



Laughlin Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

**August 9, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

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101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: **None**

OTHERS PRESENT: **23 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 **Father Charlie Urnrich** 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, August 9, 2011 Agenda.

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the August 9, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat).

B. Approval of July 12, 2011 Minutes.

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the July 12, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes with the following correction: Page 2, 3., Paragraph 2, sentence 4 from "Additionally, there will be a memorial at the Laughlin Post 60 American Legion at 12:00 PM, followed by lunch." To "Additionally, there will be a memorial at the Laughlin Post 60 American Legion at 12:00 PM on July 16, 2011, followed by lunch." Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat). Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat).

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**

Statistics for the month of July 2011:

Calls for Service: 445, up 16.80% from July 2010

Traffic Citations: 457

DUI's: 5

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 14 adults, 1 juvenile (out-of-state)

Bookings: 51

Juvenile Bookings: 2 (1 resident, 1 out-of-state)

Juvenile Citations: 8 (4 resident, 4 out of state)

1) Several officers are out on light duty and two officers retired. 2) **Officer James Briggs** was transferred to the Laughlin Metropolitan Substation last week; 3) **Officer Jack Weaver** is leaving, and 3) The Laughlin Metropolitan Substation is down two officers and two sergeants.

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

Mack

Sgt. Mack was not present at the time this item was called.

- C. Clark County Fire Department: **Roy Session, Battalion Chief**

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

3% 1) There were 264 calls for service in July, the fourth busiest month so far this year, a reduction in calls for the same period last year. 2) There were a lot of heat related illnesses in July. 3) There was a small fire at the River Palms Apartments. 4) There were several brush fires with no significant incidents. 5) Multi-agency training with the Bullhead City Fire Department on a compressed air foam system (CAFS). 6) River Regatta plans are being reviewed with one battalion chief and one medical supervisor assigned to the event to assist with the inter-agency and incident command system.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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

July Statistics:

Wastewater Treated: LWRP treated an average of 2.33 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.
Wastewater Flows: Flow decreased 50,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.
Spills/Overflows: None.
Complaints: None.
Call Before You Dig: 16 mark-out requests.

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

Jordan Bunker was unable to attend the meeting so the following report was read into the record by the Vice-Chair:

1) Contract 142 – Polyethylene Service Line Replacements. This contract consists of the replacement of existing polyethylene services within Villa Bonita and Desert Park. It is anticipated that approximately 217 service lines will be replaced. It is anticipated that work will begin this winter.

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

1) River Regatta registration is now at 14,555 registered participants with an estimated 20,000 for the event. 2) The U. S. Coast Guard has declared the Colorado River a “safety zone” so the river will be closed from 6 AM to 6 PM, from Davis Camp to Rotary Park on Saturday, August 13, 2011, for the River Regatta. 3) Volunteers are still needed for the River Regatta. 4) River Regatta activities start on Thursday, August 11th through Saturday, August 13th. Contact the Bullhead City City Hall for more information. 5) Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is performing a preventive maintenance micro-seal beginning at the south end of the Bullhead Parkway through the city on Highway 95 the week of August 8 through 12, 2011.

- D.** Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Richard Declercq, Recreation Director**
Richard Declercq was unable to attend the meeting so the following report was read into the record by the Vice-Chair:

1) The July senior center attendance was comparable to July of 2010. 2) On July 21, 2011, 8 seniors were taken to Sunset Station in Las Vegas on a bowling and lunch trip. The next bowling trip is schedule for August 17, 2011. 3) On August 17, 2011, the APA/Strato-Matic baseball board game will be available at the senior center free of charge starting at 10:00 AM. 4) September 6, 2011, 10:00 AM, Clark County Senior Center, will have the first meeting of the Movie-Grub-Club. Once a month the committee will meet to choose a movie and restaurant, and once a month will make a trip to see a pre-determined movie and eat at a pre-determined restaurant. 5) August 24, 2011 is the monthly luncheon of meatloaf and mashed potatoes at the Senior Center for a cost of \$5.00.

- E.** HopeLink Family Resource Center: **Robyn Kelley, Program Director**

1) Funding is now open and demand is high. 2) Energy assistance high demand; 3) Thanked the LEDC for the invitation to their dinner last week and raising funds in the amount of \$150.00 toward administrative costs for HopeLink Family Resource Center.

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

1) **Connie Davis** announced she is the new Executive Director of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. 2) August 18, 2011 a free Rapid Resource Event will be held at the Laughlin Regional Government Center, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and will be like rapid dating with local resource partners for local businesses and those thinking of going into business; 3) September 8, 2011, the second annual Economic Development Summit luncheon will be held at the Riverside with speaker **John Restrepo** talking about state, local and federal and the economy. There will also be a panel with two bankers from Small Business Association (SBA) and Nevada Development Corporation (NDC) to talk about financing. Call the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce to make reservations. 4) October 6, 2011 the Chef's Food Fest will held.

