

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
100 A Avenue South  
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**Minutes  
09/26/2016**

**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  
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member - Absent**

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

DG – Stated for the record KC is working and CT is absent.

**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.**

None

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

*Staff – Pulled item 4 Approval of the Minutes and item 5 Emergency Items*

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

*Item pulled members not available to approve*

**5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

*Item pulled*

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

EG – None; RR- None; DG- None

**7 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 \$397.32; Second EG; 3-0*

**8 Reports**

**a. Secretary**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary -

There will be a Smith's (Grocery Store/Pharmacy) sponsored flu vaccine clinic September 27<sup>th</sup> here at the Community Center from 10am to noon. It is not a free event so bring your insurance card, they will do cash as well.

Finger printing will be available at the Beatty Substation on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 10am. It's fingerprinting, work cards and other services, so if you know anybody who is waiting to get that stuff done they can schedule an appointment by calling the Sheriff's Office at 775-751-7011 or emailing the sheriff at [sherif@co.nv.nve.us](mailto:sherif@co.nv.nve.us).

The Beatty Library is still looking for a Library Aid. The flyer is available on the town website.

The Beatty Library Board has a vacancy. If you are interested in serving on the board you can submit your application at the Library. The deadline is Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

If you know anybody in town that is a Medicaid patient and they need help with transportation I have a toll free number that is a transportation line that they can call to schedule an appointment to take them to a doctor, vision, or dentist anything like that. They do have to be on Medicaid to take advantage of this.

Bullfrog Corporation had a report on September 13<sup>th</sup>; the headline is "Finding gold in Nevada by looking where it's been mined before." Bullfrog Gold Corporation compiles 470,000 ounces of gold inventory left behind by Barrick Bullfrog Subsidiary. Copies of the article are available at the Town Office.

The Air force Base will be doing a scoping meeting early in October. Documentation that pertains to the meeting is available at the Town Office.

**9 General Business**

**a. For Possible Action - Discussion, deliberation and decision to contact Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) State Engineer and Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) about the continuing issue and community concern regarding the number of stop sign runners at the stop sign located on Highway 95 in the center of Beatty. - John Lupac**

John Lupac - Stated we have an issue with people running the stop sign in the center of town, and we have an issue with speeding and passing on the right down by Revert Tire shop. I just saw someone pass on the right today. I've talked to people in Carson City and they say if NDOT can't get it going, if we can get a Town Letter and one from the businesses, I've talked to several of the business people in town. We can send a letter directly to the Governor if NDOT can't get us taken care of. You all know what the stop sign issue is, everyone sees it. We pay fuel tax. What is going to happen if someone comes out from one of our businesses gets hit?

EG - Stated you're here with the advisory board and I think everyone can agree that people who are not familiar with small rural towns are driving through Beatty.

Mr. Lupac - Stated I've talked with 80 people in this town over the last month. They come in, they're still on Highway 95, they're still on 160, they're still coming in from Reno and I've asked the people very nicely and they've been very nice to me, (they say) I'm sorry. I say you don't have to be sorry I just want to know why you are driving (that way) and they say oh my god I'm still on the highway.

EG - Stated that's exactly what I was saying. We all understand that and I think that everybody in this room agrees that's not what we want. I see it too. Everybody coming in from Death Valley, I see them blowing through. We have in the past, just in the last year or two; we have been reaching out to Nevada Department of Transportation to get some things done. I was actually at a Commissioners meeting when they had their big meeting with NDOT and said these are the issues that we have and they're whole thing is that it's expensive, we can't do it, there's too many signs.

Mr. Lupac - Stated if we can't get this done as a town, I as an individual have a couple of attorneys that will work pro-bono by myself, by myself; we can sue the State to get some action. How many times, bare with me, if I have to do this as a private citizen, I will do it.

EG - Stated we don't have to go that far.

Mr. Lupac - Stated how many years, how many times, you had little kids that went to school, how many times? I don't even have to go there Erika (EG), you and I have discussed this for years. It's time for NDOT to step up and do their business. If they can't step up and do their business and we can't get it done through the Governor's Office, which I am going to have a letter made up and at the next Town Board meeting I'm going to bring it up from the business owners as a petition because we pay fuel tax, we pay property tax, we pay all these silly taxes. It's just like our roads we get nothing done.

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EG - Stated I absolutely agree with you. The Sheriff is here, nobody wants to put public safety at risk but as a Board we will again put forward the things we asked for and were denied. We will put those things forward again and we will keep putting them forward. We will keep doing that, it is not that we are not trying but as a citizen you need to contact your representatives and your voices count. As a member of this Board I'm going to tell you this there are many options, money is always a thing, but there are things that we can do to partner with NDOT and the Sheriff's Department.

DG - Stated part of the reason that we invited the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department is because we would like them to offer their support or assistance when we send this back to NDOT again. Everybody knows that we have a problem at that stop sign and I know that they had patrols out there today. I heard a lot of sirens, I don't know what was going on but that's what we are trying to do, we are trying to get the support of the Sheriff's Office and the Highway Patrol when we send another letter back to NDOT. John you know about the chain of command, we have to go there and if they turn us down again then we'll send a letter to the Governor.

Mr. Lupac - Stated the idea is, what I've heard from Carson City is send a letter to Governor Sandoval and from the businesses, we pay a lot of taxes. NHP does their job, the SO does their job, and it's time for NDOT engineering.

DG - Stated we have a representative from NDOT here and asked Jason if he would like to get up.

RR - Stated I have a quick question. George (Nye County Sheriff Deputy), I noticed you guys were down there at the intersection. Do you have any idea of how many people you pulled over there at the intersection?

Deputy Wehrly- Stated personally I pulled over 15, I sited 7 or 8. A lot of them were foreigners, 90% of them were from another country and they're lost.

Jason Dusterbeck NDOT supervisor in Beatty - Introduced himself and stated that he was called at the last minute by his maintenance manager who was called by Rudy Malfabon which is the Director of NDOT. They said they apologize that they could not get traffic engineers up here for this meeting but they are willing to work with you and they will be in touch with you shortly. They want to move forward with what is going on, I don't know what is going on or what you submitted because like you said chain of command. I'm down here and that's above my pay grade but I am here to represent NDOT and to say that we are working on it and that we are here. I've had Nye County, and the Sheriff's Office ask me about this and I've asked my boss about it. I've had customers, business owners and things like that too. There is only so much that I can do, I push it up, I try my best.

EG - Asked that when you talk to Malfabon could you please reference that this goes back to 2013 about this. This Board is happy to partner with NDOT, we're happy to have those partnerships and if we don't know what we can all do, and the answer is always no that doesn't work.

Mr. Dusterbeck - Stated I'm just here to let you know, they did send me to represent them, and to let you know that they will be in contact with you to proceed with your issues. You can tell me what your concerns are and I'll pass them up.

Unidentified Audience - Stated speed bumps.

Mr. Dusterbeck - Stated I've asked about speed bumps.

DG - Stated we've sent a letter to the director of NDOT. All we can do is send a letter and he's mentioned that they are going to be in touch with us. That's a start, that's more than they've done before.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary - Stated we have correspondence going to NDOT since 2012 about the issues with the stop sign and the cross walk. In preparation for this meeting, there is a place on the NDOT website where you can request a representative, so I did. In addition to that, a couple of years ago I was working with a young lady by the name of Claudia and she works for the Directors office and I just took the lump of correspondence that has happened over the last couple of years back to her again and let her know that this has come up again and that we had another item on our agenda, I haven't heard anything what can you let me know. She has printed them all and walked them into the Directors office and Jason may be result of her doing that. In the past we've had a promise of communication and then nothing back, should that occur again then we will take the steps that we need to, to push this issue forward but hopefully we've got communication open now. If anybody would like the Director's number I can give it to you and it would be helpful if you call too.

DG - Asked the Sheriff and Highway Patrol for their comments.

Sheriff Sharon Wehrly - Stated I will be happy to give you a letter of support or make a phone call or whatever you need.

DG - Stated thank you and asked Sergeant Rivera (NHP) the same?

Sergeant Rivera - Stated yes sir. First of all my first name is Carlos my last name is Rivera. I'm a sergeant with High Way Patrol, I'm in charge of Pahrump and Beatty, and I know your concerns. Unfortunately what's happened in the last four months is that I've lost two troupers that had been assigned to Beatty. So I have to try and make do and cover an area of Pahrump and Beatty with five troupers.

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DG – Stated we're not asking about manpower, we're asking about support for some kind of a rumble strip or something that will make people aware of the stop sign.

Sergeant Rivera – Stated anything we can do to advise the motoring public, we always work together with NDOT; we always try to come up with ideas. Yeah I think your concerns are valid concerns. I was just telling the Sheriff I stopped somebody, another foreigner, today, and they're not paying attention to their speedometer. They're looking at all this electronic stuff, their GPS system, thinking that the speed limit was 95 because that's what she saw on her GPS, she was on Highway 95. So we can put up all of the signs but unfortunately technology has taken over all of our drivers and they're not paying attention to the signs they are looking at their gadgets. We can post ten signs in a two mile area and they are still going to tell you I didn't see the sign out there.

DG – Stated that's why we are trying to get rumble strips or something.

Mr. Lupac – Asked have you gone down 395 to Bishop? You pull into that town, about two miles outside of town there's a bunch of rumble strips, and it's quite. Just before you get into town there is a big rumble strip, it wakes you up. I've been going up there for years and I've been with the Europeans'. It doesn't cost a lot of money; you've got million dollar off ramps with art work in Vegas. We're just asking for a little glue a little white cap.

Sergeant Rivera – Stated we can make our recommendation, whether they accept it or not, that is up to them.

EG – Asked do you think that a little further out from the stop sign would rumble strips be a good thing; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated when you're going 70 miles an hour or more for hours when you slow down it feels like you're crawling even if you aren't doing the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. We get that; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated I think we are looking at a whole bunch of options that we can work with NDOT and the State on.

Sergeant Rivera – Stated anything would be helpful that may slow people down; Discussion followed.

Richard Stephens – Stated we all think in terms of signage, I think that we need people like him and input from them that will give us the right options and will help us determine what we really need; Discussion followed.

DG – Stated we just wanted to be sure that we have the Sheriff and NHP on board; Discussion followed.

DG – Stated we are just trying to get this information together so we can get it to NDOT; Discussion followed.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Asked for clarification, the agenda item is to contact NDOT do you want me to draft something. Sheriff Wehrly I can reference your support in the letter and Sergeant Rivera?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you certainly can and if you would like me to write a letter let me know.

Sergeant Rivera – Nodded his head in the affirmative.

*EG- Motion decision to contact Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOT, the State Engineer, Highway Patrol, Nye County Sheriff's Office, Representatives, Senators, Governor of the State of Nevada regarding issues with stop signs and highway speeds on Highway 95 in Beatty; Second RR; 4-0*

### 10 General Public Comment

Richard Stephens – Stated I'm going to draft an agenda item for the next meeting, it's related in a way to what we are doing here and GPS it's definitely related. I see lots of visitors out at Goldwell and their darn GPS's direct them to take Airport Road to get to Death Valley. It's bad for them and bad for Beatty business. I would like Nye County to put some signage out there. Their GPS is directing them to take the dirt road by the Red Barn to Death Valley; we need some signs or something.

### 11 Adjournment

*RR – Motion to adjourn at 7:05pm; Second EG; 3-0*