



Laughlin Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

February 14, 2012
1:30 P.M.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: 35 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 **Father Charlie Urnrich** and Pledge of Allegiance led by **Rosemary Munger**.
- 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 14, 2012 Agenda.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the February 14, 2012, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. Approval of January 10, 2011 Minutes.

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve as presented the January 10, 2012 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 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.

Dick McCall, 3835 Desert Marina Drive #219, Laughlin, NV 89029, stated that if there is going to be a water rate increase there should be public hearings.

Robert Cantu, 3300 Needles Hwy, Laughlin, NV 89029, stated he wants to discuss the water rate increase issue in more detail later.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

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

January 2012 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 354, up 13.10% from January 2011
Traffic Citations: 403
DUI’s: 3
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 5
Bookings: 44
Juvenile Citations: 8 (4 residents, 4 out-of-state)

1) The Blood Draw contract was finalized and someone hired for after hour blood draws two weeks ago, but the next day the gentleman had to quit due to a family emergency, so it is hoped that a replacement can be in place by the end of the month; 2) Manpower remains the same because **Officer Richard Johnson** was hired and another officer retired; and 3) The jail got another corrections officer, **Jim O’Donnell**.

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

January 2012 Statistics:

Accidents: 3 (1 property and 2 injury)
Contacts: 614

Citations: 395
 Arrests: 3 (1 DUI)
 Warrants: 4

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. It is too early to draw any conclusions about the new law. To clarify the public safety announcements that the fines are \$50, that does not include court assessment and administrative fees that can be levied up to \$112.00 for the first offense.

C. Clark County Fire Department:

Greg Castle, Battalion Chief, 3B Platoon, Clark County Fire Department reported.

January 2012 Statistics:

Stations 76 and 85 responded to 256 calls for service, up 14% from January 2011.

1) Began second year of mutual aide training with the Bullhead City Fire Department; 2) New radios acquired with grant funding; 3) Command and Control Classes running; 4) Apparatus updates to hose load procedures to a newer easier to deploy hose load model for fighting fires in apartments and parking garages to be implemented in March 2012; 5) Table Top Exercises to exercise the Command and Control Classes; and 6) Public safety entities have a free pass on the new cell phone law, but as a department Blue Tooth sets were purchased for all staff having an assigned cell phone to comply with the law even though technically they don't have to.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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

Laughlin Services

January 2012 Statistics:

Wastewater Treated: LWRF treated an average of 1.70 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.
 Wastewater Flows: Flow decreased 160,000 gallons per day from last year at his time.
 Spills/Overflows: None.
 Complaints: One odor complaint of a private sewer in a business complex checked.
 Call Before You Dig: 16 mark-out requests.

1) As part of a State Permit negotiations a Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) Study on TDS coming into the plant is required by May 13, 2012, so crews will begin midnight February 22, 2012 for three consecutive days of sampling and the following week will begin again on Wednesday night for three weeks straight. Crews will be at each of the twelve sights for approximately an hour for sampling; 2) The 2011

year in review: average flow per month was 1.97 MGD (about a 1% increase from 2010).

Various complaints were investigated and repaired during 2011; total call before you dig tickets for 2011 was 194; 146,944 feet of pipe was cleaned for maintenance in 2011; and 3) Project 621 on the Bleach Plant has an estimated completion of October 2012, Project 630 on the Laughlin Aeration Piping Replacement and Bleach Building location has an estimated completion of 2012, Project 641 to design and construct a structure to house the sodium hydrochloride storage and chemical feed system, and first flush storm water drainage system is included in the project.

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

1) Contract 1342 for polyethylene service line replacements Phase III begin this month and will replace approximately 217 service lines within Villa Bonita and Desert Park. All customers affected by this work will be notified in the coming months.

In response to **Mr. McCall's** and **Mr. Cantu's** comments, on February 29, 2012 the Southern Nevada Water Authority Board of Directors will be conducting a public hearing on an infrastructure surcharge for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, but the Big Bend Water District and its customers will not be affected by this rate change. This increase has been developed to offset significant declines in connection charge revenues as well as to continue to fund improvements.

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

1) Arizona turns 100 years old today so there are many celebrations throughout the state; 2) A ribbon cutting to unveil the Centennial Pathway and the Pioneer Gardens was held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 and several historical photos have been placed on the City website to celebrate the Arizona Centennial milestone; 3) The AYSO will hold the annual three-day soccer tournament this weekend with 2,000 to 3,000 people anticipated to attend and the Aquarius Resort is host hotel; 4) At the City Council meeting on February 21, 2012, Bullhead City Council will consider a request to rename the Hardyville Days event held annually; and 5) The River Regatta dates are August 9 through 11, 2012, with the theme "Stay true to the red, white and blue".

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

No report.

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

1) March 8, 2012, an Economic Development Summit about business expansion and retention will be held at the Aquarius Resort; 2) March 8, 2012, the Annual Meeting Mixer to reveal 2012 plans will be held at the Aquarius Resort at 5:30 PM; 3) Working with consulting company out of Las Vegas on economic development for the area in terms of needs and what the Chamber can provide; 4) Working with UNLV students and will be having focus groups with community participation, grant funded; and 5) Residents in the community are asking for education on what incorporation, if it happens, would mean to them so the Chamber has asked Clark County, the State, UNR Cooperative Extension, and the LEDC to come to the

event in March 2012.

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

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

1) E-Books and downloadable books are available; 2) Statistics for January 2012: New cards-148, circulation statistics for books checked out-18,109, patron county-11,444; 3) AARP Tax-Aide every Thursday through April 12, 2012, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; 4) Murder In Movie Land (murder mystery play) on March 10, 2012, 7:00 PM; 5) Travel Series Lecture, Antarctica, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM; 6) Spirit Mountain meets Saturday, February 18, 2012, 10:30 AM; 7) Master Gardeners meets Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 10:30 AM; 7) Photograph Exhibit in Gallery until March 21, 2012; Voter registration Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29, 2012, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; 8) **Tonya Thomas** is the new Children's Librarian and she has lots of new programs.

H. Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes, Principal**
No report.

I. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: **Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator**
No report.

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, 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. **TA-0034-12 – KRISTY C. INCE**
TEXT AMENDMENT to amend Chapter 30.52, Section 30.52.060 to allow new utility line attachments to existing or exempt poles. To the Board of County Commissioners 03/07/12.

Deborah Murray reported that there is no one present to represent the item and when the Laughlin Town Manager's Office contacted the applicant prior to this meeting, were told that there would not be a representative present.

Discussion followed about what to do.

Rosemary Munger moved, **James Vincent** seconded to deny **TA-0034-12 – KRISTY C. INCE** based upon insufficient information and failure of applicant to

appear. Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0.

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. Announce 2012 Laughlin Citizen of the Year and present a plaque and Proclamation in recognition of community service.**

Candice FitzGerald, Chair, announced **Darryl Dauenhauer** 2012 Laughlin Citizen of the Year, and presented a Plaque from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board and citizens of Laughlin, and a Proclamation signed by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners.

- B. 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 2012, and take any other action deemed appropriate.**

Community Development Committee:

Michael Bekoff LTAB Co-Chair
Trish Bleich Committee Co-Chair
Rick Simmons Secretary
Jesse Lewis
C. W. Marvin
Karl Munninger
Sharon Davie

Public Safety Committee:

Candice FitzGerald LTAB Co-Chair
Gerald Preuss Committee Co-Chair
Candice FitzGerald Secretary
Dorothy Lewis
Bill Condray
Thomas J. Bartelmy

Public Works Committee:

Vacant – LTAB Co-Chair
Fred Doten Committee Co-Chair
Fred Doten Secretary
Jim DeWoody
Jon L. Safranek
Jim Bodley

Shawn Escarzaga

Parks & Recreation Committee:

James Vincent LTAB Co-Chair
Vacant - Committee Co-Chair
Vacant - Secretary
Cheryl Crow
Michelle Vestal
Kathy Atkins
Lucy Anna Johnson

Social Services Committee:

Rosemary Munger LTAB Co-Chair
Victoria Conely Committee Co-Chair
Cheryl Seipke Secretary
Joy Bennett
Joe Marr

Candice FitzGerald moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to appoint the 2012 Laughlin Town Advisory Board standing committees as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

C. Receive a report from Jordan Bunker, Public Services, Big Bend Water District, on a proposed Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) rate increase.

On February 29, 2012, the Southern Nevada Water Authority Board of Directors will be considering an infrastructure surcharge to fund capital improvement projects that provide a reliable water supply in the Las Vegas Valley which includes the third intake, water treatment facilities, and transmission pipelines. The lack of adequate funding is due to a severe decline in construction and connection fees. The proposed surcharge does not apply to the Big Bend Water District so there will be no water rate increase for residents of Laughlin.

D. Receive a report from Albert Chavez, Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter, Southern Nevada Region, about Alzheimer's disease and CarePro.

Albert Chavez, Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter, Southern Nevada Region, gave a slide show presentation on Alzheimer's Disease, the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and one out of eight people over the age of 65 will be diagnosed with the disease. The Alzheimer's Association has a 24-hour/day help line, information and referral, a Family Care Consultants Program, support groups, a Safe Return Medical Alert Program (a bracelet that can be worn by an Alzheimer's patient), education programs and a Care Pro Program that is planned to come to Laughlin in April 2012 to alleviate caregiver stress and add support. The approved site for the Care Pro Program is the Laughlin American Legion Post 60.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**A. Community Development:
Chair**

1) Officers were elected; 2) Reviewed past committee accomplishments; 3) Reviewed past issues discussed by the committee; 4) The committee wants to coordinate with the opening of the North Reach Trails Project and the V. A. Clinic; 5) The Family Resource Center situation was discussed; 6) **Lisa Moss** and the Children's Coalition; 7) A vote was taken to coordinate a joint meeting of all five LTAB committees to coordinate goals and objectives in 2012; and 8) Discussed the moving of the rodeo from the Laughlin Event Center to the Mohave Crossing Event Center.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be February 22, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

B. Parks & Recreation: James Vincent, Co-Chair
No report. No meeting in January.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be February 27, 2012, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

C. Public Safety: Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair
No report. No meeting in January due to lack of a quorum.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be February 27, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

D. Public Works: Fred Doten, Committee Co-Chair

1) Received a briefing from Republic Services representatives on the waste management program in Laughlin; 2) Received an update on recent traffic studies in Laughlin; 3) Received an update on slurry sealing activities in Laughlin; and 4) Received an update on traffic studies on the James A. Bilbray/El Mirage Loop.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be February 21, 2012, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services: Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair

There were two meetings in January 2012: January 12 and a Special Call January 30. **Robyn Kelley's** job with HopeLink was eliminated so she had to resign at the January 12, 2012 meeting. The Special Call Meeting was held to change the meeting date and time for subsequent meetings. January 12 Meeting: 1) **Lance Ross** addressed the File of Life; and 2) **Joy Bennett** is a new member of the Social Services Committee. January 30 Special Call Meeting: 1) The new meeting date and time for the Social Services Committee was changed to the third Tuesday each month

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be February 21, 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 concerns on the Casino Drive Improvement Project.

Lance Ross, Community Relations Director, Valley View Medical Center, reported that he is working on an in-house resource directory for services available in the tri-state area and once he has it compiled will offer the information to the Social Services Committee for the Laughlin Resource Directory. **Mr. Ross** also stated that there have been funding and sponsorship issues with the File For Life cards, but it is still hoped that the project can be completed this year.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, February 28, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than February 17, 2012, and March 2, 2012, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 13, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting.