



# Laughlin Town Advisory Board

September 13, 2016

## MINUTES

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Board Members:	Fred Doten – Chair, Present Pam Walker – Vice Chair, Present David Brownlee, excused absence	Kathleen Hoss, Present Kathy Ochs, Present
Secretary:	Tammy Harris, (702) 298-0828 tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov	
Town Liaison:	Brian Paulson, (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov	

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Call to Order by **Fred Doten**, Invocation led by **Pastor Doug Westly**, Pledge of Allegiance led by **Fred Doten**.

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. Public Comment

III. **Approval of August 9, 2016, Minutes.**

**Moved by: Pamela Walker**, seconded by **Kathleen Hoss**

**Action: Approved as presented**

**Vote: 3-0-1 Kathy Ochs abstained from voting, she was not present at the August TAB meeting.**

**Approval of September 13, 2016, Agenda.**

**Moved by: Pamela Walker**, seconded by **Kathleen Hoss**

**Action: Approved agenda as recommended**

**Vote: 4-0/Unanimous**

IV. Informational Items

1. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report: Lt. John Healy, Commander  
**Lt. Healy** provided the August report.

**August 2016 Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 367  
Traffic Citations: 555  
DUI's: 1  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9  
Bookings: 39  
Juvenile Citations: 1

There was a slight decrease in calls for service from this time last year.  
Domestic violence was down this month and we thank WestCare for that.

There was over 30,000 people here for the River Regatta, and on the Laughlin side of the river there was minimal arrests during the event. Everyone did a good job working together.

**Lt. Healy** said all the agencies worked together after the last storm to restore the power and get the debris off the roadways.

Bruce Woodbury Road will be closed due to concerts during the weekend. The closure is between Casino Drive and Thomas Edison Drive.

**Lt. Healy** announced the LVMPD is hiring, and all the testing will be here in Laughlin.

2. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report: Sgt. Raymond Hubbs  
No report.

3. Clark County Fire Department: Assistant Chief Larry Haydu  
**Asst. Chief Haydu** provided August report.

**Fred Doten** stated **Asst. Chief Haydu** has a new yellow vehicle.

**Asst. Chief Haydu** said that for the month of August, Station 76 ran 147 calls and out of those 101 calls were medical.

Station 85 ran 91 calls, 70 of those were medical.

Total calls for Laughlin in August were 238. Mr. Haydu stated this was about average for Laughlin.

There was a fire at the Colorado Bell Hotel & Casino that was contained with the assistance of the Bullhead City Fire Department.

**Becky Polmanteer** from Comfort Keepers asked if the Fire Department has a program called "Lock Box" where seniors can keep a secured key outside of the home for Emergency personnel to gain entry when needed.

**Asst. Chief Haydu** said he would have to check on that since he is not sure if there is a program that extends to the private sector. This is typically used in businesses and schools.

4. Laughlin Town Manager: Brian Paulson, Laughlin Town Manager  
**Brian Paulson** provided current information for the Town of Laughlin.

**Brian Paulson** announced **Attorney General Adam Laxalt** will be visiting Laughlin on September

20<sup>th</sup>. The American Legion will be hosting starting 10:00 a.m.

Last week the Laughlin Town Manager's Office hosted NV Energy for a round table, where they provided an update on current projects.

Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT) training will be held the last weekend of October. October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Laughlin Regional Government Building.

**Mr. Paulson** announced the National Public Lands Day and the activities that the Parks and Recreation will host at the Pyramid Canyon day use area on September 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10: 00 am.

**Fred Doten** commented that the Attorney General's staff is very helpful if you have documents you need help with. They plan on coming back sometime in February or March.

5. Clark County Water Reclamation District Report: Greg Turner, Asst. Manager of Plant Operations  
**Fred Doten** read the current report for CCWRD.

August 2016- Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 2.41 million gallons per day, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.

Flow increased 170,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

**August 2016 Statistics:**

**Sewer service complaints: None**

**Odor Complaints: None**

**Call Before You Dig: 2 tickets**

6. Big Bend Water District Report: Chaunsey Chau-Duong, Management Analyst  
**Chaunsey Chau-Duong** provided the current report.

There have been no reports of complaints or leaks.

**Mr. Chau-Duong** wanted to address the Board and Town Manager and advise that Big Bend does a variety of water testing. Last month during one of our tests, we found chlorine residual at one of our standing stations. Chlorine is used to mitigate bacterial growth in the water. As a result, we had to notify five customers of the results of our test.

It should be noted that Big Bend immediately did additional testing of the water and found no traces of harmful bacteria.

**Chaunsey Chau- Duong** provided photos of the area overview of where the tests were conducted.

7. Parks & Recreation: Trey Smith, Recreation Supervisor  
**Trey Smith** provided the current report and activities

**Statistics:** August 2016:

18 programs

620 total attendance for the month

Summer Food Program: 593 Lunches for the summer

**Upcoming Special Events:**

- Sept. 15: Punt, Pass, and Kick
- o Ages: 6-15 ; Time: 3:30 ; Mt. View park
- Sept. 24: National Public Lands Day
- o Ages: All ; Time: 10a-1p ; Pyramid Canyon Day Use
- October 1: Hunter Education
- o Age: All; Time: 9a-5p: Cost: \$5; Register: [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org)
- Oct. 29: 5K/1 Miles Costume Run
- o Ages: All; Time: 8:00am; Pyramid Canyon Day Use

**Updates:**

- Safekey: School Days
- o Grades K-5; Time: 7a-8:30a; Cost: \$4/child
- Youth Tennis Lessons: September 22 – October 27
- o Ages: 6-14; Time: Thursday, 6p-7p; Cost: \$25
- Fitness Drop-In \$5
- o Pilates – Monday 6p-6:30p
- o Yoga – Wednesday 9a-10a
- o Pilates – Friday 7a-7:30a
- Wrestling Lessons
- o Ages: 6 – 13; Time: 5p-6p; Cost \$25

8. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: Jackie Mazzeo, President of the Board of Directors  
No report
9. Laughlin Tourism Commission: M.J. Smith, Executive Director  
No report.
10. Laughlin Library: Tanya Brown-Wirth, Branch Manager  
No report, but Tanya Brown Wirth provided event flyers and current activities calendar for the public.
11. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: Buddy Borden, Area Extension Community Economic Development Specialist  
**Buddy Borden** stated with school starting they have five 4-H clubs mainly in the elementary and Junior High level. They are anticipating 40-45 kids to participate in the programs.  
  
Career Job Preparedness has been implemented into the school's curriculum. There are about 22 students that are in this class.  
  
National Public Lands Day is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and we are participating with that. We will be doing some planting of native plants and a butterfly garden. The Master Gardeners will work with the 4-H kids with the plantings.  
  
The community garden is anticipated to be open in October.
12. Community Development: Kathleen Hoss, Co-Chair  
**Kathleen Hoss** said the committee is working on some small projects.

13. Parks & Recreation: Pamela Walker, Co-Chair  
No report

14. Public Safety: Kathy Ochs, Co-Chair  
No report, but stated they are working on the CERT training.

15. Public Works: Fred Doten, Co-Chair  
**Fred Doten** said Public Works attended the last meeting.

16. Social Services: David Brownlee, Co-Chair  
No meeting

V. Planning & Zoning: None

1. **UC-0572-16 – FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH:**

**USE PERMIT** for a proposed communication tower.

**DESIGN REVIEW** for a proposed communication tower and associated equipment on a portion of 1.9 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the southeast corner of Needles Highway and Palm Terrace Drive within Laughlin. TO THE PC 10/04/2016

**Sharon Beesley** representing Verizon Wireless regarding a new cell tower. The tower will be located on the south side of the First Southern Baptist Church.

There was a discussion on the height of the tower and blocking home owner's views.

**Constable Ross** stated he didn't see where this was going to block views since the new tower was adjacent to the existing tower. He also noted the added benefit of having another cell tower in the area.

**C.W. Marvin** said he observed that work had already started on the tower. Ms. Beesley explained what happened with the permits and why the work started early.

**Fred Doten** moved to approve per staff conditions **Pamela Walker** moved, **Kathy Ochs** seconded. Motion passed upon a voice vote 4-0

VI. General Business:

1. **Irene Navis**, Plans Coordinator, Clark County Office of Emergency Management, to discuss the Community Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Laughlin. **For Possible Action**

**Irene Navis** thanked everyone involved with help implementing the Emergency Management Plan (EMP). We didn't get a lot of feedback, some of the feedback we received is more for policy and procedures or the incident command, so you won't see that reflected here.

Any changes will be highlighted yellow. Ms. Navis expanded on what was changed and what was

added to the plan.

**Fred Doten** asked to add the American Legion since the Legion opens their building and resources for the cooling stations and recommends that the American Legion's number be added.

**Fred Doten** moved to approve the draft EMP, **Pamela Walker** seconded the motion. Motion approved upon a voice vote 3-1.

**Kathleen Hoss** stated she was abstaining because she just received the draft EMP and said she had two pages of question she submitted for review. Ms. Hoss said she does not have any answers to her questions.

**Irene Navis** advised **Kathleen Hoss** she did receive her comments and she did review them. Ms. Navis said a lot of the comments would be steps that would be directed by the incident commander. They are not a level of detail that belongs in this plan. Ms. Navis let Kathleen Hoss know she would be able to work with her and make adjustments as needed. A lot of what was asked is a level of detail that belongs in standard operating procedures with Public Works, Building Department, and the agencies that actually do the response. That is why she didn't put those items in specifically. Ms. Navis let Kathleen Hoss know if she would like detailed answer to her questions; she would put it in writing and send it back to her.

2. Revise bylaws to comport with NRS provisions on election of or appointment of members and Board of County Commissioners' agenda standardization requirement. **For Possible Action**

TAB Chair **Fred Doten** opened the discussion by providing information he attained from Administrative assistant Director **Alex Ortiz**. **Fred Doten** advised that the new Bylaws as they are presently written are essentially cast in stone. The County will collect input from the various town boards for possible future revisions. In respect to the town boards each were given the opportunity to review the documents regardless if they voted for it or against it.

**Mr. Doten** said he personally has issues with the new Bylaws, not every town is the same and each town has different needs.

**Pamela Walker** stated she was not happy with the new Bylaws including the elimination of the committees, although she personally does not have an issue, Ms. Walker said the board should have the ability to have ad-hoc committees when needed to address specific issues.

**Kathleen Hoss** stated she was fortunate to have a committee with members who attended meetings and contributed ideas. The committee felt this was its way to have a voice in the community and to be able to represent the community. With the elimination of the committees the members will not have a voice. Moving forward Ms. Hoss said the new Board members will have to be held accountable in representing the community.

**Kathy Ochs** stated that in the future the Board could form an ad-hoc committee to do research and report to the LTAB. Ms. Ochs said they will still have a voice via the televised meetings.

**Fred Doten** said the board will form partnerships with groups that are not part of the County but who can move forward with their contributions. There will no longer be concerns about breaking open meeting laws.

**Constable Ross**, Laughlin Township Constable's Office stated that the County is going to pose a one size fits all plan. **Constable Ross** asked once the new elected boards take their seat and don't have the ability to revise the Bylaws, would the new members have legal standing to sue the County? **Brian Paulson** stated that is a legal question and not able to answer.

**Jordan Ross** said he would wait until there is an elected board to find out if there will be a legal issue and a political issue. He stated he does not find this acceptable and that the County could have done more to remedy the situation with the committees who were not in compliance with the open meeting laws.

**Brian Paulson** stated he appreciated everyone's comments and concerns. He thanked all the volunteers over the years. This was not a decision he made but a decision that has been in the making for a long time. It is a legal issue with legal liability when the committees are not in compliance. There are other ways the residents can be active and form different groups. The county is standardizing the Bylaws for uniformity.

**Fred Doten** motioned to approve the Bylaws, **Pamela Walker**, **Kathy Ochs**, and **Kathleen Hoss** approved the new Bylaws, **Fred Doten** opposed upon a voice vote three votes for, one vote against, and one person absent

#### VII. Public Comment

**Rebecca Polmanteer** introduced herself from Comfort Keepers and advised they are an in-home care service being offered in Laughlin.

**James Maniaci**, President of the Laughlin Economic Development Committee (LEDC) asked when the new Bylaws will be affective, **Brian Paulson** and **Pamela Walker** stated immediately.

**Brian Paulson** stated another set of Bylaws will come out in January for the new elected town board. **Mr. Maniaci** stated that the new board would be just ratifying the Bylaws. Brian said yes.

#### VIII. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be October 11, 2016.

#### IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.