

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(Standing Committee of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board)
Wednesday 22 January 2014

at the Clark County Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **Trish Bleich** called the meeting to order 3:00 P.M. as a quorum was present
- B. The meeting was conducted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.
- D. The Community Development Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- E. The Community Development Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.
- F. *Present:* Lead Co-Chair James Vincent, Citizen Co-Chair Trish Bleich, Secretary Jim Maniaci, Members C.W. Marvin, Rick Simmons, and Sharon Davie (at 3:10 P.M.). There is 1 vacant appointed, voting seat. No citizens attended.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. **James Vincent** moved, **C.W. Marvin** seconded, passed 5-0, to adopt agenda as is.
- B. **James Vincent** moved, **Trish Bleich** seconded, passed 4-0-1 (Marvin abstained, excused absence), to approve the 23 October 2013 minutes.
- C. **James Vincent** move, **Trish Bleich** seconded, passed 4-0-1 (C.W. Marvin abstained, excused absence), to approve the 27 November 2013 minutes.
- D. **C.W. Marvin** moved, **James Vincent** seconded, passed 4-0-1 (Trish Bleich abstained, excused absence), to approve the 18 December minutes.

3. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None about agenda items.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by Rick Simmons on www.LaughlinLive.com:** Rick Simmons explained that when the website went live some 300 hits from the United States, China, Spain, Italy and Korea overloaded its capacity, knocking it out of service until Nevada Internet Partners, of which he is one, repaired it. Quite a few of the American hits were from Laughlin and Las Vegas. He then explained how he is selling his contracts, focusing on the Laughlin casino companies for Laughlin as a recreation destination. Pages include apartments, real estate, and rentals. He said it is a very visual site, with basic design formats. Lead Co-Chair **James Vincent** relayed a message from Laughlin Town Manager **Jackie Brady** that Rick Simmons's business is an independent private, not a county government, entity, and therefore has no connection with the Community Development Standing Committee or the Town Advisory Board. **Trish Bleich** said she loves hearing what's happening. **Rick Simmons** said that while he is certain of 2 casinos signing up, he still needs to get with the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce and the Laughlin Visitors Bureau of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. **C.W. Marvin** asked about **Rick Simmons** hosting a community calendar. **Trish Bleich** pointed out others had tried, but perhaps this will be the one to succeed as a "conduit of action."
- B. Leading Laughlin Town Fest 2014:** Lead Co-Chair **James Vincent** continued the previous month's discussion and plan for this Standing Committee to take the lead for the TAB and its standing committees for the event in the Laughlin Town Center shopping plaza on Saturday 15 March 2014, the principal day of the 13-16 March celebration. That will be the day of the annual parade down Needles Highway past the shopping center in upper Laughlin. **James Vincent** said he has a table, to be skirted, and a tent. The Clark County Parks-Recreation Department and the TAB Social Services Standing Committee have information and literature to distribute. **Sharon Davie** volunteered to visit with Town Fest Chair Lin Clark.
- C. Suggestions for future speakers:** **James Vincent** said that we should plan on a follow-up report by **Rick Simmons** and the long-hoped for presentation (not a formal report) by **Meg McDaniel** of the Laughlin Visitors Bureau of the Las Vegas Convention-Visitors Authority for the 26 February 2014 meeting. For the 26 March 2014 meeting we should plan on discussing plans for the art work for the neighborhood NV Energy boxes, with Laughlin Town Manager **Jackie Brady**, and **Jeff Mercier**, NVE Laughlin construction supervisor, to be invited. For the 23 April 2014 meeting we would like to hear from **Dawn Estes**, Principal of William G. Bennett Elementary School, and **Dr. Lynne Ruegamer**, Principal of Laughlin Junior-Senior High School.

5. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None about non-agenda matters.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Wednesday 26 Feb. 2014 at 3 p.m. PST in the Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due to chair by 18 Feb. 2004.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Trish Bleich moved **James Vincent** seconded, approved 6-0, to adjourn at 3:40 P.M.

NOTE: These minutes are a draft and will be formally approved, amended, or tabled at the 26 February 2014 meeting.