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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

November 8, 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: 24 Guests Signed In

Before the meeting was called to order, **James Vincent**, presented **James Burchard**, Rural Parks & Recreation Worker II, Clark County Real Property Management, with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service to the Laughlin community maintaining the Mountain View Park. The park is always in immaculate condition and has been recognized by the Parks & Recreation Committee, the Laughlin community, and Clark County Staff from Las Vegas who say it is one of the prettiest parks in Clark County. **Mr. Burchard** thanked everyone, but stated that there should be other names on the plaque because he has had a great bunch of co-workers through the years who have helped him out maintaining the park.

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 **Pastor Gerald Preuss** 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 November 8, 2011 Agenda.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the November 8, 2011, Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

B. **Approval of October 11, 2011 Minutes.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve the October 11, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0-1 (**James Vincent** abstained because he was absent).

C. **Approval of October 25, 2011 Minutes.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to approve the October 25, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes with the following corrections: 1) **Michael Bekoff** gave the Invocation; 2) **James Vincent** led the Pledge of Allegiance; 3) **James Vincent** moved, **Michael Bekoff** seconded to approve the October 25, 2011 Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried as corrected 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.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Statistics for the month of October 2011:

Calls for Service: 367, up 17.63% from October 2010
Traffic Citations: 327
DUI’s: 5
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 11 adults, 0 juvenile
Bookings: 56
Juvenile Citations: 4 (2 resident, 2 out-of-state)

1) High calls for service locations were the Riverside (on Casino Drive) and Vista Creek (residential); 2) Problem with prescription drugs and medical marijuana; 3) Still haven't replaced a law enforcement support technicians, one Sergeant and one Officer and a Service Aide will not be replaced; 4) There is someone who is in the process of getting a Nevada License for Phlebotomy which will allow after-hours blood draws locally; 5) Participated in the Halloween Safety Program in conjunction with Clark County and passed out candy and safety flyers; and 6) Thanksgiving Baskets and the Christmas Initiative are being planned with 70 needy children identified, and donations are appreciated to the Friends of Metro.

A short comment was made about the vehicle/bus accident that happened at the intersection of Bruce Woodbury Drive and Cougar Drive and the fact the drugs/DUI were involved.

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

No report.

C. Clark County Fire Department: **(Chief) Roy Session, Greg Castle or Scott Webster**

Captain Shawn Williams, Station 76, Clark County Fire Department reported.

1) There were 229 calls for service in October with 212 EMS calls, 2 structure fire, 3 vehicle fires, 8 other types of fires, and 4 traffic accidents. 2) In October the 5th of 6 Interagency training sessions scheduled this year with the Bullhead City Fire Department, with BHC hosting, covering the rapid intervention rescue of a downed and trapped fire fighter. 3) An Interagency and table top drill was conducted at the Laughlin/Bullhead City Airport. 4) A natural gas emergency responders training with Southwest Gas Corporation; and 5) School drills at Laughlin High School and Bennett Elementary School.

A reminder that Clark County Fire Department is holding a free Flu Shot Clinic at Fire Station 85 at 1920 West James Bilbray tomorrow (November 9, 2011) from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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

Laughlin Services

Kate Hoffman, Water Quality Division, Las Vegas, NV, was introduced and reported that she works on non-point sources of pollution such as water pollution caused by something diffuse like motor oil or washing a car in the driveway. The Clark County Water Reclamation District Water Quality Division is responsible for the Non-Point Source Pollution Program in Clark County. There were promotion and educational materials distributed to Town Board members and provided for the public.

October Statistics:

Wastewater Treated: LWRP treated an average of 1.81 MGD, producing clean

Wastewater Flows: water returned to the Colorado River.
Flow decreased 18,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Spills/Overflows: None.

Complaints: An odor complaint regarding odors leaving the plant.
Currently assessing treatment processes to identify the source and mitigate the odors.

Call Before You Dig: 13 mark-out requests.

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

1) Contract 1342 for polyethylene service line replacements Phase III should begin in December 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; and 2) There were a few service line leaks that will be repaired this week.

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

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

1) 200 people registered for 28 events at the Senior games in November, up about 30 people from last year; 2) 175 people attended the Senior Mixer; 3) November 9, 2011, a bowling /buffet trip to Las Vegas at a cost of \$12; 4) November 16, 2011, a Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held at the Senior Center; and 5) For the month of October there were 100 more people who came into the Senior Center.

E. HopeLink Family Resource Center: Robyn Kelley, Program Director
No report.

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

1) Congratulations to **Jackie Brady** and **Deborah Murray** for their tenacity and dedication to the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trail (CRHGT) Park Project which was one of only two projects in the State of Nevada recognized nationally for American's Great Outdoors; 2) Next Chamber Mixer at Harrah's on November 10, 2011, 5:30 PM; 3) Laughlin Ranch Speaker Luncheon on December 1, 2011, at a cost of \$20; and 4) December 13, 2011 a Joint Christmas Mixer (with Bullhead and Mohave Valley Chambers) at the Pioneer, 4:30 PM.

Rosemary Munger also congratulated **Jackie Brady, Deborah Murray** and everyone who worked on the CRHGT Trails Project. A News Release was issued on November 8, 2011, acknowledging that the project will receive special recognition from the Federal Government for the work that has been done. Each state will be recognized for two projects. Thank you.

G. Laughlin Tourism Commission: M. J. Smith, Executive Director

1) Thursday, November 10, 2011, 5:30 PM, \$5 or 5 cans of food admission, is the Laughlin's Got Talent Show fundraiser for the Colorado River Food Bank, with 16 performers from the various hotel properties in Laughlin competing. Last year \$1,200 was raised; and 2)

SNORE is scheduled for December 9-11, 2011, and SCORE is January 13-15, 2011.

H. Laughlin Library: Karen Lassen, Branch Manager

1) Saturday, November 19, 2011, 3:00 PM, Children's Craft; 2) New Library Associate, **Tanya Thomas**, will be starting next Wednesday, November 16, 2011; 3) Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM, The History of Bullhead City narrated by **Elsie Needles**; 4) Thursday, November 10, 2011, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM the Brown Bag Book Club will be discussing "A Painted House" by **John Grisham**; 5) Thursday, November 10, 2011, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Virtual Librarian, **Susan Williams**, will be hosting "How to Choose an eBook Reader"; 6) The Library will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2011, in observance of Veteran's Day; 7) Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM, a slideshow and lecture on "Greece: A Laughlin Library Travel Series Lecture" by **Karen Lassen**; 8) Thursday, November 17, 2011, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM, "Couponing With the King"; 9) The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2011, in observance of Thanksgiving Day; 10) Sunday, November 27, 2011, 1:30 PM-4:30 PM, Holiday Piano Recital by **LuAnn Kruz** and her students; 11) Saturday, December 3, 2011, the Annual Book Sale fundraiser will be held; and 12) Saturday, January 7, 2011, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, The Laughlin Library will be celebrating its 25 year Anniversary with refreshments and entertainment.

I. Bennett Elementary School: Dawn Estes, Principal

Mary Beth Brisk, Literacy Specialist, reported that November 9, 2011, **Shirin Bridges**, author of Ruby's Wish and The Umbrella Queen, will be visiting Bennett Elementary School.

J. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: Debbie Marcusson, Extension Educator

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

1) Seven Laughlin citizens have completed the 80-hour Master Gardening Training. The next training classes begin on March 12, 2011; 2) UNCE Master Gardeners will begin a free monthly Gardening Workshop at the Laughlin Library to answer your gardening questions and provide gardening tips on the second Wednesday each month, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, beginning December 14, 2011; 3) A Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use of Mountain View Park for a Community Garden is at UNR Administration awaiting signature of approval and from there will go to the Board of Commissioners for final approval; and 4) Healthy living classes for Senior Citizens will begin after the New Year and classes will provide education to seniors on a variety of issues to maintain a healthy independent lifestyle.

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. 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. Receive a report from Sean Hammond, General Manager, Aquarius Hotel Resort, regarding concerns about the 2012 River Run, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Sean Hammond, General Manager, Aquarius Hotel Resort, 1900 S. Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV, thanked the board members for the opportunity to speak today and for their contribution to governing Laughlin and assisting the Clark County Board of County Commissioners. On behalf of the Aquarius, **Mr. Hammond** expressed safety concerns and issues surrounding the 2012 Laughlin River Run due to the recent increase in violent gang related crimes surrounding motorcycle rallies around the country. **Mr. Hammond** requested that the Laughlin Town Advisory Board facilitate a cooperative meeting with the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, Laughlin Shareholders, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Dal-Con Promotions, Metro, State and Federal law enforcement, and the Gaming Control Board to discuss ways to work together to ensure that this 30th year Anniversary of the Laughlin River Run is a safe event for all involved. Discussion followed.

Jackie Brady reminded the Chair that in order to have the Laughlin Town Advisory Board involved in any meeting it would have to be a posted public meeting. **Mr. Hammond** stated that his company's concern is that unless a meeting is held soon it will be too late and turn into a "wait and see" situation, and that is not acceptable.

Lt. Evans reported that there is a Tri-State Intelligence Officers Association, with gang officers from California, Arizona, and Utah who come to Laughlin for bi-monthly meetings. The main function of these officers is Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, so there is good intelligence about what is taking place with the gangs. At the last meeting, on Nevada Day, the Reno and Sparks, NV, gang deaths were reviewed and discussed. Laughlin Metro also has a SWAT Team, FBI SWAT Team, and all of the local tri-state area agencies are on

coordinated alert with a good plan to keep things safe during River Run. **Lt. Evans** stated that he would meet with **Mr. Hammond**, and the others who will be invited to the proposed meeting, to discuss what is already in place and alleviate concerns.

M. J. Smith, Laughlin Tourism Commission, stated that as part of the preparation for River Run each year the LTC/LVCVA meets with Metro to go over their intelligence leading up to the event. There have already been several discussions with Metro regarding the 2012 event and safety is, and always will be, the top priority.

James Vincent moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to have **Jackie Brady**, Laughlin Town

Manager, coordinate and head a meeting that would exclude the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, but include Laughlin shareholders, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Dal-Con Promotions, Metro, State and Federal law enforcement, and the Gaming Control Board to discuss ways to ensure that the 30th Anniversary of the Laughlin River Run is safe and without incident. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**A. Community Development:
Co-Chair**

Brett Dennis, Committee

No report because the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of posting to the web.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be November 23, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

B. Parks & Recreation:

James Vincent, Co-Chair

At the October 17, 2011, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the Mountain View Park on Sunday, December 4, 2011, was discussed.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be November 21, 2011, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

C. Public Safety:

Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair

The Public Safety Committee did not have a meeting on October 17, 2011.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be November 21, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

D. Public Works:

Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair

At the October 18, 2011 meeting the following items were discussed: 1) Received a briefing from **Carl Scarbrough** from the RTC on the bus stop plans for the Cougar Drive bus stop discussion about a possible crosswalk and flashing lights at that location; 2) An update on recent Laughlin traffic studies and work orders submitted to Public Works; 3) Update on Slurry sealing activities.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be November 15, 2011, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services: Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair

At the October 13, 2011 meeting of the Social Services Committee the following items were discussed: 1) Discuss having a representative from the Veteran's clinic give a presentation on the progress of the clinic; 2) Discussion of File for Life; 3) Discussion of the Laughlin Resource Directory; and 4) It was reported that the Laughlin Mental Health Clinic has employed **Alan Weathersby**, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be November 10, 2011, 8:30 PM, 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.**

Michael Bekoff announced that on Friday, November 11, 2011, 11:00 AM, the American Legion will be holding a Veteran's Day Observance at Fisherman's Access Park. A free luncheon will follow at the American Legion Post.

- 10. NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE: The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, November 29, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than November 18, 2011, and December 2, 2011, respectively.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 PM. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the December 13, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting.