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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

**July 10, 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: 18 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 **Pastor Doug Westly** 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 June 12, 2012 Agenda.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the June 12, 2012, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. **Approval of June 12, 2012 Minutes.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the June 12, 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 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**

June 2012 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 337, a 3.71% decrease from June 2011

Traffic Citations: 497

DUI's: 3

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9

Bookings: 65

Juvenile Citations: 3

- 1) On August 7, 2012 hosting “National Night Out” at the Spirit Mountain Park from 6pm-8pm. This will be in conjunction with the food bank.
- 2) A Boston Whaler and two Zodiacs will be brought down to help assist Bullhead City with the River Regatta boat patrol.

Michael Bekoff asked if there was an investigation report done for last Fridays Bus accident that occurred on Bruce Woodbury and Cougar.

Lt. Evans commented that the driver who hit the bus was headed west bound and the driver said he was blinded by the sun. There were minor injuries to the driver who hit the bus and was transported to the hospital.

Mr. Bekoff asked if there were any citations issued and **Lt. Evans** said” yes “the Driver who hit the bus was cited.

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

June 2012 Statistics:

Accidents: 3 Two injury accidents and one property accident.

Citations: 138

Public Contacts: 238

Assisted Stranded Motorist: 62

Chair Candice Fitzgerald Asked about the current condition of the Trooper who was struck by a vehicle last month.

Sgt Mack replied that she was at home recovering from her injuries.

- C.** Clark County Fire Department: **Cpt. Scott Tagger**

June 2012 Statistics:

Station 76: Responded to 194 incidents

Station 85: Responded to 77 incidents

For a total of 271 incidents for the month of June, this is a 6% increase from last year.

Clark County Fire Department conducted their annual hose testing last month. Also had their monthly fire and MES training, School Drills, business inspections and fire incidents preplans.

Over several days the Clark County Fire conducted their multi agency training with Bullhead City Fire Department. Alternating monthly training with Bullhead City Fire and Laughlin Fire has proved to be an excellent program over the last two years.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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

Laughlin Services

June 2012 Statistics:

Wastewater Treated: 1.932 MGD

Wastewater Flows: Flow decrease 88,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Spills/Overflows:

Complaints: 0

Call Before You Dig: 1

Michael Bekoff asked how the new construction was coming along and the road work.

Jake Jacobson stated the road work was completed; and the 14 day test for the bleach building has been delayed till July 23rd.

On June 13th Project 621 one of the EQ Basins will be finalized.

Working on the Alum Flocc Clarifier, which is a 45 day project.

Rosemary Munger asked if **Jake Jacobson** knew why the water flow was down. **Jake Jacobson** commented per their opinion water flow is down based on the visitors. **Rosemary Munger** stated we are actually using less water as a consumer. **Jake Jacobson** concurred.

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

Jordan Bunker was unable to attend the meeting so **Natalia Ladono** reported for Big Bend Water District.

1) Contract 1342 Polyethylene Service Line replacements in Villa Bonita are currently finishing the project. Approximately 217 service lines have been replaced.

2) Contract 1355, which is for approximately 100 service line replacements in the Heritage Community, should begin in the next few months.

3) The water system remains in stable condition.

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

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

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

1) The Chef's Food Fest which was hosted by the Aquarius was a huge success, one of the largest we ever had. We seated approximately 560 people and we were able to write a check to the River Fund for \$15,000. The people's choice for best food was the Aquarius won for the best booth.

Harrah's and

2) At the Aquarius on July 12, 2012 at 5:30pm there will be a joint mixer. The Laughlin Chamber of Commerce will present four scholarships to the 2012 High School achievers during the evening. Because the date was changed for the 2012 Community Achievement Award Gala we felt it was important to recognize the 2012 High School graduates and then in October the Chamber will recognize the 2013 High School Graduates.

3) The Community Achievement Awards Gala is hosted by the Aquarius this Year. The Event will be October 20th. Nomination application's are on the Chambers Website 'Laughlinchamber.com' they are also available at the Laughlin Chamber, the Library, Mutual of Omaha Banks, City of Bullhead City, Laughlin Town Managers Office, And Mission Bank.

4) The new Laughlin Chamber Community Guides are out, if you need some for your office or business stop by the Chamber between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday – Friday and you can pick up a bundle. The Guide has increased almost 50% this year which shows a great trend in the business community.

F. Laughlin Tourism Commission:
No report.

M. J. Smith, Executive Director

G. Laughlin Library:

Karen Lassen, Branch Manager

- 1) 17,796 circulations in June. Up from last June at 13,691
- 2) Door Count: 9000
- 3) 116 new Patron cards
- 4) Gallery exhibit for the NV Camera Club May 26th – August 15th
- 5) Brown bag book club Thursday July 12th from 11am-12pm
- 6) New Hope Hospice Thursday July 12th at 12:30-1:30pm
- 7) Spirit Mountain Quilt Guild Saturday July 21st from 10:30am – 4pm
- 8) National Park Service Program. Thursday July 26th from 2:30pm – 4:30pm
- 9) Tony Daniels will be here on July 19 at 10:30. He will perform his magic show for the children.
- 10) Story times will continue on Thursday and Fridays, check Library for times.
- 11) Book sale is in December, Please bring your donations to the Laughlin Library, and this can include books, games, puzzles, movies anything readable.

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).

1. WS-0173-12 – ANGEL FAMILY TRUST:

single family
Family
feet east
Planning Commission
conditions

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to reduce the side setbacks for a patio cover and a recreational vehicle garage in conjunction with 2 residences on separate parcels on a total of 0.5 acres in an R-1 (Single Residential) Zone. Generally located on the south side of Kiva Way, 66 of Manzanita Way (alignment) within Laughlin. To the 06/05/12, held to 06/19/12. *Approved subject to certain*

2. UC-0218-12 – 1955 SOUTH CASINO DRIVE HOLDINGS, LLC:

USE PERMIT to allow on-premise consumption of alcohol (tavern) within existing shopping center on 10.8 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone and a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the northwest corner of Casino Drive and Bruce Woodbury Drive within Laughlin. To the Board of County Commissioners 07/03/12.

3. UC-0265-12 – FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH:

USE PERMIT for a communication tower.

DESIGN REVIEW for a 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 Planning Commission 07/17/12

B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:

For Possible

Action

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. Discuss expectations for future Laughlin Town Advisory Board community reports, and take any action deemed appropriate. (Held over from the LTAB June 12, 2012 meeting for further discussion.)

Rosemary Munger stated she was not clear regarding the wording in the introduction of the LTAB Community report briefing instructions "Representatives from a group of agencies and organizations provide oral reports to the LTAB either monthly or quarterly."

Jackie Brady commented usually it is monthly but there are two agencies that provide reports quarterly and they are the River Fund and the LEDC.

Rosemary Munger commented that this makes it sound like this is the only time we can have a community organization. **Jackie Brady** clarified that this is the only time that people have given reports; this is just a statement of fact.

Rosemary Munger asked if they could add additional wording after quarterly "or upon the request of the organization". **Jackie Brady** stated that decision is up the LTAB committee.

Candice Fitzgerald said she did not have a problem with that.

Jackie Brady Stated that usually when someone gives a single report, it comes under Community Projects and Concerns rather than Community agency reports. Community agency reports are standing type rather than special items or issues. **Candice Fitzgerald**

asked

Rosemary Munger if she wanted to go with that wording and **Rosemary Munger** said no.

James Vincent suggested using "and / or quarterly" instead of "or quarterly". **Rosemary Munger** agreed using **James Vincent** suggestion of using the "and / or".

In **Rosemary Munger** wanted to add additional wording on Procedures item number 4 (four). front of “Nine (9) copies” add the wording “If written reports are provided”

James Vincent suggested “If any printed items, that 9 copies of the printed item be provided”

Rosemary Munger agreed to **James Vincent** suggestion.

James Vincent has a concern about a mechanism to remove an agency from an agenda item.

Jackie Brady commented that is up to the town board, if you want to establish some criteria you can. This is your opportunity. **James Vincent** Would like any agenda request be at the discretion of the LTAB Chair and / or the Town Manager. According to **Jackie Brady** if there is an agenda request from a community member or agency they should go through the Chair or the Town Managers office before being added to the LTAB

agenda.

James Vincent is OK with the mechanisms that are already in place.

Brady

Rosemary Munger asked if the order of the agenda is going to change. **James Vincent** asked **Jackie Brady** what the proposal is and what item she wanted to move up. **Jackie** suggested Community reports go after Community projects and concerns. It used to be there before and it was changed. **James Vincent** suggested putting zoning last because it can take up a lot of time. **Mr. Vincent** asked about moving Community reports after community projects and concerns and zoning last. **Jackie Brady** asked **Mr. Vincent** to be clear on this decision to move everything up and put zoning last. **Rosemary Munger**

clarified the changes on the Agenda Items 7A. The introduction will be changed as follows; (Representatives from a group of agencies and organizations provide oral reports to the LTAB either monthly and / or quarterly.) The second change to the Agenda item that was submitted on Procedures, Number 4 (four) will be as follows; (If any written documents is provided, (9) nine copies of the report should be provided at the meeting.) The new

order of

the agenda will be as follows;

- 4) Public Safety Reports
- 5) Community Reports
- 6) Community Projects and Concerns
- 7) Zoning

Rosemary Munger moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve Agenda item changes and the new order of the Laughlin Advisory Town Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0

- B.** Receive a report from **Deborah Murray**, Laughlin Community Development Manager, on the Status of the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park & Trails aka “North Reach” Project.

Deborah Murray stated the last few weeks the Federal partners and Clark County are trying to finalize the construction and the Ribbon Cutting and / or Grand Opening type Event. Due to unseen delays the project will be completed during the summer. There is a couple more construction item that needs to be finished. It’s more along the lines of testing equipment and making sure everything is operating correctly. Just yesterday with our Federal Partners the Date for the Ribbon Cutting was determined. The Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for Friday July 27, 2012 at 2pm. The project has been nationally recognized as both an America’s Great Outdoors (AGO) Initiative Project and an America’s Great Outdoors River Initiative Project. The America’s Great Outdoors Initiative highlights two projects in each of the 50 states that promote conservation and outdoor recreation and the America’s Great Outdoors River Initiative identifies 10 projects in the Pacific Northwest and the Western States. Commissioner **Steve Sisolak** and Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science **Anne Castle** will be present and she would like to recognize the AGO projects. We are still developing the operations and maintenance specification; in partnership with the Reclamation and the National Park Service. There are things that still need to be addressed such as host site operations. Even though we are still working on the specifics for the North Reach Project we will operate under the Clark County Park policies that are already in place until we can get the specific policies done for North Reach.

The operations budget is the same as it was in the incorporation report at approximately \$238,000. Right now it looks like we will be contracting maintenance out for the first year. The contractor has a large part of the maintenance responsibility for the first year. After the first year the County will take a look to see if they will continue a maintenance contract or if it will be County Staff who will operate the park trails.

Rosemary Munger asked about security for the park? **Deborah Murray** stated Clark County has an agreement with Metro, so Metro handles the policing of North Reach Park. That will be part of the O & M plan, but right now that is what is in place.

Michael Bekoff asked would National Park Service Rangers or the Reclamation have access to the Park since it is still their land.

Deborah Murray commented, yes they do and we hope they do, they have been great partners. We have this AGO recognition which is some administration and Federal funding and help and they are our Federal partners. Reclamation has a youth corps crew that has already been here a couple of times and scheduled to come back in September to do some work. They are very involved and looking to do more work with us.

- C.** Consider appointment of **Jim Maniaci** to the Community Development Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate. **For Possible Action**

Rosemary Munger moved to accept **Jim Maniac**’s application for the Community Development Committee. **Michael Bekoff** seconded the Motion. Motion carried upon a Voice vote 3-1. One nay by **James Vincent**.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

No Committee meeting in June.

Michael Bekoff commented that he is looking forward to having Jim Maniaci on the Community Development Committee.

Next Committee meeting will be July 25, 2012

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

The Committee meeting was June 18, 2012. It was a very brief meeting. Carolynn is looking into having dance classes for the kids and also looking into having more teen programs and get together's that would be more beneficial to the community. There is also a possibility of an inflatable movie screen where they can show movies, like at a drive in.

The health department did an inspection on the swimming pool; and the water flow from the slide into the drains was inadequate. The engineers are looking into solutions but in the mean time the slide has been shut down, but the pool has remained open.

Jackie Brady Stated that is was her understanding that they shut down the slides rather than the pool. **James Vincent** said "yes" the slides were shut down but the swimming pool remained opened.

The next Committee meeting is July 16, 2012 at 9am

C. Public Safety: **Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair**

The Committee met on June 18, 2012 and discussed the accidents that seem to be occurring on Casino Dr and SR163. To date there has been 4 accidents. The question came up if there is something that could be done to prevent these accidents. Possibly changing signage or put some reflective lighting or flashing lights at the end of the Highway or Casino Dr. **Lt Evans** said there have been studies done about flashing lights and reflectors and since the accidents are related to either alcohol or prescription medications the studies show that the people tend to go towards the lights. We also talked about bumps in the street and the question of bar tender server liability, where people are served and if there would be any liability to the bar server. **Lt Evans** is going to research this and have a report at the next LTAB meeting.

There will not be a Committee meeting in July.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be August 20, 2012, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

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

This month Committee meeting was a review of the work order status report. The activities that are going on monthly are reviewed and projects are kept tracked of. The turn lane requirement on Cougar Dr needs to be completed; when additional information is available the project will be started.

There is a concern regarding possible erosion on W Casino Dr by Emerald River.

Rosemary Munger stated that **Jim Shaw** has contacted Clark County and there is not a problem with the easement and he has given full access. **Fred Doten** commented that he will follow up on that. The final area that is watched is the slurry sealing of Needles Highway and the completion is unknown at this time.

Next Committee meeting will be July 17, 2012 at 10am at the RGC building.

Candice Fitzgerald asked if there will be pedestrian cross walks put in at the same time as the bus turn outs at Cougar Dr and Bruce Woodbury Street. **Fred Doten** stated “yes” there will be a cross walks there. **Candice Fitzgerald** also asked if there was going to be flashing light indicators. **James Vincent** stated that **Debbie Dauenhauer** will have an update and is going to speak under Public Comment regarding this issue.

E. Social Services: Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair

On June 19th at the Committee meeting, Stacy Stutsman gave a scary update on spousal and/ or partner abuse in Laughlin. Year to Date there has been 89 reported cases and 51 involved residents of Laughlin. Some of which involved the removal of children from their homes. The Committee is currently trying to figure out a way to get more homes licensed in Laughlin for emergency foster care.

The Committee is still working on the “File of Life” project; this is a magnet or sticker that is placed in the house with your medical conditions and type of prescriptions that you are taking to alert EMS in an emergency situation.

The next Committee meeting will be July 17, 2012 at 8:30am.

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.**

Deb Dauenhauer Executive Director of Southern Nevada Collation Silver Rider stated she received a request from **Michael Bekoff** to give an updated report on the current bus accident and the status of the proposed bus turn out on Cougar and Woodbury.

She provided some photos from the accident that involved a Silver rider Bus and a private vehicle. She said she spoke with **Denis Cedarburg** with Clark County Public Works regarding the bus turn outs and the good news is the award letter will be sent out to **Aggregate Industries** today and once work starts they have 30 days to complete the contract. It is estimated the work will be done with in a 60 – 90 day time frame. **Deb Dauenhauer** also stated she is going to put together a public awareness campaign so the public knows what it means when the different lights are flashing on the bus; such as when people are disembarking or the bus is pulling out.

Michael Bekoff asked if there were any injuries on the bus. **Deb Dauenhauer** stated the driver had minor neck pain. **Rosemary Munger** asked if the buses would be able to get totally off the road. According to **Deb Dauenhauer** it does not appear the bus will be able to pull completely off the road, but it is hard to tell looking at the design. **Candice Fitzgerald** stated she hoped there would be some type of signage or lights to alert vehicles of pedestrians. **Deborah Murray** commented that this is the first time she has looked at the design and that the design print is really small but it looks like the bus might be able to pull completely off the road and public works would be able to provide some of the signage. **James Vincent** asked **Deb Dauenhauer** to provide additional information in her PSA to watch for pedestrians.

Jackie Brady Laughlin Town Manager announced the vacancy for the Laughlin Town Advisory Board seat and it will be announced in next weeks Nevada Laughlin Times News Paper. Applications will be received from July 18, 2012 through August 17, 2012. Any one who is interested can apply and pick up applications at the Laughlin Town Managers Office, Laughlin Library, and Community Resource Center or print an application from the Clark County Web-site at www.clarkcountynv.gov/

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, July 31, 2012, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than July 20, 2012, and August 2, 2012, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the July 10, 2012 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting.