

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
04/13/2011**

**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.**

**Teresa Sullivan (TS) – Chair
Justin LaPorte (JL) – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Kelly Carroll (KC) - Member
Dick Gardner (DG) - Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of April 13, 2011.

DG – Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 5; Second EG; 5-0

3 Action – Approval of Minutes dated; April 8, 2010, February 7, 2011, March 9, 2011 and March 30, 2011.

DG - Motion to approve minutes dated April 8, 2010; Second EG; 5-0,

DG - Motion to approve minutes dated February 7, 2011; Second KC; 4-1 abstain (EG)

DG – Motion to approve minutes dated March 9, 2011; Second KC; 5-0

DG – Motion to approve minutes dated March 30, 2011; Second KC; 5-0

4 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

TS – Stated that as a member of the public she wanted the community to know that the School District is suffering some enormous budget cuts along with the County the State and everybody else. One of the items on the table for the School District is closing Beatty Elementary/Middle School and moving all the students to the High School. This was open for discussion at the meeting last night; from this point forward all of the meetings will be available via video conference at Beatty High School. The Nye County School District website www.nye.k12.nv.us has all of the agendas under Board of Trustees; go to Board Books to access the agenda packets. They are also considering closing schools in Amargosa as an option.

Kay Handy – Stated she attended some of the meeting last night; as the agenda item read from their website you could not tell that the item was an action item. Ms. Handy – stated she heard of a possible closure of Amargosa and perhaps moving the kids here and or depending on where the kids live sending them to Pahrump. Ms. Handy- Expressed concern about the fact that Amargosa is a “needs to improve” school; how is our voice heard through this teleconference? How as a parent is my voice heard?

TS – Stated the only time you can speak at a School District Meeting is during public comment, you will not be given the opportunity to speak when an item comes up. You can speak through teleconference. You do have to fill out a card when you first come in that says you want to speak.

EG – Asked if you attend via teleconference from Beatty do you still have to fill out a card.

TS – Responded yes; Discussion followed.

5 Action – Emergency Items

This item was pulled

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6 Action – Board Member’s Comments

EG – Would like to have the Good Citizen presentation at the next meeting.

EG – Commented on the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department New Building project, she would like to wait until we get all of our numbers before contacting an architect. To put the project out to bid we would have to come up with a project outline and cost estimate to send to purchasing.

EG – Stated the United States Air force Band will be here Tuesday the 19th, the Elementary Concert will be Thursday the 21st, and next month the Middle School and High School will be performing at the High School.

JL- None

DG- None

TS- None

KC - None

7 Reports

i. Beatty Area Plan

TS – Stated the next meeting will be the 18th.

ii. Beatty Medical Clinic

TS – Stated she made a call to Pam Webster information on the clinic, and is waiting for a return call.

iii. Beatty Town Square

EG – Purchasing has a new template that has caused a delay, but the project is up there and should go out to bid soon.

iv. Commissioner’s

None

v. Desert Hills Cemetery

None

vi. Emergency Services

Beatty Volunteer Fire Department Chief; Jim Benshoof – BVFD responded to one structure fire last week, the fire was contained to one room; however there was extensive smoke damage.

Mr. Benshoof – Gave an update on the building, contact has been made with builders for quotes and information for the load certification and bathroom remodel. One contractor stated that drawings of the project would be necessary for him to make an accurate bid on the project; he did give a verbal estimate of eight to ten thousand dollars. The name of an architect was given and a cost estimate of approximately \$500.00 for drawings. The first estimate for the load certification was approximately eight thousand dollars and the company stated the walls would need to be torn down for them to complete the certification. A second engineering firm was contacted, they took the pictures and drawings we had and they believe they can satisfactorily determine the load using them, without having to take all the drywall down, we are waiting for a cost estimate from them.

Mr. Benshoof – Stated that as of Tuesday the 12th the Sheriff’s office as well as Nye County Emergency Services has switched over to a new communications system.

vii. Ordinances

EG – Requested another attempt to schedule a workshop be made.

viii. Secretary

Carrie – Reported utility expenses; \$5,134.43 for the month of February, and \$4,666.52 for the month of March.

Carrie – Reported monies submitted to the Treasurer for the month of March; \$504.90; Notary \$15.00, Photocopy \$1.90, Fax \$8.00, Community Center Rental \$280.00, Desert Hills Cemetery plot purchase \$200.00.

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ix. Treasurer

EG - Reported the percent to budget for operating entities and capital projects balances; 66% of the year past.

BVFD \$70,351.02, 67% of budget, Capital 21,450.00

Administration \$87,655.00, 53% of budget, Capital no monies spent \$60,000.00

Community Center \$24,746.00, 38% of budget

Chamber \$10,834.55, 69% of the budget

Museum \$6,072.25, 82% of budget

Culture and Recreation \$71,226.41, 32% of budget

Translators \$1,887.93, 37% of budget

General Fund Capital Projects \$622,601.26

Tourism Fund Capital Projects 97,956.00

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**
EG – Motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items; Second KC; 5-0

9 General Business

- a. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve the Beatty Town Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, and forward to Nye County Finance for submission to Nye County and all matters pertaining thereto. – BTAB**
EG – Stated that while we do have big beginning fund balances we need to be fiscally responsible. The Town will receive approximately \$470,000.00 in revenue and the operating expenses are approximately \$403,000.00.
DG – Motion to approve the Beatty Town Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 and forward to Nye County Finance; Second EG; 5-0
- b. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to update the Desert Hills Cemetery Rules and Regulations and all matters pertaining thereto. – Desert Hills Cemetery Committee**
DG- Asked if the changes are to the verbiage or new content.
Kay Handy – Stated there are both in the document; the new content pertains to the use of the Canopy and to the Disinterment process.
DG – Motion to update the Desert Hills Cemetery Rules and Regulations; Second JL; 5-0
- c. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to update the Desert Hills Cemetery Customer Handout and all matters pertaining thereto. – Desert Hills Cemetery Committee**
EG – Stated this is a great idea and asked if it would be possible to put on our website; Discussion followed.
DG – Motion to update the Desert Hills Cemetery Customer Handout; Second JL; 5-0
- d. **Action - Discussion and possible decision to approve a request for Capital Project Funds to create a Pocket Park located between the NDOT fence and the river near the bridge on HWY 95 North, East side called the Bridge Pocket Park, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Habitat Committee; Shirley Harlan**
Shirley Harlan – Presented the project and stated an access permit has been submitted to NDOT and is in process. Two quotes were obtained. The Beatty Habitat Committee elected to go with David Spicer based on the amount of the quote and the donation of materials and labor by Mr. Spicer.
EG – Asked if the access permit is like a lease.
Ryan Tweney – Stated yes it is and he believes it is in perpetuity; Discussion followed.
TS – Asked if there is a written agreement from NDOT stating they will take care of the water used by the park.
Ms. Harlan – Stated NDOT has been providing the water for the trees planted by the Habitat Committee along the NDOT fence on this same property several years ago; Discussion followed.
TS – Asked that Mr. Spicer document the value of the donation he is making along with his quote of \$12,500.00; Discussion followed
EG – Motion to approve the request for \$12,500.00 in Capital Project Funds from Tourism to create a Pocket Park located between the NDOT fence and the river near the bridge on HWY 95 North, East side called the Bridge Pocket Park, through the quote provided by David Spicer; Second KC; 5-0
- e. **Action - Discussion and possible decision to approve request of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to assist local teens with travel expenses to a National Leadership Conference and Competition. – Julie Moen Adult Sponsor for; Michael Dunsterville, Ana Martinez, Elizabeth Moen, Erik Moen, David Moreno, Lacey Reed, Lenny Williams, Shankara Venezio, Brandon Villanueva.**
Julie Moen- Explained the trip cost per student is approximately fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), of that money Nye County School District has tentatively agreed to pay approximately seven hundred (\$700.00) of that expense, Nye County has offered their support through the Nye County Educational Endowment Fund approximately three hundred (\$300.00) per student leaving approximately five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per student or forty-five hundred (\$4,500.00) that needs to be raised. The students will be contributing some of their own money as well as fundraising efforts through catering activities at the school.
Ms. Moen – Described the FCCLA (Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America) program. It is a student lead leadership organization, which is three fold in its mission; career development, fostering a quality home life, and fostering a sense of responsibility to the community. Over the last five years of participation in this program, Ms. Moen has taken over one hundred students to the state level competition, of those students approximately eighteen have gone on to compete in the national competition. Approximately eighty percent of the students that participate in this program go on to higher education following graduation from high school; discussion followed.
EG – Motion to award \$2,000.00 to assist FCCLA with their travel expenses to the National Leadership Conference and Competition; to come from General Fund 710; Second JL; 5-0
- f. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to reimburse for NREMT license renewal and postage fees in the amount of \$27.82. – Michael Wehmeyer**
KC- Motion to table until there is a policy; Second EG; 5-0

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- g. Action – Discussion and possible decision to provide funding in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25, 000.00) for the Beatty Skate Park Project, and to approve the submittal of a request for Proposal (RFP) for the project to Nye County, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Wendy Wilson**

Wendy Wilson – Explained the request for funding is approximately half of the project cost, excluding the lighting, which could be done later.

Ms. Wilson – Stated she spoke with Wayne Carlson of Pool-Pac the insurance provider for Nye County, he did confirm that the County insurance does include skate parks.

Ms. Wilson- Stated BGID (Beatty General Improvement District) has confirmed the donation of the land; Discussion followed.

JL – Asked where the other half of the funding would come from.

Ms. Wilson – Stated that a grant request from Parks and Recreation would be submitted by BGID, as well as grant opportunities from Tony Hawk and American Ramp; the manufacturer that provided the quote offers grants, could be explored; Discussion followed.

JL – Motion to table until there is confirmation from BGID that they are willing to allocate funds directly for the creation of the Skate Park, knowing that there are other things that they do want to allocate money from Parks and Rec. for; Motion fails for lack of a Second.

JL – Motion to table until BGID decides definitively to allocate money towards the Skate Park; EG Second;

EG – Stated that she has concerns about the possibility of not obtaining the other half of the grant funds needed for the project; Discussion followed.

TS – Called for a five (5) minute break.

TS – Reconvened the meeting, continuing with action item g.

TS – Stated there was a motion to table this item and a second; call for the vote.

EG – Rescinded her second and requested JL rescind his motion.

JL – Stated he would like to rescind his motion.

EG – Motion that the Beatty Town Advisory Board provide twenty five thousand (\$25,000.00) in funding to the Beatty Skate Park Project, contingent on the securing of the additional funding; Second KC; 5-0; Discussion followed.

Public Comment was made by; Commissioner Joni Eastley, Shirley Harlan, and Jay Harvey

- h. Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve a request for inclusion of Beatty Economic Development Corporation's (BEDC) revised advertising poster and/or other BEDC related information into the town website; and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Economic Development Corporation; Albert Verrilli**

Albert Verrilli – Spoke about an energy conference BEDC attended in March 2011, at that conference the revised advertising poster and other information related to the property was distributed. Due to the interest the materials generated at the conference, BEDC would like to extend the use of these advertising materials to the internet with the Beatty Town Website being an outlet.

TS – Asked if this could be done under the current website contract.

Carrie Radomski – Stated the current contract has the provision for up to three additional pages at no charge, and none of those three have been used. The contract will come up for renewal in August. Ms. Radomski – Stated she spoke with Suzy McCoy and confirmed that if we can stay within the guidelines of the contract there will be no charge for an additional page; Discussion followed.

JL – Motion to approve request for inclusion of the BEDC revised advertisement and other related information on the Town website; Second DG; Discussion followed; 5-0

- i. Action – Discussion and possible decision to authorize the use of temporary Office Support Staff when permanent Office Support Staff takes personal time off during the calendar year 2011, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski – Explained this is a housekeeping item to put on record the Town Board has authorized the use of temporary Office Support Staff which has been allocated in the budget, when permanent Office Staff takes personal time off.

EG – Motion to authorize the use of temporary Office Support Staff when permanent Office Staff takes personal time off during the calendar year 2011, and all matters pertaining thereto; Second DG; 5-0

10 Adjournment

8:22 pm DG- Motion to adjourn; Second KC; 5-0