

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
08/22/2016**

**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 - Absent
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Randy Reed (RR) – Member - Absent
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

DG – Stated for the record KC is working and RR is not able to make it tonight.

2 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.

Crystal Taylor; Happy Burro Chili and Beer – Stated we had our volunteer appreciation day a couple of weeks ago and through the help of the community, many donations and a lot of people showing up we were able to raise \$1,704.00 to be split half and half between the Fire Department and the Ambulance Service.

Ms. Taylor read a letter of thanks from Fred Summers of the Happy Burro.

Marty Campbell – Stated I should mention that the other day when I brought the letters of appreciation I said I would mail some off, they have been mailed off. I do have some more coming down the line as far as people that deserve them but we are going to wait until the people that are available to give them to them.

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 22, 2016.

Staff – Pulled Item 6 Emergency Items.

4 Presentation by Barb Conton – Remote Area Medicine USA

Barb Conton – Introduced herself and stated she has lived here for three of the last eight years off and on, so she has an investment in this community. Also her folks live here and she knows how difficult it can be to get medical care here. So when she found out about this opportunity I wanted to come out and share it with this community because it doesn't come around too often that folks provide free medical care.

Remote Area Medical, that's what RAM USA stands for, is a non-profit organization that does just that. It's a huge effort that has taken about a year for the Pahrump Communities to put together. You have to actually invite these folks out and then you have to set up the infrastructure in each community. They (RAM) travel around the world doing this for folks, that's their fulltime mission. Over the course of the last year Pahrump has put together everything so that at the end of September there will be three days of medical, dental, and vision care for anyone who shows up.

It's free medical, dental, and vision care it's a first come first served event and you get same day service. You can go, for more information, to their website which is really informative. You are not required to bring anything with you, you don't have to bring insurance, ID, proof of residence you just show up and you get care immediately. It will be in Pahrump September 30th, October 1st, and October 2nd all day.

You may recognize the gentleman who started it; he was the young top cowboy that did Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom so back in the day he was like Steve Irwin. His name is Stan Brock and when he was a young man in Guyana he was thrown from his horse and he was actually 26 days hiking through the jungle to get the medical care he needed for the traumatic injuries he sustained. So needless to say he suffered through his convalescence in a small village with no access to medical care and he made a promise to himself at that time that when he grew up he would provide medical care. So that is why he founded this non-profit entity, to do just that.

DG – Stated Mutual of Omaha is animals; he's not doing vet stuff is he?

Ms. Conton – Stated he does do vet stuff but not at this event, but yes they have veterinary events.

Ms. Conton – Spoke about their philosophy and mission statement. You think you can't get something for nothing in this world but in fact, in this instance it looks like you can although there's a fair amount of waiting for anyone who comes unless you well even if you come first in line, folks start lining up around midnight before the clinic opens so like I said its first come first serve and they will serve about 200 to 250 people a day but there is a fair amount of waiting involved. Luckily its end of September not mid July. The organization is part of a larger effort to bring people together to address healthcare issues in the community and to see those communities transformed for a better healthier future.

4 Presentation RAM USA continued

Ms. Conton – Went on and their mission statement is to be the best at operating clinics which enhance the quality of life through delivery of competent and compassionate healthcare to those who are impoverished, isolated, and under served. To prevent pain and alleviate suffering providing free quality healthcare to those in need. In fact he started by serving folks in the Appalachian's. Because he figured that segment of our Country that has the hardest time getting health care. So he started there, focused there and then he grew it. You don't have to be in the middle of nowhere to get it I know that last year or the year before they did this in Las Vegas. So it's not necessarily remote but it also encompasses people who just don't have the means and there is as you know a lot of folks in Vegas who don't have a lot, so they had a huge event there.

Ms. Conton – Talked about the event dates and times, Friday September 30th they will start the clinic at six in the morning and they go until about 4pm, I think at 4pm they will stop taking folks, so they will finish up whoever is there. They will do it again Saturday from 6am to 4pm. They open the gates at midnight and folks will line up before that, some people. They open the gates at midnight and start seeing patients at 6am, and then Sunday just until noon. It's at the Nye County Coalition. It's by the Nye County School District, by the Wal-Mart. They will have streets blocked off and they will have shuttles running for parking.

Ms. Conton – Talked about the basic services offered. Dental they will do cleaning, filling, extraction. Vision; complete eye exams, testing for glaucoma, for diabetic retinopathy. Glasses are made on site so they have a big semi and it's got the full Monty in it, so you will get your exam and by the end of the day, I'm not sure how long it takes, but by the end of the day for sure you'll have your glasses. It's not like an eye care place in Las Vegas where you'll have one hundred choices, it will probably be some basic, functional, plain glasses but they will be serviceable. Also, some general medicine like physicals, the Mamo Van will be there but there will also be general practitioners if you want to. I don't think the Mamo Van is part of RAM, it's just going to show up and take advantage of the opportunity to see a bunch of people but that's not a free part of RAM, however if you waited in line and went in to see one of the practitioners you could get a regular breast exam, diabetes screening, physicals and women's health. Education; there is also going to be a food fair with nurses from Desert View (Hospital) and the community. They will try to fit people with resources that they may or may not know are there. My brother is a podiatrist and I'm asking him to volunteer so that maybe some people can get their feet looked at as well.

Ms. Conton – Spoke about how to get care; to enter you need to get a number and to get a number you need to show up. Because the services are free and resources are limited you have to be physically present, so you can't show up and get a number for your friend who will be there later and hold a place for them. You have to be there to get the number and they will hand them out at 3am. If you look on line and you see some of the video of people it's just, it's not pandemonium it's very well organized but there are a lot of folks going through there. We open the parking lot at midnight and often folks begin arriving several hours before it, I can't tell you a specific time to come but obviously the earlier you come the more likely you are to get seen.

Ms. Conton – Spoke about how it works. If you or anyone you know need care just show up. Bring all the medications you take every day just like you would to the doctor so that they can help you optimally know what's going on. Because you'll likely wait outside for a while they defiantly want you to bring whatever you might need. Hopefully the weather at that time it's pretty fair but certainly sunscreen, hats, and stuff. There will be shade, there will be water, but bring what you need. Since the wait can be pretty long you'll want to bring food, water and entertainment, books, games, etc.

Ms. Conton – Stated last one if you want to volunteer it's a pretty big effort 200 or so volunteers will be there, so certainly if you want to do that you just go to the website and sign on. You show up anywhere from 5am and stay until the end of the day. They will feed you and give you a very cool t-shirt. There are lot of folks in the community, just everyone you can think of that are bring food, to sponsor the event, to provide housing for the core RAM people that come. So it's an all hands on deck kind of thing. My son just got pressed into service; he's just going to be like a minion. You can sign up for any kind of spot (volunteer) that you want.

Audience – Asked do you know if you have a number and you want to just go to vision will there be a separate queue?

Ms. Conton – Stated yes I believe there will be a subset for vision a different subset for dental. I don't know that you can get multiple services. You probably have to think to yourself, which one is more important to me, which one do I need right now, dental or vision. If you came back the next day you could probably get medical. That's all I have but I wanted to mention that I do a nursing program in Pahrump and it's graduating our first three RN's this year. It's really affordable, the cheapest in the Nation, in fact a recent poll it is one of the top 25 RN schools in the Nation. So anyone from the High School or the community that can go, there's a lot of financial aid.

EG – Stated that is one of the biggest growing fields in the Nation.

Richard Stephens – Stated speaking of Nursing, we have a former Beatty High School student Paul Genesse his big passion is writing and he's a published author he has lots of short stories and three novels so far but he's a nurse. It's a good way to have a career and be able to follow your passion.

EG – Asked what can we, as the BTAB, do to help promote it? I know we can put flyers up around town and put it on our website. You really need to get this around the schools, you have to get permission from the School District but once you do it can be sent home with every child; Discussion followed.

4 Presentation RAM USA continued

EG – Suggested that Marty announce this at the Senior Center and put out a sign up sheet for this event; Discussion followed.

5 For Possible Action – Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated August 8, 2016.

CT – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated August 8, 2016; Second EG; 3-0

6 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item pulled

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

EG – Stated I had a really great time at the volunteer appreciation event.

CT – Read a letter of appreciation from Fred Summers to volunteers and donors that contributed to the success of the Volunteer Appreciation Event.

DG – Stated I talked with the Commissioner today and there is a move under foot to possibly bring back these SUP's (Special Use Permits). It seems to be centered around the Family Dollar and Rupert. I was over there the other day I was talking with Rupert, Carrie was there with me, and he was complaining about the lights being left on in the building and I told him normally on a new building they leave the lights on to burn them in, to season them so to speak. You go by right now and the lights are off and there's just some night lights on similar to what you find here. In the talk it seems like Amargosa is in favor of having some kind of SUP that has to have the approval of the Town Board before it would go to the County, which means we could vote against it and it would still go to the County and they could vote for it. I told her, I said speaking for myself I am still against SUP's. She had mentioned that there seems to be an issue out in Rail Road Valley or something like that but regardless don't be surprised if you see that come down on an agenda from the County; Discussion followed.

Audience – Asked what are SUP's?

DG – Stated I'm sorry, Special Use Permits. If SUP's were in process at the time we started working on the VFW Post we probably wouldn't have been able to finish it because of the monies involved. You have to have people come out, all kinds of regulations.

EG – Stated I would just like to add one thing about SUP's, there are no standard regulations for SUP's so us as Board, which is what the Commissioners want to do, so us as a Board could put stipulations on one business and opposite stipulations on another business that is the same kind of business. That's the problem with them, if I like this guy I can make the SUP's favorable, if I don't like this guy I can make them as hard as I want them to be and that's one of the problems I have with SUP's. I'm not saying they are totally bad I'm just saying it's too vague, we can say whatever we want and that's not fair.

DG – Stated I had mentioned to Lorinda (Commissioner) that we had spent several years on our Area Plan and one of the things in our area plan was protection of the night skies, that's in there.

EG – Stated that could be one of the things if we had SUP's their lighting would have been an issue.

DG – Stated I don't think it's an issue.

DG – Stated just be advised.

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

CT – Motion to approve pack 1 \$2,680.57; Second EG; 3-0

DG – Stated that's our regular bills.

CT – Motion to approve pack 2 \$12,037.50; Second EG; 3-0

DG – Stated this is the monthly Sr. Center payment, the Fireworks and Museum AC reimbursement.

9 Reports

a. Secretary

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated I have two things.

First, the NSSAB will be meeting on Wednesday August 24th in Washington DC if you would information about the meeting it's available in the Town Office.

Second, the Boy Scouts did go down to Town Square last Saturday (20th) and they worked from 7am to 10am they should be back next weekend.

10 General Business

- a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve up to one thousand four hundred and forty dollars (\$1,440.00) to send up to three people to the 2016 Nevada State MMS Conference, September 22 through September 24, 2016. In Elko Nevada and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Ambulance Service; Allison Henderson/Mike Harmon.**

EG- Motion decision to approve up to one thousand four hundred and forty dollars (\$1,440.00) to send up to three people to the 2016 Nevada State MMS Conference, September 22 through September 24, 2016. In Elko Nevada; Second CT;

DG – Asked what happened, last year we had 50/50 for online training between the fire department and the town board, what happened to that?

Allison Henderson – Stated this is live training, their (EMT's) continuing education credits can come from online, live and classroom.

EG – Stated I think we have the best EMTS's.

Approved 3-0

11 General Public Comment

Marty Campbell – Stated unfortunately the other day, and this is really important you guys (EMT's) do a really great job but the other day we had an individual from Beatty that was going to take her husband to the hospital and she got as far as the Wells and couldn't go any further so the Highway Patrol stopped and they waited 45 minutes for someone to show up in an ambulance or helicopter and they still didn't show up at that time so they had to continue driving into town. So it is really important for these people to get the training (item 10a) and to have the people available for us.

Allison Henderson; Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service Coordinator – Stated the other morning around 7:45am we got paged out to the Beatty Apartments no more than two minutes later we got paged out again to Lathrop Wells for a cardiac patient. I only had one crew in town; I tried to have NHP call Mercury because Amargosa did not have a crew.

Mr. Campbell – Stated I'm saying you guys do a great job and we do need more support, that's all I'm saying.

Mike Harmon; Beatty Volunteer Fire Department Chief – Stated I was in Emmetsburg last week for CERT training. It's a program that the State is really pushing every County to get, Citizens Emergency Response Teams. We are going to follow their guidelines and will take it to our town and others. The four of us that went to training last week are going to get together with the State people and write up our plan so we'll be, probably around the first of the year; we're hoping to send out flyers to get a CERT class going.

I know there are people in this town that will take the EMT classes and will work with Allison but they do not like Mr. Cline for whatever reason. I've got my instructor license, Allison is an instructor, we've got Mike Wehmeyer and we are going to try to get the rest of our training for this year. I'm pushing them to get an EMT class going so that these other folks will come back in. We will be doing a refresher class for EMT's around the first of November; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated we have the best volunteers, the best educated and trained.

12 Adjournment

CT – Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm; Second EG; 4-0