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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

January 14, 2014
1:30 P.M.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

MEMBERS PRESENT: **James Vincent, Chair**
Fred Doten, Vice-Chair
Charles Minerman
Pamela Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Roger Burtraw (excused absence)**

OTHERS PRESENT: **33 Guests Signed In**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair James Vincent called the meeting to order.

Please ***turn off*** all cell phones, pagers & other electronic devices.

Please take all private conversations outside the room.

A. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

B. Invocation was led by **Pastor Doug Westly** and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Pamela Walker**

C. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order.

D. The Laughlin Town Advisory Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

E. The Laughlin Town Advisory Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

A. Approval of the **January 14, 2014** Agenda. **For Possible Action**

Chuck Minerman moved, **Fred Doten** seconded to approve as presented the January 14, 2014 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1

B. Approval of the December 10, 2013 Minutes **For Possible Action**

Fred Doten moved, **Chuck Minerman** seconded to approve as presented the December 10, 2013 Laughlin Town Advisory Board minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1.

3. 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 Board 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 Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair, or the Board by majority vote. The Board 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 Board for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board.

Charles Grimes Desert Marina Rd, Laughlin, NV Commented on zoning item ZC-0794-13. Mr. Grimes is in opposition of the this item and went on to say he felt this RV park would be a safety issue for the children in the area bringing in more transient people. He also felt it would lower property values in the area and would cause un-necessary wear and tear on the local roads. **Mr. Grimes** is requesting the Advisory Board to vote no for zoning item ZC-0794-13.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS

A. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report: **Lt. John Healy, Commander**
Lt. Healy gave the December report on Metro activities.

December 2013 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 366, 23.23% increase from December 2012
Traffic Citations: 487
DUI's: 2
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9
Bookings: 43
Juvenile Citations: 2

December we did the "Shop with a Cop" and the food baskets. We are already planning for this year "Shop with a Cop"

We are pre-planning for this years River Run in April.

We also ask for people to slow down while driving, there has been an increase of accidents by 25% this quarter.

Pamela Walker asked about the increase of domestic violence. **Lt. Healy** said he will reach out to West Care to get some community awareness out there.

Lt. Healy said his door is open at all times so please call with questions or concerns.

B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report:
No report

C. Clark County Fire Department:
No report

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report: **Jake Jacobson, Assistant Manager**

Laughlin Services

Jake Jacobson was unable to attend but provided a report for **James Vincent** to read.

Statistics: December 2013– LWRF treated an average of 1.51 **MGD**, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.

December 2012- LWRF had an average of 1.58 **MGD**.

Difference of 2012/2013-

- Flow decreased 70,000 **gallons per day** from last year at this time

Sewer Service Complaints:
Odor Complaint: Received call from Laughlin Jewelry and Coin regarding an odor. Dispatched staff for followup and found no discernable odors at that time. Staff returned the following day at the preset time that the complaintant requested for a follow up visit. Staff and store owner did a walk around of property with an Odalog device and took Odalog readings within unit of business, and once again found no discernable odors. Staff left business card and asked unit owner to place a call to staff member when odors returned; no callback thus far from unit owner.

Call Before You Dig: 6 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin tickets received for December 2013

B. Big Bend Water District Report: **Bruno Bowles, Public Services**

January 14, 2014 Laughlin Town Advisory Board report

Bruno Bowles representing the Big Bend Water District

1: AMR Installation is complete and the system is operating as expected.

2: The water system is operating normally and there have been no issues with major leaks.

C. Bullhead City Report: **Brenda Richardson, Senior Administrative Analyst**
No Report

D. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report**:** **Trey Smith, Recreation Specialist**

Trey Smith Provided the current activities list:

Spaces still available for Saturday computer classes. $12 for a six week session.
Private Computer lessons available.
Pilates, Fitness in the Field, and Yoga are available. There is a drop in if interested.
There is a 5-K run on February 1, 2014 at the Day use area at North Reach.
Please call 702-298-3413 for more information.

E. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis, Executive Director**

Connie Davis reported there will be a seminar on government contracting February 19, 2014 at the Chamber office. A person from Nevada Government Economic Development office will be here to help businesses who would like to learn how to do government contracts and get into the program.

There is a veteran's aid and attendance pension benefit seminar at Sunridge Village tomorrow January 15th. They will help find out about benefits that people might not be aware of and how you can qualify. You can call the Chamber or Sunridge village for more information.

There have been a record number of inquiries the past few months for relocation packets **James Vincent** asked if this was for residential or businesses and **Connie Davis** said for both residential and businesses.

The next mixer is at the Riverside Hotel & Casino on Tuesday February 18th at 5:30pm. This is a business mixer and also a volunteer appreciation mixer for our VIP's. We have over 85 of them now and we would like to do something special for them so it should be fun.

Also the volunteers and partnership this year has raised over $5000 through their volunteering. They will have their meeting tonight and give a presentation of what they

do and make a decision about how to use the money.

There will be a ribbon cutting on January 17th at the E-Center for the Gem & Mineral show. Starts at 9:30am and everyone is welcome.
Manpower is located at the Chamber office and through Manpower you can apply for temporary jobs. They also give the TAM's card testing Thursday morning from 8:30am to 12pm. Any one needing additional information can call the Chamber or Manpower.

F. Laughlin Library: **Mario Aguilar, Branch Manager**
Did not attend

G. Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes, Principal**

Dawn Estes reported there are currently 327 students.
With the new state funding we gained a third kindergarten section so now we have three sections of full day classes and those classes have a one to eighteen ratio.
Dawn Estes thanked all the service organizations who donate and volunteer their time.

H. Boys & Girls Club of the Colorado River**:** **Robert Schmitz, Laughlin Branch Director** **Robert (Bob) Schmitz provided** the following report:

Hello, I'm Bob Schmitz, Branch Director for the Boys & Girls of the Colorado River here in Laughlin. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

Our Club is located at 1975 Arie Dr. at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center. We are thankful for this facility and beautiful adjacent park, as well as the proximity to Bennett Elementary.

Our objectives for the club are to:

Be a safe, fun place for children to go and belong to, after school, and through the summer.

To help our members improve their grades, by providing time and help to do their homework. We reward members for doing their homework, for good grades, and improving their grades

To run specific programs geared to: good Character, good Choices, and Healthy Lifestyles by eating right and being active, plus many more that address specific issues kids face as they grow up.
This past Holiday Season we decorated the club, did a "Reader Theater" for the seniors at the adjacent Senior Center. We made ornaments to give to our member's parents, wrapped donated items for presents for the parents, as well as making cut-out cookies, decorating them, and after eating some, also taking this home for the parents.

This month we will have some programs geared to the Martin Luther King holiday. We will also continue with our Healthy Habits, Drama Matters, Smart Kids and our other programs, as well as some creative arts and crafts, and of course group based games. Our weekly schedule can be seen in the Laughlin Nevada Times.

Chelsie Jones advised the Boys & Girls club will be applying for a Clark County Outside agency grant. This is solely for the Laughlin club for their better technology center.

6. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. Nevada Department of Wildlife ((NDOW) **Michael Maynard** Game Warden Lieutenant, and **Zina Huber** from Laughlin Animal Control to discuss and answer questions regarding the wildlife and domestic animal issues and concerns.

For Possible Action

Michael Maynard NDOW addressed the raccoon population in the area and made it clear there was not a way to eliminate raccoons completely. It would help if the public would not feed the wildlife. Wildlife and people do not mix and feeding them will most likely cause problems.
To help keep the wildlife away, keep pet food sources inside and don't provide water. Trapping is an option but a last resort. We don't have the resources or the staff.
Live traps are available and once trapped the animal will be disposed of. We do not relocate raccoons since they are a rabies species. The animal will be euthanized regardless how old it is.
There is currently only one person who is available to trap in the private sector.
We will not be able to respond to calls unless life threatening, and raccoons are not life threatening.

Deborah Murray asked for **Zina Huber** to address the Board and introduce herself and talk about what she does for the Town of Laughlin.

Zina Huber introduced herself and **James Vincent** asked if she had an office here in Laughlin.
Zina Huber replied she did not, her office was in Mohave Valley but she is able to get here pretty quick. She has worked animal control for 9 and half years and is real familiar with all the agencies here and the casinos. We have a shelter for lost or surrendered pets and the veterinary service is North Valley animal clinic in Mohave Valley phone number is (928) 768-8387.
James Vincent asked if **Zina Huber** was sub-contracted with Clark County and she said she was.
James Vincent suggested providing all the animal control contact information to the Laughlin Nevada Times for public information.

Zina Huber also asked if called on a problem animal to try and get an address where the animal lives so she can take action quicker. She has her pager with her at all times so call and leave your number and she will return your call in a timely manner.

B. **Gaelen Lamb** and **Steven Jackson**, NDOT will present information on the proposed urban boundary for Laughlin in accordance with the U.S. Census Bureau and federal guidelines and regulations. The LTAB may take any action deemed appropriate.

For Possible Action

Gaelen Lamb from NDOT provided some hand outs for the land use and guide lines. He also provided a map.
James Vincent asked for additional information to be shown on the map that Mr. Lamb brought with him.

What we are asking is a letter of approval and/or Board approval. **James Vincent** asked **Fred Doten** from the Public Works committee to take a look at everything and re-address this again at the March 11th LTAB.

