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**MINUTES**

**LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

**January 10, 2012  
1:30 P.M.**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**       **None.**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**       **27 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 Doug Westly** and Pledge of Allegiance led by **James Vincent**.
- 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 10, 2012 Agenda.**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the January 10, 2012, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. **Approval of December 13, 2011 Minutes.**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the December 13, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes with the following correction: Pages 4, 5. A., change *from* "The manhole was secured to prevent public content" *to* "The manhole was secured to prevent public contact". Upon a voice vote, motion carried with corrections 4-0.

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 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.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

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

**December 2011 Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 324, up 10.96% from December 2010  
Traffic Citations: 302  
DUI's: 2  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9 adults, 0 juvenile  
Bookings: 40  
Juvenile Citations: 2 (residents)

1) Riverside Resort is currently the high Casino Drive location for about 10% of calls, and Riverwood is currently the high residential location for about 8% of calls; 2) Statistics for 2011: Metro responded to 4,461 calls, 5,153 citations issued, 61 DUI's, 122 battery domestic violence arrests, 388 bookings into the Tucker Holding Facility, Metro Detectives handled 592 cases, 31 people from Arizona and California were extradited, and 13 search warrants were issued; 3) There are still 4 unfilled vacancies at Metro; 4) Tactical training in movement, tactics, and several scenarios at the Laughlin High School. were conducted with Bullhead City, AZ, NV Department of Public Safety, and the National Parks Service. Lt Evans thanked the high school for the use of their facility; 5) For three weeks in December Metro worked on Santa Cops, a new program to provide Christmas food, gifts, toys to local needy families and children with the assistance of donations and a grant from Target; 6) A reminder that the new cell phone law went into effect on January 1, 2012; 7) The Tri-State Investigators will be meeting in the next couple of weeks and a conference will also be held to talk about hate crimes and gangs, and putting intelligence together for the 2012 River Run;

8) Metro is very close to getting the Blood Draw contract in place and is only waiting for the contracts to be signed; and 9) About a month ago Metro got most of their radar equipment certified, and the rest will be certified in July 2012 in the new fiscal year.

**B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report:     **Sergeant Novelt****  
**Mack**

**December 2011 Statistics:**

Accidents:     3 (1 property and 2 injury)  
Contacts:       654  
Citations:     409 (315 speeding, 3 arrests)  
Arrests:       3 (1 DUI, 2 miscellaneous)  
Warrants:      3  
Other Calls for Service to Motorists: 108

1) The new cell phone law went into effect January 1, 2012, and tickets will be issued to those driving with a hand held cell phone. The first offense is not a moving violation and carries a \$50 fine, but fine amounts progress and become more expensive for subsequent stops; 2) Statistics for 2011: 59 accidents (40 property damage, 19 injury), and of these accidents 4 involved drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and 4 involved commercial vehicles, 5,332 traffic citations for violations (3,665 speeding violations, 427 hazardous moving violations, 218 safety restraint violations, 407 for a combination of driver's license and registration violations, 94 vehicles were impounded for various violations), 4 stolen vehicles recovered, 66 persons apprehended, 18 DUI's booked, 48 other charges due to warrants, and 1,400 calls for service for stranded motorists and other things of that nature).

**C. Clark County Fire Department:**

**Captain Ralph King**, Station 76, Clark County Fire Department reported.

**December 2011 Statistics:**

Stations 76 and 85 responded to 228 calls for service, up 18% from November 2011. The total number of calls for 2011 was 3,017 calls for service.

1) Fire hydrants were completed for 2011; 2) School drills have been completed; 3) Ongoing fire suppression and medical training; 4) Training and multi-agency drills with Bullhead City will continue in February 2012; 5) Clark County Fire Department just graduated a rookie school of 26 firefighters and Laughlin is the site of the swift water rescue training for the academy; and 6) In December a toy drive was conducted at Station 85 where donated toys were collected for local needy children.

**5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

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

**Laughlin Services**

**December 2011 Statistics:**

Wastewater Treated: LWRP treated an average of 1.64 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.  
Wastewater Flows: Flow decreased 150,000 gallons per day from last year at his time.  
Spills/Overflows: None.  
Complaints: None.  
Call Before You Dig: 8 mark-out requests.

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1) SCORE International is on-site preparing for the 18<sup>th</sup> SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge and all seems to be going well; 2) Public Works has presented three options for the traffic control lanes on Bruce Woodbury Drive and it is now up to the district to prioritize and fund the project; 3) The new bleach building project is approximately 80% complete and the old building will be decommissioned; 4) Casino Drive manholes and pipelines are currently on punch list, but all the major sewer work has been completed; and 5) A new project is currently underway at the facility to provide renovation of assets and will be ongoing for some time.

**B. Big Bend Water District (LVVWD) Report: Jordan Bunker, Public Services**

**Jordan Bunker** was unable to attend the meeting, so Vice-Chair **Candice FitzGerald** read the following report into the record:

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1) Contract 1342 for polyethylene service line replacements Phase III should begin by end of the month and will replace approximately 217 service lines within Villa Bonita Desert Park. All customers affected by this work will be notified in the coming months; and 2) There have been no major leaks or breaks in the system.

**C. Bullhead City Report: Brenda Richardson, Senior Administrative Analyst**

**Brenda Richardson** was unable to attend the meeting. No report.

**D. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: Richard Declercq, Recreation**

**Director**

No report.

**E. HopeLink Family Resource Center: Robyn Kelley, Program Director**  
No report.

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

1) The joint Christmas Mixer (Laughlin, Bullhead City and Mohave Valley), held at the Pioneer, was a great success, and there will be another joint mixer in April at Harrah's; 2) January 19, 2012 there will be a VIP Appreciation Mixer at the Riverside; and 3) An Economic Development Summit luncheon will be held at the Aquarius on February 9, 2012.

**G. Laughlin Tourism Commission: M. J. Smith, Executive Director**  
No report.

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

**Karen Lassen** was unable to attend the meeting. No report.

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

1) 2011-2012 school year has been very busy at the education level; 2) There were budget cuts as well as personnel cuts with the loss of a third grade teacher, a fifth grade teacher, a math specialist, the special education facilitator, and the area truancy attendance officer; 3) Attendance from August to December 2011 is 318 students, down 7 students from last December; 4) December 2010 there were 63 new students and December 2011 there were 81 new students and December 2010 25 students left and December 2011 39 students left; 5) 42% turnover rate last year and larger this year; 6) Focusing on bullying program and students being kind to each other; 7) Videos on Fridays of respect, tolerance, getting along with others, and working with others; 8) 70% free and reduced rate and growing; 9) Positive Paws award every week to recognize outstanding student contributions during the week; 10) Added extra curricular activities for students; 11) Gifted and talented students have a teacher who comes every Wednesday and this teacher is shared with Boulder City. Five students (through the efforts of this teacher and support through donations from the community) went to the Catalina Marine Island Institute for several days and thanks go out to those who donated and helped make this possible; and 12) The curriculum is moving toward the Common Core State Standards which will prepare students for college and career readiness.

**Rosemary Munger**, a substitute teacher at Bennett Elementary, commended the teachers of Bennett Elementary for the discipline of the children and how well behaved they are.

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

1) Every second Wednesday of each month a Master Gardeners Workshop will be held at the Laughlin Library. January 11, 2012 the discussion will be about pruning and in February the discussion will be about spring planting; 2) There are currently 7 Laughlin citizens trained as Master Gardeners and new training will start on March 12, 2012 to become Master Gardeners; 3) A Radon awareness class will be held February 10, 2012, 10:00 AM, at the Laughlin Library; 4) Senior Lifestyle is a free six week program with 12 classes covering healthy living, senior citizen services, and medical issues that will be held in partnership with Clark County Parks & Recreation at the Senior Center with classes beginning on February 7, 2012; and 5) The Community Garden is on the Clark County Board of Commissioners Agenda on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, for approval for 10,000 square feet of land at the Mountain View Park.

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

1) The calendar year for River Fund, Inc. ends in October each year, and for the calendar year 2011 over 1,000 families were assisted at a cost of \$110,000 to \$115,000 in aide and over \$50,000 in program grants to other 5013C local organizations; 2) The new fiscal year beginning October thru December 400 families have been assisted at a cost of about \$43,000, and one grant that went to the Colorado River Food Bank in the amount of \$10,000; 3) There were over 1,200 volunteer hours logged in 2011; 4) River Fund, Inc. grew by three

board members: **Connie Davis**, Laughlin Chamber of Commerce, **Steve Frazier**, Tropicana and River Palms, and **Lance Ross**, Valley View Medical Center; 5) Coupon Books are still available for sale; 6) Enrollment campaigns will be starting

shortly; and 7) The Laughlin Town Advisory Board, the community and all individual donors were thanked for their continued support of the River Fund, Inc.

**L. Laughlin Economic Development Corporation: Dave Floodman, President**

1) Everyone was wished a happy new year; 2) A determination of feasibility (whether or not a new town would be able to support itself) is needed for the right to vote in Laughlin; 3) Using comparable costs from communities our size in the area, the state, and throughout the nation, it looks like it would be feasible for Laughlin to be able to govern itself from this point forward; 4) Asked if the town board would write a resolution recommending that the Clark County Board of Commissioners (BCC) would grant an election (requires either the BCC or the Legislative Commission make such a determination); 5) Asked if the town board (two at a time) and public would meet with the LEDC to review the Fort Mohave Preliminary Master Plan and other reports and information in making a determination moving forward; 6) Excited about approval of the land sale to ENN; and 7) LEDC is out to eliminate the need for the River Fund, Inc. by revitalizing the economy and understanding how ENN will play into it and be a huge part of the economy moving forward.

**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).*

1. None.

**B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:**

1. 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 are 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.*

**7. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

**A. Receive a request from Debbie Dauenhauer, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTDC), Silver Rider, for a letter of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board that will accompany the SNTC's request for continuation of**

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Laughlin, and take any other action deemed appropriate.**

**Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTDC), Silver Rider, informed LTAB that the request letter would support Federal Transit Administration Grants for October 2012 through September 2013. The Laughlin grant covers Laughlin, Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari and Palm Gardens and Silver Rider is providing nearly 300,000 rides per year in these areas. Last quarter, senior rides were up over 28%. Two new buses, a 14-passenger and a 22-passenger are coming from vehicle grants written last year, and a bus was retired and donated to the Searchlight Senior Center for the Meals on Wheels Program.

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve a letter of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board that will accompany the SNTC's request for continuation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Laughlin. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

- B. Receive a report from Lisa Maas, Nevada Communities Prevention Coalition (NCPC) (WestCare), regarding their mission to engage every sector of the community in an effort to change policy, educate, and implement strategies to prevent and reduce substance abuse, other risky behavior, and to promote the wellness of the community.**

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**Lisa Maas** reported that the Nevada Communities Prevention Coalition (NCPC) is comprised of a board of community agencies brought together to help the State of Nevada Substance Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Agency reduce the impact of substance use in Clark county. NCPC's goal is to build prevention capacity and infrastructure and substance use in rural Clark County. The NCPC will be supported by funds from the of Nevada Block Grant, State Prevention Infrastructure and Methamphetamine Education grants. These funds will develop and implement a comprehensive, long-range system to ensure that state prevention resources fill identified gaps using evidence-based programs, practices, and strategies.

**Polly** (no last name given) of the Nevada Communities Prevention Coalition (NCPC), explained that the coalition was formed under the WestCare umbrella, but is a separate entity under a separate 501c3 license. A need for services was seen in the rural areas so besides Laughlin, the coalition is also focusing on Boulder City, Mesquite, Overton and Logandale with the goal to come into the community and find out the individual needs of each community. Information from surveys has been compiled into a format to bring back to each community with the survey answers. The goal is to target services that are needed, find those services, and bring those services from Las Vegas to each rural community. Funding was secured last July 2011 to build infrastructure and that is what's happening now, and in July 2012 the coalition should be able to receive grant money to start working and targeting goals. Monthly public meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the American Legion and the public is invited to attend to help make changes in the Laughlin community.

- C. Receive a report from Chelsie Campbell, Local Government Affairs – South, NV Energy, regarding the new NV Energize (Smart Meters).**

**Sal Tuipelehake**, 1575 Cal Edison Drive, NV Energy, reported that handouts and a slide presentation will introduce the new NV Energize Smart Meter Program.

**Peter Easler**, 6226 W. Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89146 (corporate office), gave a slide presentation explaining the new Smart Meter program being implemented by NV Energy and how the Smart Meters will benefit the consumer with new technology to understand your energy use and improve outage response. There is also a “Cool Share Program” offered that, with the permission of the customer, allows NV Energy to reduce individual consumer energy use and cooling costs by controlling your thermostat for certain times of the day for short periods of time. The new meters will be installed beginning the week of January 16, 2012.

There is also a home display unit available to monitor air conditioning and appliance usage.

**Tom Bartelmy**, 2295 High Terrace Lane, Laughlin, NV, asked about customer service with regard to phone calls to NV Energy and **Jackie Brady** stated that because this is not part of the agenda item it should be discussed with a NV Energy representative following the meeting.

**Jim Bodley**, 1838 Oasis Court, Laughlin, NV, asked if the towers are microwave and the answer was no, they are radio wave frequency only and do not emit microwaves.

**D. Nominate and appoint a Laughlin Town Advisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair, and take any other action deemed appropriate.**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to nominate and appoint **Candice FitzGerald** as the Laughlin Town Advisory Board Chair. Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0.

**Candice FitzGerald** moved, **James Vincent** seconded to nominate and appoint **Rosemary Munger** as the Laughlin Town Advisory Board Vice-Chair. Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0.

**E. Nominate and appoint Laughlin Town Advisory Board Standing Committee Co-Chairs, and take any other action deemed appropriate.**

**Candice FitzGerald** stated that this item specially speaks to the Community Development Committee since there is no Co-Chair either from the board or from the citizens on the committee. Because there are five committees and currently only four town board members, the options are to have one board member on two committees, or have two committees meet jointly or attend two meetings.

**James Vincent** stated that the Public Works Committee is very busy, but feels that **Fred Doten** is competent and capable of taking over the Public Works Committee as Committee Co-Chair and asked **Michael Bekoff** if he would be willing to take over the Community Development Committee as board Co-Chair to get the Community Development Committee back on track. **Mr. Bekoff** responded that he would be willing to be Community Development Co-Chair.

**James Vincent** moved, **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to remove **Michael Bekoff** as board

Co-Chair of the Public Works Committee and nominate and appoint **Michael Bekoff** as board Co-Chair of the Community Development Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried

4-0.

- F. Receive a presentation from Fred Doten, Public Works Committee Co-Chair, on the road changes resulting from the analysis conducted by the Clark County Public Works of the James A. Bilbray/El Mirage Way Loop, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**Fred Doten**, Public Works Committee Co-Chair, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the history of the James A. Bilbray/El Mirage Way Loop with regard to signage, a turn lane installation, and reduction of speed limits. Future changes when resources are available at James A. Bilbray are an offset turn lane from Mesa Canyon Drive south to Quail Song will remain as is, and installation of 800 feet of turn lane from Mesa Canyon Drive north to Fresa Lane. Future changes when resources are available at El Mirage Way are Type 1 centerline from Needles Highway to Bay club to remain as is, installation of 450 feet of edge line on El Mirage Way starting at Needles Highway, installation of 800 feet of left turn lane going north from Water Crest Road, and installation of 25 mph signs from Water Crest Road south to just after Banyon Drive.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Community Development:**

**Co-Chair**

No report.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be January 25, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

- B. Parks & Recreation:**

**James Vincent, Co-Chair**

No report. No meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be January 23, 2012, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

- C. Public Safety:**

**Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair**

No report. No meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be January 23, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

- D. Public Works:**

**Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair**

No report. No meeting in December

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be January 17, 2012, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

- E. Social Services:**

**Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair**

No report. No meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be January 12, 2012, 8:30 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

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 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.

**Bob Cantu**, 3300 Needles Highway, Laughlin, NV, regarding lack of communication from **Commissioner Sisolak** and sale of the 9,000 acres in Laughlin.

**Tom Hewitt**, 3550 Bay Sands Drive, Laughlin, NV, regarding a code enforcement citation for a water feature at the condominium complex where he lives.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, January 31, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than January 20, 2012, and February 3, 2012, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Michael Bekoff** moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

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*These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 14, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting.*