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4) October 6,

- *G.** Laughlin Tourism Commission: **M. J. Smith, Executive Director**
M. J. Smith was not present at the time this item was called.

- H.** Laughlin Library: **Karen Lassen, Branch Manager**
Karen Lassen was not present at the time this item was called.

- I.** University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: **Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator**
Debbie Marcusson was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

- J.** Laughlin Economic Development Corporation:
No LEDC representative was present at the time this item was called.

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-0240-11 – TLC PROPERTIES, INC:**
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to allow a 15kV overhead transmission line to cross side of State Route 163, 1,000 feet east of US Hwy 95 within Laughlin. To the Planning Commission 07/19/11. **Held - 09/20/11 – per the applicant.**

2. **WS-0241-11 – STEPHENS WL FAMILY TRUST:**
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to allow a 15kV overhead transmission line to cross a public right-of-way (State Route 163) on 2.8 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located on the north side of State Route 163, 1,000 feet east of US Hwy 95 within Laughlin. To the Planning Commission 07/19/11 PC. **Held - 09/20/11 – per the applicant.**

B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:

1. None.

7. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. Consider application and appointment of Jim Bodley to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board Public Works Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the appointment of **Jim Bodley** to the Laughlin town Advisory Board Public Works Committee. Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat).

B. Nominate a representative and an alternate to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), and take any action deemed appropriate.

Michael Bekoff recognized and thanked **Jesse Lewis** for his service as representative to the CDAC Committee for the past six years. **Mr. Hewitt** (former CDAC alternate) and **Mr. Bartelmy** were present and invited to accept their respective nominations and say a few words of introduction.

Micahel Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve the appointment of **Tom Hewitt** as representative and **Thomas Bartelmy** as alternate to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC). Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat).

The Vice-Chair, **Candice FitzGerald**, announced that the following agenda items, 7.C. and 7.D. will be combined and heard and considered together.

The Vice-Chair, **Candice FitzGerald**, read the following into the record:

Following are excerpts from an e-mail dated August 9, 2011, from **Denis Cederburg**, Director, Clark County Public Works, to **Jackie Brady**, Laughlin Town Manager.

“Jackie, I have addressed the 4 items you mentioned below:

Crosswalk(s) on Needles Highway at bus stop (between the Spirit Mountain Center and El Mirage light); Removal of stop sign at El Mirage and Banyon or making the intersection a three-way stop intersection; Increasing the speed limit on the El Mirage-Bilbray loop from the 25 mph to 35 or 45 mph; and A status on the budget for the four projects that were to receive their funding by July 2011.

1) We can schedule studies of the various bus stops. We had previously studied the one on Needles and it did not warrant a marked crosswalk. Herb is correct and a marked crosswalk is not required. However, vehicles have the right-of-way outside of crosswalk. Below is the definition of crosswalk for the County Code followed by where pedestrians can legally cross.

The term "crosswalk" means (a) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface. (b) In the absence of such lines or markings, or signs indicating no crossing, that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of a highway, other than an alley, measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway. (Ord. 230 § 1(H), 1965)

a) Pedestrian to Yield. Every pedestrian crossing at a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(b) Tunnel or Overpass. Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(c) Between Intersections. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk. (Ord. 230 § 10(C), 1965)

2) We did a study of the intersection and determined that the stop sign on SB El Mirage could be removed. However, we were waiting for the slurry seal project to be completed not knowing that would take so long for that project.

3) We reviewed the speed limit on Bilbray and determined that sight distance at the curves was the limiting factor for increasing the speed limit. It should remain at 25 MPH.

4) The original four projects were (1) Slurry Seal. (2) Thomas Edison Pulverize and Pave (3) Bay Shore/Casino Drive Bus Turnout. (4) Bruce Woodbury/Cougar left turn lane. The Needles Highway overlay was added and the Thomas Edison and Bay Shore projects were deleted. Construction bids for the Needles overlay have been opened. There remains a balance of \$632,743 for projects in Laughlin. Denis Cederburg”

- C. **Consider recommendation of the Public Works Committee to request a traffic flow study of the Banyon Drive/El Mirage Way intersection to determine if the El Mirage Way stop sign at Banyon Drive should be removed or if the intersection should be redefined as a 3-way intersection, and take any action deemed appropriate.**
- D. **Consider recommendation of the Public Works Committee to include with the Banyon Drive/El Mirage Way intersection traffic study, a traffic study on the speed limit of the James A. Bilbray/El Mirage Way loop, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

After town board discussion, **Vice-Chair FitzGerald** invited public comments. **Sgt. Novelt Mack**, Nevada Department of Highway Patrol, Public Safety, recommended the inclusion of a traffic count in any traffic study. **Lt. Brian Evans**, Laughlin Metro Substation, at the Public Works Committee meeting of July 19, 2011, recommended a 3-way stop at the Banyon Drive/El Mirage Way intersection.

James Vincent moved, **Michael Bekoff** seconded, based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, to recommend to Clark County Public Works a traffic flow study be done of the Banyon Drive/El Mirage Way intersection to include changing the two-way stop to a three-way stop, and a traffic study on the speed limit of the James A. Bilbray/El Mirage Way loop, to change the speed limit to 35 mph on either side of the 25 mph residential "loop", specifying where the start and stop points of 35 mph will be. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat).

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Development: Co-Chair

Brett Dennis, **Committee**

At the July 27, 2011 meeting the following items were discussed: 1) Received an update report from **Jesse Lewis** on the North Reach Trails Project and discussed soft opening plans for September 24, 2011; 2) Plans for a mural on the SNTC (Silver Rider Bus) retaining wall; 3) Efforts to provide an on-line community calendar in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce; 4) Due to her appointment to Executive Director of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce, **Connie Davis** will no longer be the secretary for the Community Development Committee and a replacement will be sought; 5) **Janet Barela** was thanked for her service to the committee and the community.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be August 24, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

B. Parks & Recreation:

James Vincent, Co-Chair

No report because there was no quorum at the July 23, 2011 meeting. The Grand Opening of the Laughlin Dog Park was Saturday, July 23, 2011, 9:30 AM.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be August 15, 2011, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

C. Public Safety:

Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair

At the July 18, 2011 meeting the following items were discussed: 1) The Banyon Drive/ El Mirage Way/Banyon Drive intersection stop signs; and 2) Local emergency preparedness.

There will not be an August 15, 2011 meeting of the Public Safety Committee. The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be September 19, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

D. Public Works:

Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair

Fred Doten, reported that at the July 19, 2011 meeting the following items were discussed:

1) Intersection of Banyon and El Mirage; 2) Speed limits on James A. Bilbray/El Mirage Way, 3) Review of Public Works projects in Laughlin 4) Finances for maintenance projects in Laughlin.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be August 16, 2011, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services:

Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair

Rosemary Munger reported that at the July 14, 2011 meeting the following items were discussed:

1) **Michelle Vestal** reported on Silver Rider activities and services; 2) Laughlin Resource Directory and possibly joint Laughlin/BHC Directory; 3) Report from Robyn Kelley; and 4) Report from Laughlin Behavioral Health Center, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS).

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be August 11, 2011, 8:30 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

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

Sergeant Novelt Mack

Sgt. Mack joined the meeting and was invited to give a report.

Statistics for the month of July 2011:

Accidents: 7 (5 property and 2 injury)

Contacts: 392

Citations: 291

Arrests: 3 (DUI)

Warrants: 2

1) There has been a lot of officer training, but a full staff is now back on duty; 2) Increase in speed limit on U.S. 95 has reduced the number of speeding tickets; 3) Drivers are not speeding as much on S.R. 163 and are observing the stop sign at Thomas Edison (the site of many accidents); and 4) NHP participated in National Night Out with Metro.

9. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** There is a period at the beginning of each meeting for the Public to comment on action items on this agenda, as well as a period at the end of the meeting for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, but not appearing on this agenda. The Board retains the discretion to take additional Public Comment 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. Public Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, 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.

1. **Debbie Dauenhauer**, 260 E. Laughlin Civic Drive, Laughlin, NV, reported: 1) A Senior Health Education Fair on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 10:00 AM, at the bus yard with dignitaries and elected officials in attendance and senior issues will be discussed; 2) Saturday, November 5, 2011, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, River Palms Resort & Casino, Grand Ballroom a Wine Tasting charity silent auction event will be held. Tickets are \$15/in advance or \$20/at the door; 3) RTC Commission vote, Item #41 on August 11, 2011, will come up for reconsideration for awarding a 7-year contract to First Transit to run the transit system for \$50 million dollars less than other RFP bidders. Comments may be submitted to the RTC Commission.

- *5. G. Laughlin Tourism Commission: **M. J. Smith, Executive Director**
M. J. Smith joined the meeting and was invited to give a report.

1) A letter of support was submitted by the Laughlin Tourism Commission to the RTC in support of accepting the lower bid submitted by First Transit to avoid possible service reductions in Laughlin; 2) There are more than 12,000 River Regatta participants pre-registered as opposed to 3,000 last year; 3) During the River Regatta the Colorado River will be closed to the general public from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, August 13, 2011, and the Coast Guard is enforcing the closure for safety reasons and can issue substantial fines for violations; and 4) There are numerous locations for pre-registration for the River Regatta and transportation will be provided.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, August 30, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than August 19, 2011, and September 2, 2011, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** **Michael Bekoff** moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM. Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0-0 (vacant seat).

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 13, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting.