

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
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**Minutes  
11/23/2015**

**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.**

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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair  
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Vice Chair  
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer  
Randy Reed (RR) - Member  
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of November 23, 2015.**

*Staff - Pulled item 6 Emergency Items*

**3 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.**

Betty Robinson – Stated I have started to gather signatures, I'm here tonight, and I've been asking people for signatures that are opposed to drones flying over private property. I had one fly over my yard and didn't appreciate it and I have just have barely gotten started on this. I heard on the radio the other morning that Chicago just passed an ordinance for them not to fly over people's private property.

DG – Asked are you talking about private drones, the ones that people go down to the hobby store and buy?

Ms. Robinson – Stated personal drones. I just got started, actually this evening, I've got yes and no, people who could care less. Maybe I should get two signatures and see which one is good or bad. I'm just here for the people that are opposed to it.

**4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated October 12, 2015 and October 26, 2015.**

*RR – Motion to approve the minutes dated October 12, 2015; Second EG – 4-1 CT (abstain)*

*RR – Motion to approve the minutes dated October 26, 2015; Second CT – 4-1KC (abstain)*

**5 Presentation – Beatty Senior Center, Beatty Volunteer Fire Department and Beatty Ambulance Service raffle drawing. Winner to be announced tonight. – Randy Reed**

RR – Stated it took about three and a half months to sell 1,000 tickets and tonight we are doing the drawing.

EG – Stated I take it you don't have to be present to win.

RR – Stated Melissa More is the winner, 626 area code.

**6 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

*Item pulled*

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### 7 Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

KC - Stated I know the Fire Department is doing Santa Night on the 18<sup>th</sup> here at the Community Center

EG - Stated the Board of County Commissioners is going to be looking at Title 6 Animals again. At their last meeting Commissioner Borasky mentioned having something on their December 1<sup>st</sup> agenda, not sure what that will be but Carrie and I will try to stay on top of this incase it's anything we need to address. They will also be hearing suggestions for the Community Development Block Grants on the 1<sup>st</sup> and then choosing two projects at their next meeting. Also, I just wanted to mention this, there are still articles being published in both news papers and circulating online about the fire at US Ecology. The articles are mostly correct, but not quite. A lot of times they don't site the sources of the information in some cases the site one statement and don't site the rest of it and they make it sound that even though there is no problem and no problem has been found that there is still testing going on, which is true, so who knows what we might find. That's how I take these articles. I know that there is not a lot we can do, I think we should suggest to the Chamber that maybe they do some new advertising, but whenever and wherever any of us as residents can to mention what a great, safe, clean, friendly place Beatty is to live, work and visit. Keep putting that positive word out there because the articles are still coming up.

RR - Stated on December 5<sup>th</sup> the Senior Center is hosting a craft bizarre, you can call Holly at the Senior Center to reserve a table. On December 12<sup>th</sup> we are doing the Town pot luck Christmas Party. We already have a bunch of people signed up to bring stuff, so anything else anybody wants to bring just let us know. Hopefully we can make a nice showing and get the Town all back together again.

CT - None

DG - Stated we thought the Always Lost display went really well. It is now on display in the Reno area for two months.

EG - Stated we went, my family and I, even Chris who doesn't get moved by much, he didn't even want to stay in there. It's so overwhelming looking at the faces instead of just the names it was almost like too much. Thank you for all of your hard work, brining it here.

### 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**

*RR - Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$1,699.91; Second CT; 5-0*

### 9 Reports

a. **Secretary**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary - Stated first thing have is an email from Allison Henderson to the Town Board thanking them for their support of the Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service and for assisting with some of the concerns she presented to the BTAB, and for sending her to the conference in Las Vegas.

The Nye County press release dated November 16, 2015 regarding the industrial fire at US Ecology is available at the office if anybody would like a copy.

An update from Death Valley called the Flood Recovery 2015 is available at the office. It addresses the areas that were impacted by the flood.

Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> the Hill Top Baptist Church will be having a memorial service for Tyra Ann Grover. Lunch will follow the service in the church basement.

December 13<sup>th</sup> Santa's Workshop will take place at the Happy Burro from 1pm to 3pm

The Beatty Chamber of Commerce along with the Advisory Board is sponsoring the 2015 Christmas Lighting Contest. The judging will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm both residential and commercial. Winners will be announced December 18<sup>th</sup> at Santa Night.

The Beatty Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas parade December 18<sup>th</sup> the lineup will start at the middle school at 5:45, the parade starts at 6pm

December 18<sup>th</sup> Santa Night sponsored by the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department will start at 6pm here in the Community Center large room

The Beatty Hilltop Church is going to have a children's Christmas program, they ask you to join them on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am for children's Sunday school program. Practice dates are available at the office

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### Reports continued

#### b. Beatty Library

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reported on behalf of Shirley Harlan that they held a book and DVD sale during Beatty Days. They took in \$183.00, which will be used for extras at the programs sponsored by the Library. The Friends of the Library is in the process of forming to be a support group of Beatty people to promote the Library, volunteer for special projects and as a non-profit raise money for special projects. The Board is now working on raising funds for the Beatty Library Capital Projects fund to help build the wing on the present library. At this year's Beatty Days the Friends held a silent auction of 8 items, unfortunately there was not a single bid on any item. The Friends will evaluate this to determine what went wrong. As soon as the Friends complete the application for the 501c3 status they will be incorporated in Nevada and will be ready to bring in members who are interested in the Library and who want to promote the library.

Two new members of the board of trustees are Laura Taylor and James Osborn.

Diana Pierce has been hired part time to plan and present special programs for adults and children, she works for the National Parks Service.

The Library has hired Haylen Grover to work as a page after school and on Saturdays' he has worked for several months and is doing an excellent job.

#### c. Batty Habitat Committee

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – The report read at the last BTAB meeting stating the combined ages of the Habitat Committee members totaled 231 years, we need help in the form of new members and new energy. Jim Moore of the Nature Conservancy's Beatty project stated that there were several people who are interested in taking over the project and working with other entities to get it done.

After my plea for help from persons with time and energy, the Nature Conservancy and the Amargosa Conservancy will assist in developing the trail along the riverbed through town.

### 10 General Business

- a. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation, and decision to complete a road inventory in Beatty and send a letter to Nye County Public works with our suggestions for road improvements/repairs to be completed in Beatty using the five cent gas tax increase passed by the Board of county Commissioners at their meeting on October 6, 2015 with an effective date of October 26, 2015. – Erika Gerling**

*EG – Stated I make a motion to accept supplemental information; Second CT; 5-0*

EG – Stated this is my report and it is prioritized;

Cottonwood - Highway 95 to Avenue A South – badly deteriorating needs to be chip sealed

Cottonwood – Avenue A South to C Avenue South – needs to be crack sealed then chip sealed

C Avenue South – Cottonwood to Crowell Avenue - needs to be crack sealed then chip sealed

Avenue A South – Cottonwood to Knight Avenue - needs to be chip sealed

Montgomery Street – First Street to Irving – needs to be patched then chip sealed, should really be double chip sealed

Christy Lane - half a block is gravel – needs to be chip sealed

Doing – C Avenue to D Avenue – needs to be crack sealed

Ward Street – Second Street to Irving – needs to be patched then chip sealed

EG – Stated Shirley had sent an email for the last time this was on the agenda, her requests for what she wanted by the Library, that's incorporated.

DG – Stated what we need to do is to get this information to public works, Dave Fanning.

EG – Stated in the past, several years ago, they would ask the Community what their priorities were and that hasn't happened so I'm not sure how they will do it, if he will come up and look at this; discussion followed.

EG – Asked if anybody has questions or additions?

DG – Stated the only thing I can say is Christy Lane our last gravel road, if these things aren't fixed the whole town will be gravel.

Diane McGinnis – Stated Irving from Knight up to the Clinic is really, really bad; discussion followed.

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Ms. McGinnis - Stated that one of their patients actually tipped their scooter because of the pot holes and gravel in and on the road.

EG - Stated the only thing we can do is add it to the list. We are also paying the five percent more and Beatty generates a majority of that gas tax because of the Highway 95 corridor.

EG - Asked is the order okay with everybody?

DG - Stated this is the first I've seen this list I don't know that there is any particular order but add the road Diane mentioned, that will make eleven roads. Let's send this to public works and see if we get a response back from them; discussion followed.

CT - Stated you could put a notice that the Cottonwood repairs need to be done first.

DG - Stated I would think that with what Diane was talking about would be another top priority, send them as our top three priorities.

EG - Clarified Cottonwood, Cottonwood, and the Clinic?

Audience - Stated I would like to see the Clinic at the top.

DG - Suggested we don't have to put them in a particular but make them our top three; discussion followed.

KC - Stated just getting them a list and getting a response would be great.

*RR - Motion to send a letter to Nye County Public Works, Darrell Lacy, our Commissioner and anybody else that might be interested in it on the suggested repair/road improvements with the top three being the Clinic and Cottonwood from 95 all the way to the justice facility; Second CT; 5-0*

### **b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation, and decision to select BTAB meeting dates in December 2015. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary - Stated this is a housekeeping thing, giving the Board the opportunity to change any dates if they need to. The regularly scheduled dates will be December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be off the week of the 7<sup>th</sup>, if we have a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> I would need to post the agenda on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I may be able to accomplish that but I would ask that I get the information that you want on the agenda the week after Thanksgiving so I can have it all ready to go so it can be posted by anybody who might be here; discussion followed.

DG- Stated the other alternative would be to have the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> which would be approximately two to three weeks from last meeting and two to three weeks from the next.

CT - Stated I like that idea of having the one meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

*RR - Motion to select December 21<sup>st</sup> for the BTAB meeting in December 2015; Second CT; 5-0*

### **11 General Public Comment**

Betty Robinson - Stated at 11pm tonight there will be a piece about drones. Do I still need to get signatures?

DG - Stated you can get signatures anywhere and everywhere you want.

Ms. Robinson - Stated I don't know how it works.

EG - Stated if you want the BTAB to do something or take some kind of action so we need to have an agenda item from you, Carrie has the forms.

Teresa Sullivan - Stated I'm going to keep harping on this because I really am concerned about the safety of this Community. We are still sitting at two deputies in our community and I know that you guys have done some things to get the Sherriff's attention, but I think we need more attention. I would like one of you guys to put an item on the agenda and invite the Sherriff here to talk to us about what her plan is to resolve the issues. She talked about having four deputies here, what's the plan? How can we help? What can we as a community do to help? Right now there are the two here, with training and vacation it's not uncommon to not have a deputy here and what is the response out of Pahrump? Up to two hours and for some things they are not going to respond. To me that is completely unacceptable.

EG - Stated I understand what you are saying but I don't know what else we can do. We continually invite her and ask if she has anything to report. We have been trying since May.

Ms. Sullivan - Stated my suggestion is for one of you as a Town Board member put an item on the agenda for her to come here and speak with us and if it's on the agenda others in the community can come and talk to her.

DG - Stated I have no problem doing that but we have to make sure she is going to be here.

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Ms. Sullivan - Stated give her a couple of days to choose from and if she chooses not to come that's an issue as well and is something the community can look at.

EG - Stated and that's been an issue.

Ms. Sullivan - Stated she's brushing you off, she's brushing us off.

EG - Stated that's the point and it's really difficult to make the points that you are making and the points that we would like to make when you can't get a meeting or get a report or ask the questions.

Ms. Sullivan - Stated if there is an agenda item on there and if she chooses not to show then you guys can share what you have done and that will give the community some information and some power to move forward.

EG - Suggested we pick three meeting dates and ask the Sherriff which works for her and we will have an agenda item for that date.

Ms. Sullivan - Stated just as with the roads we are paying those taxes for a service and we are not getting it.

EG - Stated plus we elected her.

Ms. Sullivan - Sated she represents us as much as she represents anybody else in the County and we are not getting the services that we pay for.

### **12 Adjournment**

*KC- Motion to adjourn 7:15pm; Second RR; 5-0*