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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

**February 12, 2013
1:30 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: **James Vincent, Chair**
 Fred Doten, Vice-Chair
 Roger Burtraw
 Candice FitzGerald

MEMBERS ABSENT: **None**
OTHERS PRESENT: **20 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 the **Rev. Charles Urnick** and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Fred Doten**
- 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 February 12, 2013 Agenda.**

For Possible Action

Fred Doten moved **Roger Burtraw** seconded to approve as presented the February 12, 2013, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. **Approval of January 15, 2013 Minutes.**

For Possible Action

Roger Burtraw moved **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to approve as presented the January 15, 2013 Town Advisory Board Minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

C. Review a draft of the 2013-2014 ByLaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for possible adoption at the March 12, 2013 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, discuss and introduce recommended changes of the 2013-2014 Laughlin Town Advisory Board ByLaws, and take any action deemed appropriate.

For Possible Action

Fred Doten stated his concern was who can sit on the committees and do they have to be a resident of Laughlin?

Jackie Brady commented on this question and said agency members and representatives are always welcome at the committee meetings and they serve as semi- staff to provide advice and information, but only Laughlin residents can be on the committee and vote.

Jackie Brady went on to say the committees are public meetings and anyone can attend.

James Vincent asked **Fred Doten** to draw up a proposed draft to the bylaws to be discussed at the March 12, 2013 LTAB regarding non-residents committee members and their capacity.

Candice FitzGerald commented about “Article III, A – Members.” There has been some discussion on this previously and **Candice FitzGerald** thought the discussion was that members of the LTAB had to be registered voters and not just qualified to register to vote.

James Vincent stated if he remembered correctly this discussion was for “Article III B-2” regarding the straw poll to be available to registered voters.

Jackie Brady said she would review past minutes and will have the information at the March 12, 2013 LTAB meeting.

James Vincent asked for the Bylaws to be on the March 12, 2013 agenda for further discussion.

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. Brian Evans, Commander**

January 2013 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 321, a -9.32% decrease from January 2012

Traffic Citations: 263

DUI’s: 4

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 6

Bookings: 56

Juvenile Citations: 0

Lt. Evans said yesterday was **Sgt. Jack Prescott** last day; he has retired with 28 years of service with Metro.

Officer Dave Thompson is also retiring next month.

There are 2 positions posted for Metro to fill these openings.

Lt. Evans said right now Metro is identifying their resources for the 2013 River Run in April.

Lt. Evans advised that Metro had a couple more incidents of car hopping; this is when people leave their cars unlock and people are burglarizing the unlocked cars.

There were about 5 or 6 within the last week and Metro has made an arrest and the car hopping has stopped for now.

- B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report: **Sergeant Novelt Mack**
No Report

C. Clark County Fire Department:

Greg Cassell-Battalion Chief

Greg Cassell reported for the month of January 2013 there was a total of 220 responses.

Currently what we are working on is assisting the Homeless census tracking that took place last month. The Fire Dept assigned some personnel at 4:30 in the morning to help with a group of people to go out and count the homeless in the area and the greater Clark County area. This census will help with grant funding and funding from the Government for the homeless population.

Today we are starting a three days road rescue drill; the scenario is a car that has gone off a cliff and we are working with Bullhead city Fire Dept. to go down and extract the person from the vehicle.

There are concerns with the Reba concert in March and the traffic flow. This concern is currently being worked out.

We are also planning for the River Run in April.

James Vincent commented about the response calls down at station 76 and calls are up at station 85 and asked if there was a reason for that.

Greg Cassell said there was not a reason; it just depends on weather, and what is going on in the community.

James Vincent also asked about the River Run and if the Fire Dept. brings down reinforcements.

Greg Cassell said due to the budget cuts there will not be reinforcements brought down from Las Vegas and there will be one ambulance and rescue crew added for the River Run weekend.

5. **COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

A. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report:
Manager

Jake Jacobson, Assistant

Laughlin Services

January 2013 Statistics:

Wastewater Treated: 1.62 MGD

Wastewater Flows: Flow decrease 80,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig: 13

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

Jordan Bunker was unable to attend and **James Vincent** read the report.

The water system remains stable with no major leaks or breaks with the service system. The Casino Dr pipeline relocation is now complete and the road is repaved and open.

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

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

Trey Smith reported:

NEW CLASSES

Starting on February 28th we will be offering a “Intro to Computer” class for the seniors

- Class will be from 9am – 10am
- We will cover basic computer functions, internet, and Microsoft office
- Free to attend but only 6 spots available each week
- Also on February 28th there will be open computer lab from 10am – 12pm
- Time is limited to 1 hour per person

SPORTS

Our bocce ball league is starting their playoffs here on the 27th
Horseshoe League will start on the 25th.

- Games will start at 9am
- Deadline to register is February 20th

EVENTS

On February 14th there will be a Valentine Luncheon starting at 11am

- Cost is \$7.50 per person
- Food will be catered from Mama’s Pizzeria
- Last day to sign up is Wednesday the 13th by noon
- On the 20th we will be taking a field trip to the Mob Museum in Las Vegas
- Due to the high demand we will offer it again in the future
- Our next bowling trip will be on March 6th

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

Connie Davis reported tomorrow February 13, 2013 at the Regional Government Center there is a free seminar for the “Understanding the Affordable Health Care Act” at 10:00am. There is a specialist coming from Las Vegas to talk about what to answer questions.

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On Wednesday February 20, 2013 there will be a free Procurement Seminar here at the RGC building and it’s about securing government contracts for businesses. There will be people here from Las Vegas to help with the marketing and paperwork.

The Chamber is working with “We Care Cancer” to sponsor a walk starting on the Bullhead City side and will end at the new Colorado River Heritage Gateway Trails (North Reach). This will take place November 9, 2013.

The Chamber is starting a radio campaign and some PSA’s to promote upper Laughlin and the businesses. The Chamber is also putting together a brochure that will talk about the businesses in Laughlin. Hopefully this campaign will help the economic development in this area.

Fred Doten asked about putting Brochures at the Airport and **Connie Davis** said that was currently being worked on.

F. Laughlin Library, **Mario Aguilar, Branch Manager**

Mario Aguilar provided some history of his back ground.

Taking a look forward we will be looking at the collection and both the children’s and the adult side.

On March 9, 2013 there will be a murder mystery called “Murder in the Keys”, which will be held after hours so please stop by.

There is also a book sell March 16, 2013 from 10am to 5pm; there will be all types of books.

A blood drive is scheduled for March but a date has not been selected yet.

Children’s programming will include **DJ Tony** and there will also be some puppeteers.

Fred Doten asked about a list for the electronic books and **Mario Aguilar** said there is an extensive list on line.

James Vincent advised **Mario Aguilar** that at Aldape’s market place there is a large message board set up for the Library to post upcoming events.

G. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: **Debbie Marcusson, Extension**

Educator

Debbie Marcusson reported she has 4 different items to talk about.

1.) She will be working with **Fred Doten** and the **American Legion** to start the community Garden. **Debbie Marcusson** was able to secure some funding and hopefully by the spring the work can start for the Garden.

2.) The senior lifestyle program will start in March at the senior center on Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. The program is open to all seniors and will help promote healthy eating and healthy living. The program will also provide information on security in the home, help prevent falls and anything that will help our seniors live a healthier lifestyle and answer questions.

3.) We are looking to hire a person for the 4-H program. The position will be open in about a month.

4.) GROW Healthy Kids and communities. Generating Rural Options for Weight-Healthy kids and Communities, in partnership with University of Nevada Reno Extension Services, seeks to affect community change by exploring community that make it easy or difficult for adults and children to eat healthfully and be physically active.

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We need 12-15 or more volunteers of all ages to help with this program. Thursday February 28, 2013 at 4pm at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center. **RSVP Debbie Marcusson.** Equipment, Training and refreshments provided.

Debbie

H. Bennett Elementary School:
No Report

Dawn Estes, Principal

6. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. Announce and approve appointments to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board standing committees of Community Development, Public Safety, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Social Services for 2013, and take any other action deemed appropriate.

For Possible Action

James Vincent recommended appointment to the Park & Recreation Committee and the Community Development Committee with the following applicants:

Park & Recreation Committee:

Standing committee member **Cheryl Crow, Mary Ann Gallentine, Noreen F. McBride** and **Kathy Atkins**

Candice FitzGerald moved **Fred Doten** seconded to approve the appointments of the

recommended committee members to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Community Development Committee:

Standing committee member **Rick Simmons, Jim Maniaci, CW Marvin, Trish Bleich, and Sharon Davie**

Candice FitzGerald moved, **Fred Doten** seconded to approve the appointments of the recommended committee members to the Community Development Committee. Upon a voice, motion carried 4-0

Candice FitzGerald recommended appointment to the Public Safety Committee, with the following applicants:

Public Safety Committee:

Standing Committee members **F Thomas Hewitt, Dorothy Lewis, Gerald Preuss, Bill Condray, and Tom Bartlemy**

Candice FitzGerald moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the appointments of the recommended committee members to the Public Safety Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Fred Doten recommended appointment to the Public Works Committee, with the following applicants:

Public Works Committee:

Standing Committee members **Jim DeWoody, Frank Pilj, Jim Bodley, Steve Collins, Shawn Escarzaga, Ralph Stevens, and Jon L. Safranek**

Fred Doten recommended **Ralph Stevens** who works for the Water of Reclamation as an alternate on the committee and provide staff support.

Fred Doten moved **James Vincent** seconded to approve the appointments of the recommended committee members to the Public Works Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Roger Burtraw recommended appointment to the Social Services Committee, with the following applicants:

Social Services Committee:

Fred Doten said the committee covered upcoming goals and work scheduled. The traffic study is now complete at Cougar Dr and Bruce Woodbury Dr but he has not received a report yet.

Republic Services will speak at the Public Works committee meeting regarding the new recycle program in Laughlin.

Jackie Brady and Candice FitzGerald suggested that **Republic services** attend the March 12, 2013 LTAB to give a report and answer any questions.

E. Social Services: Roger Burtraw – Co-Chair

Roger Burtraw said he did not have anything to report this month but the next Social Services committee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013 at 8:30am

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Carey Grier Laughlin, NV thanked **Connie Davis** for promoting the Town of Laughlin. **Mr. Grier** would like to see more growth in Laughlin and possibly more signage for tourist information. He would like visitors to be aware there is a grocery store, gas station and restaurants available on Needles Hwy.

James Vincent invited **Mr. Grier** to attend the next Community Development committee meeting to add his input and be part of the discussions.

Dorothy Lewis Laughlin, NV wanted to thank the Laughlin Town Managers office regarding their quick response for the repair of a sidewalk that could be a potential hazard, and the removal of the outdated political signs.

Henry Ellsworth Gamester Bullhead City, AZ stated he is a member of the new Elks lodge in Laughlin and would like to introduce himself.

Mr. Gamester provided a brief history of the Elks Lodge and its conception. He also explained what the Elks support and all monies collected go to various charities.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday

February 26, 2013, and the next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than February 13, 2013, and February 28, 2013, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Fred Doten moved, **Roger Burtraw** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 12, 2013 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 9, 2013 meeting.