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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

**March 10, 2015
1:30 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Doten, Chair
Pamela Walker, Vice Chair
David Brownlee
Kathleen Hoss
Kathy Ochs

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Guests Signed In 15

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Fred Doten 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 **Kathleen Hoss**.
- 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 **March 10, 2015** Agenda. **For Possible Action**

Pamela Walker moved **David Brownlee** seconded to approve the **March 10, 2015** Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

- B. Approval of the **February 10, 2015** Minutes **For Possible Action**

Pamela Walker moved **David Brownlee** seconded to approve the amended **February 10, 2015** Laughlin Town Advisory Board minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

- C. Approval of the February 24, 2015 Minutes **For Possible Action**

David Brownlee moved **Kathleen Hoss** seconded to approve as presented the **February 24, 2015** Laughlin Town Advisory Board minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

- D. Review a draft of the 2015-2016 Bylaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for possible adoption at the April 14, 2015, meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, discuss and introduce recommended changes of the 2015-2016 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Bylaws, and take any action deemed appropriate.

For Possible Action

Brief discussion on changing the Community Development Purpose Statement from,

- *Community Development*

~~**Purpose Statement:** The Community Development Committee is committed to supporting Laughlin business. The focus of the committee is to retain and expand community businesses, to continually enhance the quality of life for Laughlin residents, and to assist in attracting new business to Laughlin.~~

New Statement,

- *Community Development*

Purpose Statement: The Community Development Committee is committed to supporting Laughlin business by enhancing the Quality of Life of its residents.

Pamela Walker moved to approve the revised Community Development Purpose Statement **Kathleen Hoss** seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

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.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report: **Lt. John Healy, Commander**
Sgt. Dakuginow reported on the February Metro activities

February 2015 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 339
Traffic Citations: 495
DUI’s: 1
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 6
Bookings: 37
Juvenile Citations: 4

The Laughlin River Run is approaching and we are finishing up some planning. There are no outdoor major concerts at this time for the River Run and one indoor concert at the Edgewater Event Center.

- B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report: **Sgt. Raymond Hubbs**
Sgt. Hubbs introduced himself and provided the report for February activities.
Sgt. Hubbs is the new Sgt. for this area replacing **Sgt. Pittmon**.

Statistics February 2015:

4 crashes – 3 injury, 1 property crashes
303 Traffic stops and issued 364 citations with a total of 269 violations
82 calls for service
2 arrest
2 DUI

This month the NHP will have direct enforcements to actively seek out cell phone usage while driving and cross walk violation in the area. We will also be working on the Laughlin River Run. We have a couple of DUI units that are planning to come down to specifically provide enforcement over that time period in April.

- C. Clark County Fire Department:
New Clark County Fire Chief **Greg Cassell** provided a report for current activities with the Laughlin Fire Dept.
Chief Cassell apologized for no one attending the meetings lately. He has been in training, but plans to have a staff chief attend the LTAB meetings each month and provide a report.
Chief Cassell provided two charts showing the number and type of calls by month and by year.

Station 76: Year to Date Jan. 1, 2015 – Feb. 28, 2015 Station E76:

EMS-173	EMS-187
Fire-9	Fire-4
Other-5	Other-7
Total-187	Total-197

Station 85 Year to Date

EMS-142
Fire-12
Other-29
Total-183

There was a balcony fire at the Crown Vista apartments. The fire was kept under control and limited loss of structure.

EMS calls: a stabbing took place at the Riverside RV Park and the person was identified cared for and taken to the hospital and Metro is finishing up with the criminal aspect.

5. **COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

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

Statistics: February 2015 – LWRC treated and average of 2.28 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.

Flow increased 590,000 gallons per day from this time last year

Jake Jacobson said he wanted to talk about this from last month; if you look at our trend from 2009 – 2015 you can see we had a seasonal trend, low in the winter and high in the summer. As you can see on the chart we had a significant spike in January and February, I reported this to the Board last time stating we had a water leak, we not only fixed the water leak last month but we found out from Big Bend Water District that they are doing lagoon maintenance. So they are pumping half million gallons a day to our plant. We are expect to see higher flows of about half million gallons a day for about two-three months.

Sewer service complaints: None

Odor Complaints: February 23, 2015: Received an odor complaint from Vista View Apartments; methane type smell coming from one of the units.

District staff checked District equipment, i.e., manholes at laterals for unusual conditions. Manholes inspected had proper flow, no blockages or unusual conditions, and no odors. It was determined to be an onsite issue.

Also we had an incident on President Day weekend where we had a discharge of treated and untreated waste water of 14,850 gallons, once we first learned about it we reported it to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection within 24 hours, and then five days later we submitted a five day report which is required.

Call Before you dig: 18 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin tickets received for February 2015

Jake Jacobson explained about Sewer Laterals and that this is the pipe that takes all your waste water, dishwasher, etc. from the property to the main sewer line in the middle of the street.

Jake Jacobson provided a flyer and information explaining Sewer Laterals and depending on the location of a problem; who would be responsible for the cost of repairs. In Clark County the property owner is responsible for the entire sewer lateral, from their structure, all the way to the point of connection with the district's sewer main.

The cleaning, repair and replacement of the sewer lateral is the responsibility of the property owner.

David Brownlee asked who would provide the repair if the lateral line needs to be repaired on the homeowner property. **Jake Jacobson** said they would provide the inspection but the homeowner would need to hire someone for the repairs.

Pamela Walker asked how often a homeowner should clean the laterals.

Jake said it would depend on the size of the property and the usage and if you have a lot of vegetation with roots getting in the lines. Jake said he will respond with an answer at the next meeting.

Kathy Ochs asked about a grey water system for the irrigation. Jake said we don't have grey water we have re-claimed water, but we don't have the customers for it in this area.

B. Big Bend Water District Report:

Bruno Bowles, Public Services

Jordan Bunker provided the February report for the Big Bend Water District.

Jordan Bunker said he will provide the reports for a while; Bruno Bowles is working in Las Vegas.

Jordan Bunker provided information concerning the water main break on Bruce Woodbury and Needles Hwy. Jordan said it was a clean break and they are working to get it repaired as quickly as possible. Vintage Apartments, Laughlin High School, and Las Palmas Condominiums were mentioned as to not having any water at this time. He said they anticipate having the line repaired sometime this afternoon or this evening.

C. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: **Buddy Borden, Area Extension Specialist Community Economic Development**

Buddy Borden said he had a couple of things to report. We had five kids signed up for the horse club. This is out at the new concessioner “**Pot of Gold**”. They are meeting every two weeks on Wednesdays. “**Pot of Gold**” is providing the horses and some of the training.

This club is being led by 4-H person **Diane Lee** and **Deborah Murray** who is heading the club.

We are planning on the summer camps now and working with Dawn Estes Principal from Bennett Elementary school.

The community garden will have a portion of the garden open in April. Things are moving but slowly.

We are still working with the Chamber and have a business survey right now. We need to find out what some of the business training needs are. Provide some workshop seminars.

We are also working with the High School business teacher to get more interaction with the business community and work on some internship programs with the kids. We are still working on the OSHA and the health cards and trying to get funding.

Kathy Ochs asked if **Buddy Borden** was able to find any grant opportunities for funding. **Buddy** said that’s what they are trying to do and that’s what is holding them up right now is the funding.

Kathy Ochs said she had a couple she found and would forward them to **Buddy**.

D. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Trey Smith, Recreation Specialist**
Unable to attend LTAB meeting, due to the senior games going on this week.

E. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis, Executive Director**
Connie Davis reported they are working with **Buddy Borden** with the business surveys and setting up the seminars.

There is a mixer this Thursday at the Laughlin River Lodge 5:30.

This Saturday there is an Event going on at Bullhead City Chamber that MCC is sponsoring to raise money for scholarships. The cost is \$15. This will be a fashion show and Tea. There are flyers on the back table.

On March 21st is the Cancer Walk at Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trails starting at 9am. It’s \$15 if you register in advance which includes a free T-shirt. All the proceeds will go to the River Fund cancer connections and the money stays here locally to help people with any cancer needs.

F. Laughlin Library: **Tanya Brown-Wirth, Branch Manager**
Was unable to attend LTAB meeting

G. Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes, Principal**
Was unable to attend LTAB meeting due the water line break.

6. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. Receive a report from Town Manager **Jackie Brady** for 2014.

No Action

Jackie Brady announced that **Greg Cassell** is the new Fire Chief for all of Clark County Department. He was appointed several weeks ago.

Jackie Brady stated since her report was long she decided to continue and finish the report this month.

Deborah Murray will provide a report next month with updated information on the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trails & Park. This has been a large project that took up a lot of her time. Right now she is at ICC re-certification training.

Jackie Brady started her report with the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. I have been involved with the Chamber of Commerce and on the board since 1995. We stay in touch with the business community which is very important, including staying in touch with all parts of the community and learning first hand any problems, concerns trends & opportunities. The General Managers of the resorts are members of the Board along with other leading businesses.

The Chamber has been very supportive of the Town Board, the County and the community.

In 2012 they hosted a fact finding Town Hall which was telecast relating to the incorporation so that the citizens could hear for themselves what the financial picture would be upon becoming independent as a city.

We are thankful for the activities of the Chamber of commerce and their support.

Media and technology issues; our channel 14 has technical problems so our technician, communications office and IT department are all working together to find a solution.

Since I prepared this report last month I had the opportunity to speak with the Vice President of Sudden Link in Missouri and he said they are working on the problem. They are working with COX communication which provides the cable service in the Las Vegas Valley.

They are going to bring the signal through fiber optics which will much better and more secure.

With technology moving forward so fast our office had to switch to a newer windows platform. Also Staff is in the process of learning necessary steps for filing the new documents we have under the Global 360 system.

This effort was started last year. We have so many documents; we keep the documents of the history of this town.

So this will take us some time to record the many boxes of documents into the system.

By far the top topic for 2014 was the closing of UMC quick care.

In 1999 the Laughlin UMC Quick Care opened and at the request of the Town Board, the citizens and the former Commissioner for this area.

The Town itself offered \$1,000,000 to get it opened here. We literally paid to get UMC Quick Care opened in Laughlin.

A final decision was made last spring to close UMC with no warning to the public or the Town Board. When the Town Board requested reasons and UMC attendance at the Special Call meeting CEO

Lawrence Barnard refused and sent a public relations representative instead.

Mr. Bernard made it clear to Laughlin it was strictly a financial decision although they were told by citizens they would not have medical care in this town if UMC closed. Laughlin is federally and officially recognized as a medically underserved area.

There is an issue with feral cats, raccoons, and skunks living around the River Walk on resort properties.

When a tourist questioned a commitment to do something about the sad and problematic situation, our County Animal Control met with us, with the State and a few of the resort managers offering assistance in the area.

We are waiting decisions from the resorts about this. We can't do anything about it unless the resorts agree that we should do something.

A local animal lover has offered help with the cats only.

The cats are not the only problem as they become food for the other wildlife in the area.

Last year when the new event center opened we had to work on traffic measures and control to assure public safety. The old venue on the corner of Thomas Edison and Bruce Woodbury was no longer being used except for SNORE racing at this point.

Signs were placed around the 320 acres the County leases from BLM for no trespassing, and the reason was for public safety when people were parking there at night and there is insufficient lighting, protection and control. We anticipated someone was going to get hurt or killed where they were parking.

Nothing in the zoning laws allows parking at the site unless there is an Event.

We had only one complaint from someone who took their ATV's out there and was no longer able to use the area.

7. ZONING:

A. PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:

1. ZC-0876-14 – BOX REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST:

ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 12.6 acres from R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone to C-2 (General Commercial) Zone in the MUD-4 Overlay District.

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) reduced parking; and 2) allow alternative design standards.

DESIGN REVIEW for a grocery store on a 1.0 acre portion of a 12.6 acre parcel. Generally located on the west side of Needles Highway and the north side of El Mirage Way within Laughlin (description on file).

This item went to the BCC on 12/17/2014 Item was held and to be heard at the BCC on January 21, 2015

HELD until 02/04/15 - per the applicant.

WITHDRAWN - without prejudice per the applicant.

2. **UC-1014-14 – TROPICANA EXPRESS, LLC: USE PERMIT** for deviations as shown per plans on file.

DEVIATIONS for the following: **1)** allow roof signs; **2)** increase the number of directional signs; **3)** increase the number of hanging signs; **4)** reduce the height of hanging signs from grade; **5)** allow temporary signs for a permanent time period; **6)** reduce the setback for temporary signs from a right-of-way (Casino Drive); and **7)** all other deviations as depicted per plans on file.

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to reduce the setback from a right-of-way (Casino Drive).

DESIGN REVIEW for a comprehensive sign package in conjunction with an existing resort hotel (Tropicana Express) on 27.8 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the west side of Casino Drive, 1,000 feet south of Bruce Woodbury Drive within Laughlin.

To The BCC 02/18/2015

Approved with staff conditions

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:** None

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:

Kathleen Hoss, Co-Chair

Kathleen Hoss reported they went over the change of the purpose statement for the Bylaws and we are also working and moving forward on a project for the utility boxes.

We are looking at painting to start in September and have the project completed by December. Right now we are in the approval stages.

- B.** Parks & Recreation: **Pamela Walker, Co Chair**
Pamela Walker reported the senior games are going on and doing well and asked for people to stop by.
- C.** Public Safety: **Kathy Ochs, Co-Chair**
Kathy Ochs reported that the Public Safety meeting was cancelled due to not having a quorum. Public Safety looking to set up Emergency Management process and evacuation.
- D.** Public Works: **Fred Doten, Co Chair**
Fred Doten reported they went through the work order activities that are ongoing and looked at the road structure that we have people looking at twice a month once during daytime hours and once at nighttime. We are looking for street lights that are out and hazardous material that needs to be reported.
- E.** Social Services: **David Brownlee, Co-Chair**
David Brownlee reported a co-chair and a secretary were selected. The Laughlin resource directory is in the process of being updated. David also said they are in support of the NCPC who operates under the Substance abuse and treatment agency in rural areas in conjunction with the Boulder City Nevada Hospital. The NCPC holds educational and health care programs and planning a Health Fair at the Library in April.

- 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.**

Jim Maniaci, Laughlin, NV Thanked **Chief Cassell** and said he was always very informative when he attended meetings in the past.

Advised that SB 115 passes the Assembly Government Affairs committee 14-0

Jim Maniaci also stated he was very sad about the new definition of the Community development purpose statement; it is just very general and noted the other committees have very specific points considered to be part of their purpose.

- 10. NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE: The next possible scheduled meeting date is March 31, 2015 the next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than March 19, 2015 and April 2, 2015 respectively.**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm **Pamela Walker** moved **David Brownlee** seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
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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 *LIMITED 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 April 14, 2015 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting.***