Jordan Ross asked about the southern tip of Nevada that is on Indian Reservation land and is it included?
Gaelen Lamb said this includes the Reservation.
Jordan Ross had additional questions regarding the town boundaries and the census boundaries.
The item will be tabled per **James Vincent** until the information can be studied and a conclusion be made.

C. Review the 2014 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting dates and make any changes that would be appropriate. **For Possible Action**

No approval for this item. The TAB members would like to bring it back next month after they had time to further review the dates.

7. ZONING:

A. PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:

1. ZC-0712-13 – RIVERSIDE RESORT & CASINO, INC:
ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 3.6 acres from H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone to C-2 (General Commercial) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District.
USE PERMIT for recreational vehicle sales.
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for alternative street landscaping.
DESIGN REVIEW for a recreational vehicle sales lot. Generally located on the west side of Casino Drive, 800 feet north of Bruce Woodbury Drive within Laughlin (description on file). TO THE BCC ON 12/04/2013

Approved with staff conditions

2. UC-0753-13 – BAYSHORE SUITES, LLC:
USE PERMIT for an assisted living facility. Accident
DESIGN REVIEW for an assisted living facility in conjunction with an existing hotel on 3.3 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the south side of Casino Drive, 2,700 feet east of Needles Highway within Laughlin.
TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON 01/07/2014

Previous Zoning Actions. *(For additional information see Clark County web site on the Internet at: http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/public_communications/Pages/Agendas.aspx then go to NOFA (Notice of Final Action) on the month and date the item was heard and look for the item number (i.e. UC-0000-11). To hear the audio minutes go to the Clark County Website at: http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/admin_services/laughlin/Pages/LaughlinTownAdvisoryBoard.aspx*

B. **CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:**

1. ZC-0794-13 – MOHAVE STATE BANK:
ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 21.1 acres from H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone to R-V-P (Recreational Vehicle Park) Zone in the MUD-1 and MUD-2 Overlay Districts.
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to increase building height.
DESIGN REVIEW for a recreational vehicle park. Generally located on the east side of Marina Lagoon Drive, 250 feet south of Needles Highway and the west side of Casino Drive within Laughlin (description on file).
To the BCC on 01/22/14 **For Possible Action**

Joe Thomason representing the applicant. He provided more detailed information on a map to show how the park will be set up and the height restrictions. There will not be any change in the height of current and new construction.

There will be 222 spaces which will be constructed in two phases.

Pamela Walker asked about the entry and exits and **Mr. Thomason** said they are using the existing entries and exits on Needles Hwy.

James Vincent asked whether the applicant has talked to Silver Rider about bus service and **Mr. Thomason** said they had not at this time but plan to.

Charles Grimes added additional opposition to this zoning change again stating this change would affect the value and salability of their properties and the safety of the local children. Mr. Grimes stressed that the LTAB should vote no to this zoning change.
James Vincent asked Mr. Grimes what exactly he is opposing. Mr. Grimes said he is opposing the RV's. The increase of transient people and the change in the environment and requesting studies to be done.

Jordan Ross Laughlin Constable said he appreciates the concerns but Mohave State Bank failed at nothing, the bank just happens to be the receiver of the property. He said safety could be a concern but given the history of other parks there has not been a huge concern for security. But what are the plans of this RV Park for security and will there be a plan in place

for security. Jordan Ross stated he does not see any other reason why the Board should not approve this request.

Deborah Murray stated that although the application listed Mohave State Bank as the owner the applicant is Richard Callagy who is asking for the zone change and doing the development and not Mohave State Bank.
Mr. Thomason stated that was correct the Mohave State Bank is not developing this property or responsible for any failed attempts to the property, they just happen to hold the title to the property.

Deborah Murray explained further about land use entitlements. This is a conforming zone change, so normally you can ask for a lot of safe guards. **Deborah Murray** suggests asking for a traffic study as a recommended condition.

Mr. Grimes commented on a suggested traffic study and commented on the increase traffic and the environment.

James Vincent added additional comments regarding the RV'ers and said they add a boast in tourism and revenue for this area.

Pamela Walker also added she was in favor of the additional RV's for this area.

Fred Doten commented he was also an RV'er in the past and is in favor of this item.

Chuck Minerman said he lives at Laughlin Bay Village and his view is very treasured and he see's nothing wrong with this development, it is good for Laughlin and is also in favor of this development.

After further discussion **James Vincent** moved for approval with staff conditions and added the following conditions;

1. Height waiver for existing building only
2. Provide 24-hour security for RV operation
3. Design review as a public hearing for any significant changes to plans
4. Applicant to work with RTC to provide public bus transportation

Pamela Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed per voice vote 4-0-1 Roger Burtraw absent.

