

Minutes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Standing Committee of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board

February 25, 2015
3:00 PM

Laughlin Regional Government Center
101 Civic Way, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations:

Regional Government Center

101 Civic Way
Laughlin, Nevada

Spirit Mountain Activity Center

1975 Arie Ave
Laughlin, Nevada

Laughlin Library

2840 South Needles Highway
Laughlin, Nevada

Southern Nevada Health District

3650 S. Pointe Circle, Suite 113
Laughlin, Nevada

Members in Attendance

Co-Chair/Secretary Kathleen Hoss
Co-Chair Trish Bleich
C.W. Marvin,
Jim Maniaci,
Sharon Davie
Rick Simmons Absent
Mary Ann Gallentine Absent

General Public Julie Fairman

A quorum was present

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was conducted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law
- B. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order
- C. The Community Development Committee may combine two or more agenda item for consideration.

- D. The Community Development Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion to an item at any time.

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. **Approval of February 25, 2015 Agenda.**
Jim Maniaci moved to accept the agenda and Trish Bleich seconded the approval. Motion carried with no opposed
- B. **Approval of the November 19, 2014 Minutes** with the correction of spelling of names for Trish Bleich and Julie Fairman Trish Bleich moved to accept the minutes second by Sharon Davie motion carried with no opposed
- C. **Approval of the January 18, 2015 Minutes** with correction Jim Maniaci moved to accept the minutes second by Trish Bleich motion carried with no opposed

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: *This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on this agenda. If you wish to speak to the committee about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General Public" period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the committee by majority vote. The committee retains the discretion to take additional public comments during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the committee for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the committee.*

3. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Items A and B were combined in our discussion of the purpose of the CDC purpose statement and where we should go with it today. Jackie Brady, Town Manager, explained that the new purpose statement proposed by Jim Maniaci is not the direction the CDC has gone and needs to look at, if the committee has the expertise needed to follow this direction. It has been the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation that would take this direction. Jackie Brady gave a brief history of the background that Deborah Murray and herself have done and what it took to get where we are today. This is with years of research, meetings and hiring specialist to assist on the land use plan and development in our area. Economic development is a long process and the question is - Is this the direction the CDC wants to go and do we have the expertise to do this. Sharon Davie stated that we meet just once a month and are not able to take on more. Deborah Murray pointed out that the information that is given is confidential and we do hold open meetings. Also there is a great deal of information needed and questions that will be needed to move forward on the statistics of our community.

There are many steps that need to be met. Jackie Brady asked what the LEDC has built since it was established? Nothing at this time.

Trish Bleich expressed that the opening of the stables means we finally have horses. Deborah Murray said this was a project that took 15 years developing and working on. When it was decided that \$8 million need to be cut, Deborah Murray suggested the equestrian stables should be eliminated first and was told, no, it was part of the grant. C.W. stated that we need to focus on what we have and not go out and look for the next ENN. Jackie Brady expressed that if we have what the businesses need they will come to us. They have looked into grocery stores and are told we do not have the population needed. Jackie Brady did state that they did fight to keep UMC open because that was a big draw for outside business. C.W. Marvin stated that the closing of the UMC might have been the push the VA needed to get open. Deborah Murray shared there is a website that is open to anyone who would like to look at it and a lot of this information is on the website. Jim stated the LEDC was responsible for initiating the pharmacy coming to town because the LEDC did a survey and the end results is that others picked it up and ran with it. Jackie Brady had stated that one thing we need to do is stand together and not against each other. We do not have to compete with each other; negative language should not be used.

Kathleen Hoss stated with all the facts given today that leave the purpose statement as it currently reads, it was seconded by Sharon Davie - Jim Maniaci would like to amend the purpose statement to read, "The Community Development Committee focuses on continually enhancing the Quality of Life for Laughlin residents in the commercial and manufacturing sectors of the economy. As a Standing Committee, the C.D.C. will do this by retaining and expanding the business and industrial community, and by attracting new businesses and industries to service residents, thus enlarging the tax base. Jackie Brady explained that this statement is in the direction of the pulling in new business.

Trish Bleich expressed that we are only a committee of 6 without the expertise of Jackie Brady and Deborah Murray.

Both Jackie Brady and Deborah Murray said that even they are not complete experts. Sharon Davie expressed that she was concerned with changing of the purpose statement. She joined the committee to make a difference within our community and make little changes and let people see the difference we can make.

She would like to see new businesses like everyone would, but that is not why she joined the committee.

With further discussion it was suggested by Julie Fairman that our purpose statement could be a blanket statement such as, "The CDC is committed to supporting Laughlin Business by enhancing the quality of life of its residents. Motion made by C.W. Marvin, seconded by Sharon Davie, passed with one opposed (Jim). The statement is general and leaves us open to different direction.

C. Follow up on the discussion on the painting of the NV Energy utility boxes with artwork, along with addresses of box locations in question.

Kathleen contacted Chelsie Campbell at NV Energy and she explained that there is no application to submit addresses all we had to do is email the 10 boxes we would like to consider. As for the artist we would need to have professionals and she gave me the number to Michael Olgile who works with the artist and could give us more details.

Kathleen contacted Michael and he explained that we could submit the addresses for the location of the boxes and they would look at not only NV Energy but the water reclamation boxes along with the utility boxes. They will fund the artist from an artist grant they receive. The time span we could be looking at would be one to three months once painting starts. We would be looking at possible September or October with a finish date of December of this year 2015. The CDC needs to decide if we want to handle this project with NV Energy or go thru ZAP. Motion was made by C.W. Marvin to go with ZAP second by Sharon Davie motion passed no oppose. Discussion on the addresses was held and the finale addresses to be submitted are across from South Point 3675 needles HWY, 2455 Needles HWY corner of Needles Hwy and Bruce Woodbury (Laughlin Storage) Main intersection, 1555 S Casino Dr (Visitor Center/ Chamber), Needles HWY in front of Las Palms Apartments, Las Palmas and elementary school entrance, 485 Bruce Woodbury (corner of Bruce Woodbury and Thomas Edison), 3023 needles HWY in front of the Mobile Station at traffic light, 2897 Needles HWY (cross from Community Church), 3188 Needles HWY (in front of Strip mall), 2093 El Mirage Way (cross from the catholic church), 2820 Needles HWY (Post Office), 2099 Thomas Edison/ Bruce Woodbury (corner), HWY 163 / S Casino Dr (Utility Box), Needles HWY front of SR Center, Needles HWY across from Sr Center, 1497 S Casino DR (Park Trail entrance Trailhead #1), 1263 S Casino Dr (Trailhead #2), 157 E Davis Dam Rd (near Davis Dam). 50 E. Civic Dr (Fire station 76) two locations for the fire station #76, 21 addresses to be submitted for consideration.

D. Make suggestions for topics/projects of interest
Item 3D was tabled to next meeting

4. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** *This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Social Services Committee, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman or the committee by majority vote. When speaking during a specific item or during the Public Comments sessions, please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address – please spell you name for the record – and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda*

5. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** **March 25, 2015**, Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than March **15, 2015**

7. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion made to adjourn and seconded motion passed no oppose

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All comments by speakers should be relevant to Committee action and jurisdiction. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.