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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

May 08, 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
Vacant

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: 30 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 **Michael Bekoff**.
- 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 May 8, 2012 Agenda.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the May 8, 2012, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. Approval of April 10, 2012 Minutes.

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve as presented the April 10, 2012 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

C. Approval of the April 24, 2012 Minutes.

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the April 24, 2012 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes with the following corrections: **Rosemary Munger** was not present at the meeting, **Rosemary Munger** did not lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Rosemary Munger** did not move to approve the April 24, 2012 Agenda. 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 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.

Terry Ursini, 2120 Kiva Way, Laughlin, NV, stated that the properties on the agenda under zoning item **WS-0173-12 – ANGEL FAMILY TRUST** are directly across the street from his property and he has no problem with the intent of the homeowner, therefore, he asks Town Board for support and approval of the waiver request.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Sgt. Jack Prescott, Laughlin Metro Substation, reported

April 2012 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 449, up 2.75% from April 2011

Traffic Citations: 426

DUI’s: 6

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 13

Bookings: 70

Juvenile Citations: 15 (6 residents, 9 out-of-state)

1) Riverside Resort had the highest calls for service on Casino Drive and Riverwood Apartments had the highest calls for service in the residential area of Laughlin; 2) Laughlin River Run resulted in 4 felony arrests, 21 misdemeanor arrests, 97 traffic citations, 4 adult misdemeanor citations, 4 juvenile citations, 3 traffic accidents, and no motorcycles taken; and 3) April 2, 2012, a female ran over one police officer and tried to strike another, then fled on Casino Drive but was eventually taken into custody and booked for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, battery with a deadly weapon on a police officer, and under the influence of methamphetamine.

Rosemary Munger commended Lt. Evans and Metro, and the Laughlin Jr/Sr High School Administration, for the presentation on driving under the influence of alcohol at the Laughlin Jr/Sr High School on April 20, 2012, following the death of a young man in a car accident.

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

April 2012 Statistics:

Accidents: 9 (6 property and 3 injury)
Citations: 288 (192 speeding)
DUI: 4
Warrants Served: 7
Assisted Stranded Motorists: 135

1) April 25-29, 2012 during River Run 7 of the 9 accidents in April took place: 2 property, 5 injury crashes, 160 citations from 321 contacts, 3 DUI's, 1 warrant arrest, and 116 speeding citations; and 3) A trooper assisted a heart attack victim until Life Flight could transport him to a hospital and he survived.

C. Clark County Fire Department:

Scott Webster, Battalion Chief, Battalion 3-B Platoon, Clark County Fire Department reported.

April 2012 Statistics:

Stations 76 and 85 responded to 323 calls for service, up 9% from April 2011.

1) School drills business inspections, hydrant inspections, business inspections, and monthly training evolutions; and 2) Multi-jurisdictional Tech Rescue training with Bullhead City Fire Department.

Captain Warren Whitney, new Captain at Station 76, answering a question asked at the last meeting, reported that there are two programs similar to Reverse 911: Alert ID at www.alertid.com, a free service alert to crime, disaster, or other emergencies locally, www.sonevada.onthealert.com, a free alert service, and Google/News Alerts, for news stories within your area.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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

Laughlin Services

April 2012 Statistics:

Wastewater Treated: LWRP treated an average of 1.93 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.

Wastewater Flows: Flow decreased 90,000 gallons per day from last year at his time.

Spills/Overflows: None.

Complaints: On April 18, 2012 a call was received from a citizen at 1751 Esteban Drive, Laughlin, regarding sewer flow problems. District staff investigated and determined the problem was the private lateral of the residence and citizen was advised to contact a plumber.

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Call Before You Dig: 12 mark-out requests.

1) There is a decrease in flows from 2011 every month so far this quarter.

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

Jordan Bunker was unable to attend the meeting so **Candice FitzGerald** read the following report sent via email:

1) Contract 1342 Polyethylene Service Line replacements in villa Bonita and Desert Park is approximately 75 percent complete. Substantial completion was met in April. Approximately 215 service lines have been replaced and punch list items are now being addressed; 2) Contract 1355, which is for approximately 100 service line replacements in the Heritage Community, should begin later this summer, and as always affected customers will be notified before work begins.

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

1) Annual City Budget Work sessions will be held next week and **City Manager Toby Cotter** and **Finance Director Rudy Vera** will present a proposed balanced budget of \$72.6 million dollars to Mayor and Council; 2) The co-mingled curbside recycling program has proven to be a success with 1,097 tons in 44 service days; 3) Movie In The Park is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Ken Fovargue Community Park with "Cars II" being shown at dark. Also on Saturday, May 19, 2012, there will be free admission to the Community Pool from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM; 4) Wednesday, May 16, 2012, the BHC Police Department will present the Peace Officers Memorial Service in the Police Department parking lot in front of the flag poles to pay respect to our fallen heroes in law enforcement; and 5) River Regatta, "True to the Red, White and Blue" registration opened on May 1, 2012 (through August 3, 2012), and as of May 8, 2012 366 on-line registrations have been received (a 216% increase from this time last year). On-line registration is \$20 per person and in-person registration will be available at BHC City Hall from June 1, 2012 through August 3, 2012, 5:00 PM, for \$25 per person, and after August 3, 2012, 5:00 PM, new and pre-registration will not be accepted at BHC City Hall. August 6, 2012 through

August 11,

2012 in-person registration for \$30 will be available at the BHC Chamber of Commerce.

D. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Richard Declercq, Recreation Director**
No report.

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

1) Chamber of Commerce dispersed information on voting on Laughlin Discover Nevada, Travel Nevada encouraging citizens to vote for the Laughlin community in the Discover Nevada contest. The Colorado River, Laughlin, and the Valley of Fire, Overton, were neck and neck, but Valley of Fire won and Laughlin came in second; 2) The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a portion of the Third Annual Honoring Education Awards event taking place on May 8, 2012 honoring educators in the tri-state area, with over 400 nominations and out of those 40 top achievers will receive awards; 3) Chamber Mixer at the Colorado Belle on May 10, 2012, 5:30 PM in the Mardi Gras Room with **Ron Graham** the keynote speaker sharing experiences in international management and counter-terrorism; 4) The widely distributed Community Guide will be reprinted the 25th of May and allows local businesses to advertise; 5) May 30, 2012, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Laughlin Regional Government Center the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a focus group to gather information for a grant funding project for a building project in Laughlin; 6) The Chamber of Commerce will be holding an Education Forum on incorporation on May 23, 2012 at the Laughlin High School from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The forum will allow citizens of Laughlin to ask questions regarding incorporation and the State of Nevada Feasibility Study with state and local dignitaries in attendance; and 7) The Chef's Food Fest is scheduled for June 21, 2012 at the Aquarius, with tickets available at \$50 each from the Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds go to the Laughlin River Fund, Inc.

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

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

1) The Summer Reading Program begins on June 1, 2012; 2) Every Thursday at 10:30 AM a Baby and Toddler Story Time, and every Friday at 4:30 PM a Five and Under Story Time; 3) Saturday, May 12, 2012, a Mother's Day Craft at 3:00 PM; 4) The Laughlin Library will be closed on May 28, 2012, Memorial Day; 5) An exhibit of oil paintings by **Rita Stephens** is on display until May 25, 2012 followed by photography by the Nevada Camera Club May 26, 2012 through August 15, 2012; 6) Master Gardeners will meet on May 9, 2012 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM; 7) Saturday, May 12, 2012, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, a book discussion of "Thought Provoking Lessons of Life" by **Wendell Fountain**; 8) Monday May 14, 2012 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM an evening of open mike poetry; 9) Spirit Mountain Quilt Guild will meet May 19, 2012, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM; and 10) Sunday, May 20, 2012, 2:00 PM to 4:30PM a student piano recital by local piano instructor **LuAnn Kruz**.

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

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

No report.

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

1) Last year River Fund, Inc. helped a little over 1,000 individuals and families with nearly \$200,000 in assistance; 2) There is growing support throughout the tri-state area for River Fund, Inc. to take care of the increasing needs in the valley; 3) There were 9 applications to the River Fund, Inc. board for program grants that will be awarded in June; 4) Residual funds will be reserved for holiday meals for the needy through the local food banks; 5) A new partnership has been formed with East Valley Family Services, 55 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV. They are open every Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and are helping to fill the void left by the closure of HopeLink Family Services. Some of the assistance services being provided by East Valley are food, energy, rent, transportation, employment and job training, elderly and disability benefits, and health care for children with special medical needs. 6) The Las Vegas Urban League is also partnering with East Valley Family Services and has money to help with utility, rent, security deposits, transportation, moving expenses, emergency supplies and child care issues.

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).

1. **UC-0032-10 (ET-0023-12) - ROBERT A. SWIFT TRUST, ET AL:**
USE PERMITS FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME to commence the following:
1) electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility); and 2) public utility structures (electric switching/substation) with all ancillary utility structures and overhead transmission lines.
WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) eliminate the required setback from a non-industrial development; 2) eliminate landscaping and buffering requirements; 3) eliminate on-site paving; and 4) eliminate trash enclosure requirements.
DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility) with all ancillary structures and uses; and 2) public utility structures (electric switching/substation) including all ancillary structures and facilities on 217.2 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 4,000 feet north of State Route 164 and 2,000 feet west of US Highway 95 within Searchlight. 7-0 To the Planning Commission 04/17/12. Approved subject to certain conditions 04/17/12.

B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:

**1. WS-0173-12 – ANGEL FAMILY TRUST:
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to reduce the side setbacks for**

a patio cover and a recreational vehicle garage in conjunction with 2 single family residences on separate parcels on a total of 0.5 acres in an R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone. Generally located on the south side of Kiva Way, 66 feet east of Manzanita Way (alignment) within Laughlin. To the Planning Commission 06/05/12. For Possible Action

Bill Angel, 2790 Olympic View Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709, the applicant, informed Town Board that he currently resides in California, but has two homes in Laughlin located at 2115 Kiva Way and 2125 Kiva Way, Laughlin, NV. It is his intention for he and his wife to retire to these homes in approximately two years and he needs two large covered structures to store a motorhome, boat, jet skis/trailer and cars to keep them out of the harsh weather. **Mr. Angel** started a patio structure project last year without first obtaining the required permits and approvals, and the partial structure does not meet the required setbacks. **Mr. Angel** provided drawings of the two proposed projects and photos of neighboring properties with similar structures.

Eldon Thayer, 3325 Cactus Springs Drive, Laughlin, NV, is opposed to a variance because he's counted on the setbacks to maintain the value of his property. He doesn't believe that the proposed improvements to **Mr. Angel's** property will improve the neighborhood property values.

A discussion regarding asking **Deborah Murray** (staff) to research the neighboring properties in the photographs presented that appear to be in violation of the setbacks to determine whether or not those properties received waivers for the structures. **Rosemary Munger** stated "If these types of structures are prominent in your neighborhood then there is no reason for us to go along with the Planning Commission's recommendation of turning it down". **Deborah Murray** stated that this is a building code-fire construction issue that is close to the property line, not a zoning ordinance that may have been grandfathered in.

Rosemary Munger moved, **Michael Bekoff** to postpone a decision until the next Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting of June 12, 2012, with no staff research, so the Town Board members can make a more informed decision. Upon a voice vote motion failed 2-2 (**FitzGerald, Vincent**).

Michael Bekoff moved, **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to hold WS-0173-12 – ANGEL FAMILY TRUST to the June 12, 2012 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting to allow board members a chance to investigate, and also during that time request that staff review neighborhood property structures with similar property setbacks and waivers that may or may not have been granted to those structures. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-1 (**Munger**).

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. Consider appointment of Lisa Maas, Robin Hadley and Norma Joslin to the Social Services Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

Rosemary Munger moved, James Vincent seconded to accept the applications and appoint **Lisa Maas, Robin Hadley and Norma Joslin** to the Social services Committee contingent upon one of them agreeing to serve as an Alternate member. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Community Development: **Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair****

No report. No meeting in April.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be June May 23, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Community Resource Center Conference Room.

- B. Parks & Recreation: **James Vincent, Co-Chair****

April 16, 2012 the committee met: 1) **Carolynn Johnson**, who is replacing **Debbie Pinkerton** as Staff Director for the Clark County Parks & Recreation Department in Laughlin and Searchlight, attended the meeting; and 2) Two new members were welcomed to the committee, **Mary Ann Gallentine** and **Bill Kesgen**.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be May 21, 2012, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

- C. Public Safety: **Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair****
No report. No meeting in April.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be May 21, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

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

April 17, 2012 the committee met: 1) Briefing from **Kevin Eubanks**, Assistant General Manager of the Flood Control District; and 2) On going work orders.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be May 15, 2012, 10:00 AM,

Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services: **Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair**

April 17, 2012 the committee met: 1) A representative from the Nevada Secretary of State's Office gave a presentation on the Living Will Lockbox Program.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be May 15, 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 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.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, May 29, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than May 17, 2012, and June 1, 2012, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the June 12, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting.