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**MINUTES**

**LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

**July 12, 2011  
1:30 P.M.**

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER  
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**       **Janet Barela, Chair  
Candice FitzGerald, Vice-Chair  
Michael Bekoff  
Rosemary Munger  
James Vincent**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**       **None**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**       **22 Guests Signed In**

**1.       CALL 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 led by **Pastor Gerald Preuss** and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Michael Bekoff**.
- 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, July 12, 2011 Agenda.**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to approve as presented the July 12, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

**B. Approval of June 14, 2011 Minutes.**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the June 14, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1 (**Candice FitzGerald** abstained due to absence).

**C. Approval of June 28, 2011 Minutes.**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to approve as presented the June 28, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-1 (**Janet Barela** abstained due to absence).

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 the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and *spell* you 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.

**Janet Barela** announced the passing of, **Saul Bekoff**, age 93, father of **Michael Bekoff**. His World War II Veteran’s hat was placed on the seat in the audience he occupied during Laughlin Town Advisory Board meetings he attended. There is a chapel service and burial in Boulder City on July 13, 2011 at the Southern Nevada Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery at 1:20 PM. Additionally, there will be a memorial at the Laughlin Post 60 American Legion at 12:00 PM, followed by lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report: **Lt. Brian Evans, Commander**

**Statistics for the month of June 2011:**

Calls for Service: 350, down .57% from June 2010  
Traffic Citations: 396  
DUI’s: 5  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 7 adult, 2 juvenile  
Bookings: 64  
Juvenile Bookings: 2  
Juvenile Citations: 8 (4 resident, 4 out of state)

1) Suspects have been identified in theft of items from unlocked vehicles. This has also been a problem on Casino Drive with thefts from unlocked vehicles; 2) In June there were



1) On July 5, 2011 Bullhead City Council approved a Resolution expressing approval of an Alternate Truck Traffic Plan pending construction of improvements to U.S. 93 through Boulder City, NV; 2) The River Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2011. A volunteer meeting will be held in Bullhead City Council Chambers at 5:30 PM. An added day to the event is Thursday, August 11, 2011 with a wake boarding and wake skate competition at Community Park, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and 3) On August 7, 2011, Bullhead City will have a National Night Out celebration, 7:00 PM.,

**D.** Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Richard Declercq, Recreation Director**  
No report.

**E.** HopeLink Family Resource Center: **Robyn Kelley, Program Director**

1) Budget cuts just came into effect; 2) Energy assistance high demand; and 3) Funding to directly pay rent and utilities has not been signed off by the state yet but it is hoped to be received by August 1, 2011.

**F.** Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis, Director of Operations**

Thursday, Lenders Leadership  
1) Thursday, July 14, 2011, 5:30 PM, Chamber Mixer at New Hope Hospice; 2) August 18, 2011 a Rapid Resource Event will be held at the Laughlin Regional Government Center, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and will be like rapid dating with local resource partners; 3) August 18, 2011, 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Las Vegas Orleans Hotel, a Nevada Business Expo will be held; 4) The new Chamber of Commerce website is up at [laughlinchamber.com](http://laughlinchamber.com), but is still a work in progress; and 5) Colorado River Program is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 leadership class.

**G.** Laughlin Tourism Commission: **M. J. Smith, Marketing Department**  
No report.

**H.** Laughlin Library: **Karen Lassen, Branch Manager**

1) **Karen Lassen** Gallery Exhibit will be displayed until September 21, 2011; 2) July 14, 2011, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM the Brown Bag Book Club will meet; and 3) Sunday, August 21, 2011, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Classical Guitar with **Michael Nigro**, "A Journey Through Latin America". **Maria Trinca**, Children's Librarian, was introduced and gave the following report: 1) The Summer Reading Program, a cooperative program with forty states, has programs for all ages and runs every Wednesday through Saturday of every week in the morning and afternoon through August 6, 2011; 2) A new program will be introduced at the end of September for babies and toddlers, essentially a play time program for parents and children. For additional information on any of the programs offered, contact the Library at (702) 507-4061.

**I.** University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: **Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator**

1) Cooperative Extension cuts of 72% will be delayed until the fiscal year 2014 and given bridge funding in the meantime; 2) The Laughlin Cooperative Extension budget was cut by 50%; 3) The Southern Clark County Newsletter is being sent out once a month with updates

on what the Cooperative Extension is doing; 3) The Community Garden will commence as soon as the Clark County Board of Commissioners approve use of the property at the park; and 4) The Master Gardener Training Program starts in September; and 5) A program is being developed to help seniors understand available resources in the area.

**\*J.** Laughlin Economic Development Corporation: **Dave Floodman**

**Mr. Floodman** was not present at the time this item was called.

**K.** River Fund, Inc.: **Mike Conner, Community Relations Manager**

1) On July 23, 2010, River Fund, Inc. was established; 2) Quarterly reports will be received from River Fund, Inc., as well as monthly written reports; 3) River Fund, Inc. operates with grant funding and employee donor money; 4) Assists with utilities, rent, loss of life issues, etc.; 5) 849 families assisted since July 2010 at a cost of \$107,300; 6) 29 local organizations assisted since June 2010 at a cost of \$65,000 since July 2010; 7) \$10,000 CARE (Community Assistance Relief for Emergencies) Grant established for the holidays to be distributed in increments of \$500 in November and December 2011; 8) River Fund, Inc. Administrative fees are kept below 15%; 9) One full-time employee, one part-time employee and volunteers run River Fund; 10) July 27, 2011 a fund raiser will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings with coupons available on the River Fund, Inc. website at [www.riverfundinc.com](http://www.riverfundinc.com).; and 11) Local coupon books will soon be available for purchase.

**\*J.** Laughlin Economic Development Corporation: **Dave Floodman**

**Mr. Floodman** joined the meeting and was invited to report.

1) Important for the community to start unifying; 2) Laughlin Economic Development Corporation is a 501C private non-profit corporation whose mission statement is to create and implement a collaborative venture among civic and business leaders in the Town of Laughlin and help promote the health, welfare and quality of life of the residents of Laughlin through economic development; 3) Develop and implement programs that increase employment, further educational research, and promote recreational opportunities; 4) Leadership speaker series; 5) Challenged and delayed water rate increases by Las Vegas Valley Water District; 6) Challenged decision by Federal Highways to deny the de minimis ruling on Riverview bridge; 7) Lobbied NV Energy to provide capital budget for improvements to infrastructure in Laughlin; 8) Sponsored initial feasibility analysis for the proposed new city; 9) Working closely with ENN of North America supporting their current proposal; 10) Continuing membership drive; 11) Continuing leadership series; 12) Participating in state feasibility study due by 12/31/11 this year; 13) Supporting incorporation and establishment of a new city; and 14) Will start lobbying to complete Needles Highway, establish a railroad extension spur to service Laughlin, and regularly scheduled air service. **Mr. Floodman** requested a Resolution from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board supporting the ENN project. **Janet Barela** suggested an agenda item on the next agenda to consider support of the ENN project. **James Vincent** reported that there are a series of special meetings to help facilitate the project that will come before the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.

**6. ZONING**

**A. PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:**

*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](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).

I. None.

**B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:**

1. **UC-0254-11 – MARTIN, HELEN LOUIS, ET AL:**  
**USE PERMIT** to allow office and retail uses within an existing building formally used as a bank on a portion of 20.0 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone. Generally located on the north side of Bruce Woodbury Drive and the east side of Thomas Edison Drive within Laughlin. To the Planning Commission 08/02/11.

**Robert Wiessen** and **Drew Wiessen**, Vegas Brothers Limited, 5115 Dean Martin Drive, Suite 102, Las Vegas, NV 89118, explained that they plan to open a retail establishment in what used to be the Bank of America building to sell custom made cigarettes without additives, at half the price of retail cigarettes. There are currently similar businesses in Las Vegas and Pahrump and nothing but cigarettes and accessories like cases and lighters will be sold.

**James Vincent** moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve **UC-0254-11 – MARTIN, HELEN LOUIS, ET AL.**, subject to staff conditions. Upon a voice vote motion carried 5-0-0.

**7. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

**A. Receive a report from Nancy Lipski, Director, Clark County Comprehensive Planning on Application Time Limits, Commencement, and Studies.**

**Nancy Lipski**, Director, Clark County Comprehensive Planning, reported that a few months ago the Clark County Board of Commissioners requested that staff look into changing the definition of commence and complete, and further requested staff talk to the industry about the possibility of putting in drainage and traffic studies at the beginning of the application process to 1) Make sure that the project is feasible, and 2) So the applicant doesn't have to come back and get waivers of design standards. After meeting with industry, there were some pros but more cons due to economy, the expense of doing studies up front, and no guarantee of final approval. The Board of Commissioners then asked staff to come to town boards and citizen advisory councils or create a working group for feedback on the issue. Some of the feedback from the TAB/CAC's has been wanting reports from developers coming back after one or two years after approvals as to why the project hasn't moved forward. Another suggestion was to limit the number of extensions a project would be granted. **Nancy Lipski** asked if the town board would like to have the process code-specific for extensions of time and require information each time an applicant requests an extension, and require a drainage study up front. It was suggested that the number of

extensions of time be limited, an explanation be required with each request for extension of time, and there was no objection to an initial drainage study requirement. All of the information gathered will be presented in a matrix to the Board of County Commissioners with copies to TAB/CAC's.

The chair called for a recess at 2:50 PM. The meeting resumed at 3:04 PM.

**B. Receive a report from Deputy Fire Chief Kelly Blackmon, Clark County Fire Department, on Places of Assembly permit and fee requirements pursuant to the Fire Code.**

**Deputy Fire Chief Kelly Blackmon**, Clark County Fire Department, reported on Places of Assembly, Type A (occupancy over 50 people), permits and fees. The fee and permit are not new to the Fire Code, Section 105.6.34, but there hasn't been adequate staff to issue the permits. Annual permits will now be required by the Fire Department on an "as you find them" basis for businesses without a permit and the fee will be \$75/year to cover the plan review fee and inspection of the property. As of July 5, 2011, plans may now be hand drawn, and not to scale, on an 8"x10" piece of paper to save the applicant the cost of a drawn-to-scale plan. Failure to comply could eventually result in a citation and fine, but the Fire Department is willing to work with the business owners to ensure compliance with the Fire Code before a potential citation is issued. **Janet Barela** asked that the Community Development Committee follow this item and gather additional public comments and review the Fire Code (available online at [www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/Fire](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/Fire)).

**C. Receive a report from Carrie Ronning, MSHCP Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, on monitoring results of the designated roads and trails in Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, Coyote Springs, Piute/Eldorado and Rainbow Gardens areas of critical environmental concerns (ACEC's).**

**Carrie Ronning**, MSHCP Coordinator, and **Bob Ross**, Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, presented a presentation on monitoring results of the designated roads and trails in Gold Butte, Mormon Mesa, Coyote Springs, Piute/Eldorado and Rainbow Gardens areas of critical environmental concerns (ACES's). Designated dirt roads have been monitored, posted and signed. Due to a huge population boom and increase in tourism, many people are going out to enjoy the desert lands, but in 1990 the desert tortoise was listed as an endangered species which resulted in legal requirements that all land owners and agencies must comply with. Additionally, there are fish and birds protected under different acts. This program is primarily located on Park Service, BLM and Refuge property managed by the Federal Government. Every two years projects are submitted and one of the projects funded by the Clark County Board of Commissioners in 2005 was road monitoring and road designation so habitat is not being disturbed or impacted by cross-country travel. The goal is to improve conditions so the desert tortoise can recover and be removed from the endangered species list. Hiko Springs is an area of concern in the Laughlin area and is being closely monitored. To report illegal activity like dumping, destroying signs, or traveling off designated roads, please call Inter-Agency Dispatch out of Lake Mead at (702) 293-8998. Anyone interested in volunteering for cleanups, replanting vegetation, or monitoring should go to [www.getoutdoorsnevada.com](http://www.getoutdoorsnevada.com) to register or get more information, or contact the BLM Office at (702) 515-5000.

**C. Receive a report from Stacy Stutsman of WestCare about the growing need for domestic violence assistance in our community.**

**Stacy Stutsman** of WestCare reported that domestic violence training needs to be added to school curriculums due to the rising incidents of domestic violence. A temporary shelter is needed for animals because when a family is placed in a safe home their animals are often left behind and need a temporary shelter. In local communities there have been 138 new domestic violence victims in 2011: 5 Searchlight, 74 Laughlin, 1 Cal-Nev-Ari, and 58 from other areas (visitors). Every nine seconds in the United States a woman is assaulted or

beaten .  
287-4116  
Clark County

Please help make a difference against domestic violence and call WestCare at (702) for help or more information. There was discussion about placing a link on the website to WestCare, and **Jackie Brady** will explore the possibility.

**D. Consider application and appointment of Cheryl Seipke to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board Social Service Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**Rosemary Munger** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to appoint **Cheryl Seipke** to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board Social Service Committee as an Alternate until a vacancy occurs and she can be appointed a permanent member of the committee. Upon a motion carried 5-0-0.

voice vote,

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Community Development:  
Chair**

**Janet Barela, Co-**

No report because there was no quorum at the June 22, 2011 meeting.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be July 27, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**B. Parks & Recreation:**

**James Vincent, Co-Chair**

No report because there was no quorum at the June 20, 2011 meeting. The Grand Opening of the Laughlin Dog Park is Saturday, July 23, 2011, 9:30 AM. Everyone welcome.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be July 18, 2011, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**C. Public Safety:**

**Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair**

**Stacey Stutsman** reported to the committee on domestic violence trends.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be July 18, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**D. Public Works:**

**Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair**

**Fred Doten**, reported that at the June 21, 2011 meeting the following items were discussed:

of 1) Intersection of Banyon and El Mirage; 2) Slurry seal of residential streets; 3) Review Public Works work orders; 4) Turn lane at Water Reclamation plant on Bruce Woodbury Drive; and 5) Needles Highway crosswalks at bus stops.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be July 19, 2011, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**E. Social Services:** **Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair**

**Rosemary Munger** reported on the June 9, 2011 meeting at the June 14, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be July 14, 2011, 8:30 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**9. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: There is a period at the beginning of each meeting for the Public to comment on action items on this agenda, as well as a period at the end of the meeting for he Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, but not appearing on this agenda. The Board retains the discretion to take additional Public Comment during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any mater before the Board for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board. Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, 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 you name for the record – and limit you comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.**

1. **James Vincent** announced that this is the last meeting **Janet Barela** will attend due to her move to Montana, and serving on the Laughlin town Advisory Board with **Janet** has been a pleasure. **Mr. Vincent** thanked **Janet** and commended her wisdom and leadership.
2. **Pete Gorrie**, 2566 Monroe Manor Place, Laughlin, NV, on behalf of he and his wife, thanked **Janet Barela** for her dedication and tireless service to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board and Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. Best wishes in Montana.
3. **Jackie Brady** presented **Janet Barela** with a gift in appreciation of her active interest in business and the community, the energetic approach to everything done, and the fact that she sometimes stood against overwhelming forces and operated out of her own integrity and desire to see Laughlin businesses prosper. “We value your friendship and hate to see you go, Janet. We wish you the very best and hope you keep returning to Laughlin – your second home,” Jackie stated.
4. **Deborah Murray** dittoed **Jackie's** sentiments and wished **Janet** well.
5. **Michael Bekoff** recognized the leadership **Janet** has given the Laughlin Town Advisory Board and wished her well.
6. **Rosemary Munger** personally thanked **Janet** for making her feel welcome as a new member on the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, July 26, 2011,

and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than July 15, 2011, and July 29, 2011, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** Michael Bekoff moved, Candice FitzGerald seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 PM. Upon a voice vote motion carried 5-0-0.

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*These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the August 9, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting.*