being mapped out. Talks with BLM about areas of the track that are on BLM land are taking place right now. The finished track would be presented at a future meeting.

KH - Asked about the types of races.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated that there are different classes of racers that may be participating including younger riders aged 16 to 18.

TS - Inquired about maintenance or repair of the track once it is in use.

Mr. Espinoza - Responded that this type of racing causes minimal damage to the terrain and ensuring that the desert is maintained is a top priority of Red Bull, and is a part of the planning process.

EG - Asked who the responsible party or parties would be for inspecting and maintain the trail.

Mr. Espinoza - Responded it would be a joint effort.

Mr. Spicer - Stated the repair responsibility would fall on his lead and he would be working with the Federal agencies for the permits and he will follow their lead, the maintenance would be done to the standards that are required.

RY - Clarified whose standards the BLM or the Towns'?

Mr. Spicer - Stated, the Federal standard, and went on to say that around the Town one thing they are working on mitigating very carefully is to make sure the areas that are involved are not going to be visual, avoiding creating an obstacle to our visual appreciation of the area. Racing in Town is not the game; there may a crossing close to Town, so spectators can witness the event.

Shirley Harlan - Stated in the past we have been promised the repair of these roads and yet the marks are still visible from races that took place years ago. Also you said the race would take place around town, where around town?

Mr. Spicer - Stated, it will go out to distances out past Fluorspar Cannon up by the Daisy Mine. We are going to try to appropriate the old Barrick Mine site, Montgomery Shoshone, up Silver Wash, through and across Beatty Wash some of my quarries' are north end out there. It will come through south of the bridge, may be looking at a cross around Angel's Ladies, and then in the hills. This group wants to demonstrate that we can use these areas safely and sanely, demonstrate that; and create a partnership to help us out with our environmental concerns also.

RY - Inquired about the obstacles, pipes and things that the racers go over, that are built into the track and where they are.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated that the photos were just a demonstration of the technical challenges that the riders would go through and the plan is to use as much natural terrain as possible.

Mr. Benshoof; Beatty Volunteer Fire Chief - Asked if the group would be providing medical services.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated that they would work with the department on that and whatever requirements there are. Discussion followed.

Keith Gabbert; of Mirand Group -stated that they would bring in the needed Emergency Services resources to ensure the safety of the participants and spectators. Discussion followed.

Shirley Harlan - Asked where they were planning on going through Rhyolite.

Mr. Gabbert - Stated it is a delicate environment; it would be incorporated into the event but not used for racing.

EG - Referenced the term partnership used earlier and stated a lot of things that would be beneficial to the community have been presented. What is it you need from the community?

Mr. Espinoza - Requested a list of things the Town can contribute to the event and a wish list of things the town needs.

RY - Stated that another meeting should take place that involves the local groups, businesses, and the community. The meeting would need to be heavily advertised to ensure local business and community participation. Discussion followed.

Mr. Espinoza - Stated the participants can be very self sufficient if given campground space and the group can bring in concessioners that are familiar with racing events if necessary.

KH - Recommended that the next meeting not be included in a Town Board Meeting, this is a much bigger project than the Town Board. The meeting needs to be much bigger with multiple groups and individuals participating.

Mr. Gabbert - Stated their permit request needs to be in with BLM by the end of January to hold the race in October.

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5 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item

Shirley Harlan- Thanked the three outgoing members of the Town Board and the two remaining members for all of their hard work, and welcomed the three new incoming members.

6 Action – Emergency Items

This item was pulled

7 Action – Board Member’s Comments

TS – Thanked Bert, Renie and Kay for their time, and for making this a better more effective and efficient board.

KH- Stated it has been a pleasure and honor to serve on the board. She loves the community and the people in it, and she appreciates the votes that placed her on the board.

RY- Thanked all of the board members for their support; we have made some great progress. There have been some tough times and we worked through them, and she is confident in the new board. Thank you to the community and their support of the decisions the board has made.

EG – Expressed appreciation for their advice and their many years and service.

EG – Open meeting law meeting is scheduled for January 11th available via video conference. She requested the scheduling of a workshop about policy and procedures in the new year.

BB – Stated he will be around and tried to do what he could over the last eleven years serving on the board. He extended the offer of help in any way he can.

RY- Preparing a list of pending items that have not been completed, if anyone has any items that should be on the list please let her know.

8 Consent Agenda Items

- a. Action – Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.
- b. Approval of Town Vouchers

TS – Motioned to approve the package for the Space Station Highway Renovation; Second KH- 5-0

KH – Motioned to approve the voucher package in the amount of \$5284.06; Second TS – 5-0

9 General Business

- a. **Action Discussion and possible decision to approve the purchase of July 4, 2011 fireworks in the amount of \$11,000.00 split 50/50 between BVFD and Tourism & Promotion accounts, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Volunteer Fire Department(BVFD)**

KH – Motioned to approve the purchase of the fireworks for 2011 in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department to come out of Tourism & Promotion, with the 50/50 split; Second TS 5-0

- b. **Action- Discussion and possible decision to have Carrie process Beatty Museum and Historical Society Employee time cards and enter them into HTE, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Museum and Historical Society**

TS – Motion to approve that the Beatty Town Office process the Beatty Museum and Historical Society Employee time cards and enter them into HTE; Second KH- 5-0

- c. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to select property or properties from list provided by the Nye County Treasurer, that would serve a public purpose for the Town of Beatty, and make an application to acquire the property or properties to the Board of County Commissioners and all matters pertaining thereto. – BTAB**

RY – Explained this is on the agenda because the public needs to be made aware that these properties are available, however the properties are very small.

BB – Stated that there was not anything on the list that appeared to be useful to the town.

TS – Stated that a few of the residential properties could possibly be used to swap or sell or for a better property; Discussion followed.

Shirley Harlan – asked if someone in town is interested in purchasing the property is there a time limit?

TS – Stated the properties will go up for auction April 18th and 20th, 2011 unless the property is re-conveyed by the owner. Any interested party or parties should contact the Treasurer’s Office.

Item dies due to lack of motion.

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d. Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nye County and or the Beatty Town and Beatty Economic Development Corporation, and all matters pertaining thereto. – LaRene Younghans

RY – This went before the Nye County Commissioners on December 7th, the new District Attorney made some changes.
EG – Motioned to accept the supplemental information with the changes to the Memorandum of Understanding between Beatty Economic Development Corporation and the Beatty Town Advisory regarding the repayment of property taxes; item 2- change Nye County to Beatty and item 5.1b- add net proceeds of sale, and cross out, “will be given priority over any and all expenses, costs and fees associated with the sale.”; Second TS – 5-0; Discussion followed.
BB – Stated for the record; he does not believe this board is prepared to make a motion on this, and pass it on to be reviewed; Discussion followed.
TS – Motion to approve this Memorandum of Understanding with the two changes; the item 2 to change Nye County to Beatty and under item 5b to insert; net in front of proceeds and to eliminate the end of the sentence “will be given priority over any and all expenses, costs and fees associated with the sale.”; Second KH; Discussion followed.
RY- Pointed out that any party can terminate this with 30 days notice.
RY – Called for the vote; 5-0

e. Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve Radio Translator Procedures for trouble calls/alarms after Town Office business hours and on holidays; to be submitted to the Beatty Sheriff’s Office, and all matters pertaining thereto. – LaRene Younghans

RY – Explained the day after Thanksgiving, the sheriff’s office got an alarm, they called Ricardo, he called Carrie, technically they are entitled to call outs. This procedure will direct the Sheriff’s Office to call a Board Member and a Board Member will decide if Town Staff needs to be called out. Discussion followed;
TS – Motioned to approve Radio Translator Procedures and submit them to the Beatty Sheriff’s Office; Second KH; 5-0

10 Adjournment

7:42pm KH- Motion to adjourn; Second TS; 5-0