2. <u>WS-0821-13 – SHIPKEY PROPERTIES, LLC, ET AL:</u>
<u>WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</u> for off-site improvements (streetlights) in conjunction with an approved fairground and recreational facility (Laughlin Event Center) on 20.0 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the northeast corner of Bruce Woodbury Drive and Thomas Edison Drive within Laughlin.
To the PC on 02/04/14

For Possible Action

Anthony (Tony) Celeste Las Vegas, NV here to represent Marnell Gaming, LLC
Tony Celeste said he is here today to get approval for a waiver to reduce the street lights.
James Vincent asked if they were adding any street lights and **Tony Celeste** said they were adding four street lights and those would be the most important.
Tony Celeste provided a map to show where the lights would be and why they were asking for a waiver to reduce the original seven street lights to four lights.

Jordan Ross added he agrees he did not see the need for the extra lights.

Deborah Murray commented and explained regarding the original two year use permit.

James Vincent moved for approval with preliminary staff conditions **Chuck Minerman** seconded the motion for approval. Motion passed 4-0-1 Roger Burtraw absent.

Zoning Appeal Process: Planning Commission and Board of County Commission meetings are both held at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1841. Planning Commission Meetings are scheduled on the first & third Tuesdays of each month and the following Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Board of County Commissioners Zoning Meetings is scheduled on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM following the first & third Tuesdays of each month***. If you appeal a Planning Commission action, you must be present at the Board of County Commissioners meeting to present your appeal.*** Appeals are made by filling out a "Filing an Appeal" form, available from the Department of Comprehensive Planning, Current Planning Division. You may call Current Planning at (702) 455-4314 to request the form. Once in the automated phone system, press Option #2, listen closely to the options and press Option #2 again. This will connect you to a person who can help you with the appeal form. Once you have filled out the appeal form, fax it to (702) 455-3271, then call (702) 455-4314 to verify the appeal form was received and ask when it will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners. ***Appeals must be done within five (5) judicial (business) days from the time the item was heard by the Planning Commission.***

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Development: **James Vincent, Co Chair**
Jim Maniaci reported there was a short meeting last month. The discussion was about the Town Fest and future speakers.

B. Parks & Recreation: **Pamela Walker, Co Chair**
Pamela Walker is working with **Carolynn Johnson and Trey Smith**. **Pamela Walker** stated she is knowledgeable with the writing of grants and making her service available.
Jackie Brady commented that as a LTAB member she would be unable to help with certain grants, **Pamela Walker** stated she was helping as a citizen not as a LTAB board member.

C. Public Safety: **Chuck Minerman, Co Chair**
Chuck Minerman reported each member of the committee agreed to take on a portion of the emergency planning process. We will continue to work on that and in the future we will have a draft plan.

D. Public Works: **Fred Doten, Co Chair**

There was not a meeting for January.

E. Social Services: **Roger Burtraw, Co Chair**
No report

9. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** **This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman, or the Board 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 your 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.**

Charles Grimes asked that his comments regarding zoning item **ZC-0794-13** be submitted to add to the LTAB minutes.
He was advised by **Jackie Brady** as long as his paper was exactly what was said, **Mr. Grimes** said it was.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE**: The next possibly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 1:30 P.M; the next scheduled meeting is February 11, 2014 at the Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than January 15, 2014 and January 30, 2014 respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

James Vincent adjourned the meeting at 3:36pm

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I. THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, SHALL GENERALLY BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. ADDITIONALLY A MEETING NORMALLY SHALL OCCUR ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS FORMALLY CHANGED TO ANOTHER DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN THERE ARE LAND USE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED. THE MEETINGS ARE VIDEO-TAPED BY THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AND SHOWN ON CHANNEL 14. FOR PROGRAMMING INFORMATION, CALL THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AT (702) 298-0828. THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE KEEPS THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD.

II. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS, ANY PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT USED IN ANY PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE. IF MATERIALS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD, PLEASE PROVIDE SEVEN (7) COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD (FIVE COPIES), AND THE LAUGHLIN STAFF TABLE (TWO COPIES).

III. THE TOWN HALL IS ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

IV. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**: A PERIOD DEVOTED TO COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION WILL BE HELD. NO VOTE MAY BE TAKEN ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. COMMENTS WILL BE *LIMTIED TO THREE MINUTES.* PLEASE STEP UP TO THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM, CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND PLEASE SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD. IF ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD WISHES TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF A PRESENTATION, THIS WILL BE DONE BY THE CHAIRMAN OR BY THE BOARD BY A MAJORITY VOTE. *ALL COMMENTS BY SPEAKERS SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO BOARD ACTION AND JURISDICTION.*

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 11, 2014 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting.