



Laughlin Town Advisory Board
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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

April 12, 2011
1:30 P.M.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Barela, Chair
Michael Bekoff
James Vincent

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candice FitzGerald, Vice-Chair (Excused Absence)
Rosemary Munger (Excused Absence)

OTHERS PRESENT: 34 Guests Signed In

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** The invocation was given by **Father Charlie Urnrich**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Michael Bekoff**.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. **Approval of the April 12, 2011, Agenda.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the April 12, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (two members absent).

- C. **Approval of March 8, 2011 Minutes.**

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the March 8, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (two

members absent).

3. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS

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

Lt. Evans was unable to attend the meeting so **Sergeant John Prescott** reported.

Statistics for the month of March 2011:

Calls for Service: 344, down 13.91% from March 2010

Traffic Citations: 532

DUI's: 4

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 7 adult, 0 juvenile

Bookings: 53

Juvenile Bookings: 1

Juvenile Citations: 4 (1 resident, 1 out of state – 2 citations each)

River Run. **Lt. Evans** has been working on the River Run plans and those are all set. Tactical training has been conducted with Bullhead City and the hotels have adopted a “no colors” policy (motorcycle gang members will not be allowed to wear their colors inside the hotels), and staffing will be the same as last year.

James Vincent stated that he hopes to see an improvement from last year as far as aggressive behavior toward traffic.

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

No report.

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

Captain Scott Webster, Battalion Chief, Battalion 3-C Clark County Fire Department reported.

Statistics for the month of March 2011:

	Station 76	Station 85
EMS	187	83
Fire	7	10
Other	4	7

Calls. There were a total of 270 total calls in Laughlin during the month of March 2011, up 12% from March 2010 with 187 of those calls handled by Station 76 and 83 of those calls handled by Station 85.

Temporary Evacuation. An alarm malfunction on the 8th floor of the Edgewater

Hotel/Casino caused a temporary evacuation of the high rise on March 3rd. The system was reset and guests were allowed back into the hotel.

Customer Service Requests. March 2011 customer service requests were for the Laughlin Stampede and standby for the Mohave Generating Station smoke stack demolition.

Training. March 2011 training consisted of Inter-agency training with Bullhead City Fire Department hosted by the Clark County Fire Department, EMS classes, and pump testing. Additionally there were school drills, business inspections, hydrant inspections and the required monthly training evolutions.

4. **COMMUNITY INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken).

- A. **Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition, Silver Rider, 260 East Laughlin Civic Drive, Laughlin, NV, presented a plaque to Marshall and Sharon, operators and owners of Hacienda Mobil Laughlin, 2065 South Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029, for their years of service since 2002 providing fuel to Silver Rider Bus Service. The plaque read: “Special recognition award presented to Hacienda Mobil, Laughlin, NV, in recognition of your dedicated contribution as a public and senior transportation community partner. We couldn’t have done it without you”.
- B. **Dorothy Lewis**, 3739 Cottage Canyon Street, Laughlin, NV, reported that there have been two accidents in the past week at the intersection of Las Palmas and Needles Highway and a safety survey is needed at this location.
- C. **Norma Joslin**, Cougar Drive, Laughlin, NV, reported a bus stop safety issue at Cougar Drive and Bruce Woodbury Drive because there is no crosswalk across the street to the bus stop. There are no crosswalks to bus stops at the Senior Center, the Library or the Post Office and it is unsafe.
- D. **Robin Hadley**, 2940 Alba Drive, Laughlin, NV, reported that a current motorcycle magazine schedule does not have the Laughlin River Run listed as an event – it has been removed as a major motorcycle event, reportedly due to the high hotel rates and too much police presence at the event.

5. **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).

- A. **UC-0517-10 - PRE LAUGHLIN NV, LLC:**
APPEAL USE PERMITS for the following: 1) on-premise consumption of alcohol (tavern); 2) nightclub; and 3) live entertainment within an existing

shopping center.

DESIGN REVIEW for on-premise consumption of alcohol (tavern) and a nightclub within an 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.

*On March 2, 2011 the BCC **Approved** 1) on-premise consumption of alcohol (tavern); **Denied** 2) nightclub; and **Denied** 3) live entertainment within an existing shopping center, subject to certain conditions.*

B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:

A. 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.*

6. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. Receive a report from David C. Swallow, P.E., Director of Engineering Services - Capital Projects, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, on the Boulder City By-Pass Project, and take any action deemed appropriate.

David C. Swallow P.E., Director of Engineering Services - Capital Projects, of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, and **Tony Lorenzi,** Senior Project Manager with the State of Nevada Department of Transportation, presented a slide show presentation on the Boulder City By-Pass Project and answered questions regarding the mitigation of traffic congestion in Boulder City following the opening of the Hoover Dam By-Pass Bridge. Improvements will include widening U. S. Highway 93 to two lanes in each direction, installation of intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), and signage enhancements. The projected timeline for the improvements is to advertise in June, construction to begin in July or August, with completion by November 2011. The long-term solution is the Boulder City By-Pass, Phase 2, when funds become available. Questions from Town Board followed the presentation.

Questions from town board included:

1. Will traffic be diverted through Laughlin and Bullhead City during the Boulder City improvements?
2. Will the proposed Boulder City improvements take care of the traffic congestion?
3. Who is responsible for the signs advising truck traffic to come down U. S. Highway 95 since no decisions have been made yet?

4. Are the Boulder City improvements funded?
5. Will the Laughlin Town Advisory Board be kept informed as decisions are made?
6. Will there be funds available for road repairs in Laughlin due to diversion traffic?
7. Will an application have to be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Boulder City improvements?
8. Is the Boulder City By-Pass part of the Interstate 11 Project?
9. Comment: The Laughlin Bridge should be inspected for damage or stress due to the ten years of truck traffic and possible temporary continuation of heavy truck traffic.

Mr. Lorenzi responded that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) placed two portable message signs advising motorists of the heavy congestion. Boulder City asked for diversion and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) have agreed to place the “advise you take the alternate route” signs. There are early discussions on the matter of diverting traffic, but right now only temporary diversions are being discussed for peak times during the Boulder City improvements. The Boulder City improvements will “get us by” for five to ten years until funding is found for the by-pass, but the immediate improvements are 100% state funded with funds re-allocated from lower priority projects and long-term projects. A clearer picture of the necessity of traffic diversion during construction should be in place within the next month. The Laughlin Town Advisory Board will be kept informed of decisions as they are made. The Planning Department and Pavement Engineers will look at the diversion route with regard to maintenance issues. An application will be submitted to the FHWA for the project.

The Boulder City By-Pass project is being built to interstate standards, but there are other things that need to be worked out before it becomes part of an interstate highway (I-11).

Jackie Brady commented that there is concern about any traffic diversion during the two-week period (April 9 through April 23) State Route 163 will be closed in Laughlin during construction, and the diversion signs still advising truck traffic to use the Highway 95 route.

Mr. Lorenzi responded that he will talk to the traffic department about the sign message and the times the message should be displayed.

Janet Barela asked if there are any mitigation measures that can be taken to improve dangerous sections of SR 163 during rainy conditions when oil rises to the surface of the highway, particularly if there is truck traffic diversion to this route, because this problem has caused several serious accidents in the past month. **Mr. Lorenzi** responded that he will ask the District Engineer to take a look at the problem.

Public Comments were invited by the Chair:

Lindsey N. Krantz, 1414 Palm Drive, Laughlin, NV, asked why someone didn't plan ahead and see this problem of hooking a two-lane road to a four-lane road, and are the folks involved elected or appointed officials and who appoints them because they should be voted out? **Mr. Lorenzi** responded that because the Hoover Dam is the “8th Wonder of the World” and building the giant Hoover Dam Bridge has caused more tourist traffic than was anticipated (5,000 to 8,000 people a day in tourist traffic), and Arizona has decommissioned their checkpoint so everyone who wants to visit the bridge has to come into Nevada and get off at the interchange and come back through the interchange, were two big critical items that were unknowns in the beginning.

B. Receive a report from Stan Southwick, Landscape Architect, Southwick LA, regarding the Laughlin Regional Park Master Plan development, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Stan Southwick, Landscape Architect, Southwick LA, presented a slide show presentation of the proposed Laughlin Regional Park Master Plan development commissioned by Clark County Real Property Management Department. It consists of the northern half of Section 14 and is approximately 320 acres. In January of 2011 the first task was to correct all of the studies and maps over the past ten years for this project. That information has been pulled into what will be the final Master Plan for the project designated as a Regional Park that will attract not only people for the immediate area but from anywhere in the region for events and activities. This is the site where rodeo, SCORE and other events are currently being held at the corner of Thomas Edison Boulevard and Bruce Woodbury Drive. Site assessment studies were done cataloging and mapping the various features of the site that included drainage, slopes, views, soil types, access points, circulation and zoning associated with this particular piece of property. Concept Plans were developed as options to present to the Town Board today showing where we are at about halfway through the contract. After review by the Parks & Recreation Committee, it is anticipated that the final Master Plan will be presented to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board at the June 14, 2011 meeting for approval. The contract requires completion of the Master Plan by July 15, 2011.

Deborah Murray gave some background information and stated that in 2006, as part of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management grant money that Clark County applied for and was granted funding for a Pre-Planning Proposal Grant for Laughlin in SNPLMA Round 7 in 2007. The plan was always to link and interconnect the North Reach Trail Project, Sections 10 & 11 of the Golf Course, and the 320-acre Laughlin Regional Park. During the twelve years of planning the project, there has already been one extension due to the economic conditions and various other influences. In 1998 there was a Master Plan and Public Outreach done for the various elements of the project so what is left is the park planning and those elements and uses, together with other uses that have come up since then, are being implemented and incorporated into the plan. **Mr. Southwick** pointed out that **Deborah Murray** has been involved in the project since the beginning, and the Parks & Recreation Committee have also been involved.

Two of the conceptual options, A and C, that have been developed by the design team for the site were presented and discussed. Option B was not presented because it was deemed not viable after a recent meeting and review. Two of the major issues to be dealt with were water drainage and access to the site via either Thomas Edison Drive or Bruce Woodbury Drive, the only access roads to the 320 acres. A 520-acre foot detention basin is planned to mitigate flooding and water issues. Natural features will be protected and enhanced, such as the large sand dune in the southeast corner, and the hills and canyons. An amphitheater is being proposed with a staging area; a golf course/frisbee area; a multi-generational facility center; an area designated for large vehicles and RV's or vehicles with trailers to park on the north central portion of the property; future arenas and rodeo ground sites; traditional park areas with benches, shelters, and picnic areas; pedestrian trails and pathways; and parking for 1000+ vehicles throughout the whole facility. The plan is to mix the best aspects of Options A and C into the final Master Plan.

At 2:55 PM the Chair called a five-minute break. The meeting resumed at 3:04 PM.

- B. Receive a report from Michael P. Logan, Chief Executive officer, River City Shuttle (Greyhound), consider a request for a letter of support for a transit project called “Southern Mohave Area Rural Transit – SMART”, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

Michael P. Logan, Chief Executive officer, River City Shuttle (Greyhound), gave a short explanation of his request for a letter of support, not financial support, for a transit project called “Southern Mohave Area Rural Transit – SMART”. **Mr. Logan** came before the Laughlin Town Advisory Board at the December 14, 2010 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting, but the matter was tabled at **Jackie Brady’s** request because **Mr. Logan’s** proposal included bus stops on Clark County property. The following excerpt from the plan outlines the proposed change from Clark County property to a private party bus stop:

Laughlin, Nevada

Also being considered is the possibility with interlining with the Southern Nevada Transportation Coalition (aka “Silver Rider”) which is public transit system of Laughlin, Nevada. Silver Rider has already agreed to deviate one of their routes at the north end of Laughlin (near the Chamber of Commerce and across the street from the Riverside Resort). Our stop will be on private property, most likely an existing stop at the Riverside Resort. This modification would be of great interest to hundreds of casino workers that live in Arizona.

River City Shuttle is fully licensed and insured to perform operations as an Interstate Motor Carrier of Passengers under the USDOT and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

The following letter of support draft was read into the record by the Chair:

April 12, 2011

Mr. Michael P. Logan, CEO
River City Shuttle
1520 Corona Drive, Bldg. 1
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Dear Mr. Logan:

The Laughlin Town Advisory Board met on April 12, 2011, and after receiving your presentation and reviewing your proposal, voted to support your SMART (Southern Mohave Area Rural Transit) bus proposal to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to implement rural bus feeder service in Laughlin and other Tri-State communities.

It is believed that this is a worthwhile project proposed to provide rural intercity bus feeder service, that will provide connections with Greyhound and the nationwide Intercity bus network of regional interline partners, that should go a long way toward meeting the needs of the casino workers who live in Bullhead City, AZ, the elderly, persons with special needs, students, and those without access to private transportation in and around Laughlin, Nevada.

The Laughlin Town Advisory Board supports the SMART Bus Project with the stipulation and contingency that Laughlin stops are located on private property only.

Sincerely,

Janet Barela, Chair
Laughlin Town Advisory Board

cc: Jacquelyne Brady, Laughlin Town Manager
Laughlin Town Advisory Board

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to approve as presented the letter of support for a transit project called "Southern Mohave Area Rural Transit – SMART". Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (two members absent).

D. Discuss the Public Works Roadway Improvement and Maintenance Projects Priority List approved by the Laughlin Town Advisory Board on September 28, 2010, and possible reallocation of priorities and funds for the repair of Needles Highway, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Jackie Brady reported that yesterday (Monday, April 11, 2011) she talked with **Denis Cederburg**, Director of Clark County Public Works, and he indicated that the slurry seal contract bid, that they are doing in the residential area of Laughlin now, actually came in lower than anticipated so they were able to save money. It is believed that they can do the Needles Highway segment re-pavement for between \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 instead of the \$1.5 million originally estimated, therefore, they should have enough money to re-allocate maintenance funds. **Mr. Cederburg** is willing to re-allocate the Thomas Edison re-pavement between Bruce Woodbury Drive and State Route 163, and the Bay Shore turnout originally recommended by the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, and will go ahead with the Cougar Drive left turn lane with the design completed by May 2011, the bid in June 2011, the project awarded in July 2011, and a start date in August 2011.

Michael Bekoff invited **Fred Doten**, Co-Chair and Secretary of the Public Works Committee, to give a report on the Public Works Committee meeting with representatives of the Clark County Public Works Department: **Robert Thompson**, Deputy Director of Public Works, **Terry Johnson**, Maintenance Management, **Marvin Hoggard**, Assistant Manager of Traffic Management. The immediate solution to the condition of Needles Highway was to mill down and remove the 5/8" thick top layer of the highway and smooth it out, and Public

Works performed the work in two and one-half days. Resurfacing to replace the Needles Highway top layer will be made a priority because it needs to be replaced as quickly as possible. All of the Laughlin residential street crack sealing has already been done and the slurry sealing is expected to begin within the next month or so. The Cougar Drive improvement is in Engineering and it is expected to go to bid in early summer. The other two Public Works Roadway Improvement and Maintenance List projects that were prioritized at the September 28, 2010 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting were: "Reconstruct Thomas Edison, Bruce Woodbury to Laughlin Civic Drive, at an estimated cost of \$628,000" and "Bus turnout at Bay Shore Inn on South Casino Drive (cost unknown)".

Janet Barela moved, **James Vincent** seconded to use the money saved on the Laughlin residential slurry seal project and the money for the two projects 1) "Reconstruct Thomas Edison, Bruce Woodbury to Laughlin Civic Drive, at an estimated cost of \$628,000" and 2) "Bus turnout at Bay Shore Inn on South Casino Drive (cost unknown)" whose funding will be diverted to pay for the Needles Highway resurfacing project instead. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (two members absent).

Janet Barela stated that temporary generator lights provided by Peek Construction on both sides of the road at the Cougar Drive entrance on Bruce Woodbury during SR 163 construction have greatly improved safety at that location and asked if Public Works would be willing to provide similar lighting on a temporary basis until permanent lighting can be provided. **Debbie Dauenhauer** reported that Silver Rider would be willing to maintain the lights and generators (fuel, oil and maintenance) if public can provide temporary light standards with generators at Cougar Drive at Bruce Woodbury and Needles Highway at Bruce Woodbury for public safety when Peek Construction removes theirs on April 23, 2011.

Michael Bekoff moved, **James Vincent** seconded to request Clark County Public Works to requisition two generators with light standards for use at Cougar Drive at Bruce Woodbury and Needles Highway at Bruce Woodbury due to public safety issues. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (two members absent).

***The following reports were taken out of Agenda order:**

7. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

- A.** Laughlin Town Manager's Report: **Jackie Brady, Town Manager**
- B.** Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report: **Jake Jacobson, Assistant Manager
Laughlin Services**

March Statistics:

Wastewater Treated:	LWRF treated an average of 1.94 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.
Wastewater Flows:	Flow increased 130,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.
Spills/Overflows:	None
Complaints:	None
Call Before You Dig:	18 mark-out requests.

Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility Influent Flow Comparison (Average MGD). Project Updates. A three-year flow chart shows that there is a definite increase in influent flow when the last half of 2010 exceeded the last half of 2009 flows, and 2011 year-to-date have exceeded 2010 flows and are only slightly lower than 2009 January through March flows. **Mr. Jacobson** sees the increased flows as a positive sign for Laughlin.

Pain In The Drain Campaign. A display is set up until Friday, April 22, 2011, in the lobby of the Laughlin Regional Government Center for the Pain in the Drain Campaign called "Just Can It". Reusable cans are available with instructions and a scraper and are free to everyone for the disposal of oil and grease instead of pouring them down the drain. Just like residential lines in homes, grease and oil clog the sewer lines, so this is an effort to eliminate the problem with a creative solution.

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

Construction Update. The Casino Drive pipeline is 70% complete. The contractor is still installing pipeline along Thomas Edison and the hope is to have it completed around June 2011.

Service line Replacements. Service line replacements are about 90% complete and all of the service lines are installed.

On-Line Bill Pay. The on-line bill pay system is built and being tested now and should be available to the public in June 2011.

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

Draft Bullhead City Transportation Study. The City of Bullhead City and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) have scheduled an Open House on the draft Bullhead City Transportation Study on Thursday, April 14, 2011, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at Mohave Community College, Room 210, giving the public an opportunity to review the study and make comments.

Burro BBQ. Saturday, April 16, 2011, starting 9:00 AM at Community Park, the Burro BBQ will be held.

Underage Drinking Forum. Thursday, April 21, 2011, 5:45 PM, Hope United Methodist Church, a stop teen underage drinking forum is being sponsored by the Bullhead City Police Department.

Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 23, 2011, 2:30 PM, Rotary Park Soccer Fields, an Easter Egg Hunt is being held and is sponsored by Upton Appliance.

E. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Richard Declercq, Recreation**

Director

No report.

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

Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 23, 2011, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Mountain View Park, the HopeLink Family Resource Center will be participating in the Laughlin Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10:15 AM. There will be a face painter, a bounce house, games and HopeLink will be distributing pinwheels in awareness of child abuse donated by the national campaign.

Funding. The Family to Family Program has been removed from the state budget because there is no way to fund it, but they have added FRC's so if there is extra money in the state budget family resource centers who have lost some of their funding will receive it. There will be a staff reduction in the Laughlin HopeLink Family Resource Center due to the loss of the Family-to-Family staff member. All of the ramifications of the budget cuts are not yet known.

G. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis, Director of Operations**

Business-To-Business. On Thursday, April 14, 2011, 5:30 PM, Rio Vista Room Edgewater Hotel, a Business-to-Business networking event is taking place. It is also going to be a resource partner roundup and all eight current resource partners will be attending. The cost for Chamber of Commerce \$10/member, \$15/non-member, includes dinner.

Regional Economic Development Summit. On May 5, 2011, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM luncheon at the Aquarius, \$20, the Chamber of Commerce will be partnering with the Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority (BREDA) has assembled a distinguished group of economic specialists to gather at one time to update attendees on the status of regional and statewide programs. Attendees will hear from representatives of the Nevada Economic Development Commission, the University of Nevada (Reno) Cooperative Extension and other individual economic development specialists.

Federal Procurement Conference. On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM U. S. Senator John Ensign, in conjunction with the Nevada Small Business Development Center, the Nevada procurement Outreach Program and the Nevada Microenterprise initiative presents Federal procurement Conference: Contracting with the Government at the Historic Fifth Street School in Las Vegas. Registration is free, but limited.

Community Guide. In May 2011 the Community Guide will be reprinted, so if you're not a Laughlin Chamber member and you have a business, please call to join because the Community Guide is distributed to visitors and mailed out all over the United States.

Community Achievement Awards. The Community Achievement Awards are scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the Tropicana Express hotel/Casino Pavilion .

H. Laughlin Tourism Commission: **M. J. Smith, Marketing**
Department

No report.

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

Movie Matinee. On Saturday, April 23, 2011, 11:00 AM, the movie "Megamind" will be shown in the Young person's Library.

Gallery Exhibit. April 9 through June 15,2011 a Vintage Poster Concert Collection

exhibit by Sharon Haugen will be displayed.

AARP Tax-Aide. AARP is offering free tax help for low and moderate income taxpayers through Thursday, April 14, 2011, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Master Gardeners. On Wednesday, April 13 and May 11 2011, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, University of Arizona master Gardeners will answer your gardening questions.

Brown Bag Book Club. On the second Thursday each month, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the Brown Bag Book Club will meet.

New Hope Hospice. On Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, New Hope Hospice will host a discussion on hospice care and coffee and donuts will be served.

Blue Moon River Cruise. On Monday, May 2, 2011, 6:45 PM from the dock behind the Aquarius Casino Resort this fundraiser for the Friends of the Laughlin Library ask a donation of \$20 per person for the cruise and an evening of food, friends and entertainment.

Greeting Card Craft. On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 2:00 PM, a greeting card craft will be held for adults.

North Reach Trail Display. For the next two months a North Reach Trail display put together by the citizen group The Laughlin Heritage Greenway Trail West Committee includes a layout of the trail, information, construction photos (courtesy of Jim Maniaci of the Laughlin Nevada Times), and some history thanks to Dottie and Jesse Lewis.

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

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

Community Needs Assessment Survey. Data from almost six hundred surveys (about a 9.5% return) is being entered and is taking time, but the results of survey indicate health and nutrition are a huge concern. Volunteers who have some time and computer expertise are being sought to enter survey data.

Community Garden. The local Legacy Fund turned down the funding request for the Community Garden project, but other funding sources are being pursued. A preliminary approval from Clark County Parks & Recreation has been granted for use of the one-quarter acre in the corner of Mountain View Park for the Community Garden. The Boys & Girls Club will be involved in the Community Garden as part of one of their programs.

Master Gardener. As part of the Master Gardener Program, Master Gardeners from Arizona will come to Laughlin and teach at the Library. Master Gardener training for certification will now be done here in Laughlin through an eight-week certification course, four hours per day, three days per week. Master Gardeners must commit to fifty hours of volunteer service each year working in the Community Garden or working with citizens for

their gardening needs. For anyone interested, the classes begin in September 2011, and will be held here at the Laughlin Regional Government Center. For more information contact **Debbie Marcusson** at the Cooperative Extension office (702) 420-4119.

***The following reports were taken out of Agenda order:**

- 6. E. Consider making Public Safety Committee member Robert Latsko, at his request, an Alternate instead of a Member of the committee, consider appointment of Lucy Anna Johnson to the Parks & Recreation Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

James Vincent moved, **Michael Bekoff** seconded to make Public Safety Committee member **Robert Latsko**, at his request, an Alternate instead of a member of the Public Safety Committee, and appoint **Lucy Anna Johnson** to the Parks & Recreation Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (two members absent).

- F. Review a draft of the 2010-2011 ByLaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for possible adoption at the April 2011 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, discuss and introduce recommended changes of the Special ByLaws Committee to revise 2010-2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board ByLaws, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

Janet Barela reported that the Special By Laws Committee met yesterday, on April 11, 2011, but because **Janet Barela** and **James Vincent** are both on the Special ByLaws Committee and there are only three town members present at the Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting today, two of whom are **Ms. Barela** and **Mr. Vincent**, this item needs to be moved forward to the next meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board. **Ms. Barela** thanked the Special ByLaws Committee for their hard work and good suggestions: **Andralee Y. Crow-Drescher, Jim DeWoody, Fred Doten, and Jordan Ross.**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Community Development: Janet Barela, Co-Chair**

At the March 23, 2011 meeting the committee discussed the truck traffic diversion from Hoover Dam By-pass to highway 95 south and SR 163 west across the Laughlin Bridge, the five ideas each committee member has developed on how to achieve more community involvement and participation in Laughlin Town Advisory Board meetings and Committee meetings, road construction and how it's affecting the business community, and a concerned Laughlin visitor who came to the meeting who had been given a traffic violation.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be April 27, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

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

At the March 21, 2011 meeting the committee discussed the Annual Program Planning process, the creation of PSA broadcasts to communicate to the community, and an update on

the Dog Run that the contract has been awarded and the construction start date is May 9, 2011 with a July 5, 2011 completion date, at a cost of between \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be April 18, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

C. Public Safety: Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair

No report. The Public Safety Committee did not meet on March 21, 2011 due to lack of a quorum.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be April 18, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

D. Public Works: Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair

Fred Doten reported that at the March 15, 2011 meeting the committee discussed Needles Highway repairs; U-turn at Laughlin Civic Drive for access to the Nevada Department of Wildlife parking area from the eastbound lane (but the roadway is too narrow); slurry coating residential streets to begin in two months; Cougar Drive intersection that is currently in engineering and will include a bus stop, cross-walk and lighting; and turn lane at the Water Reclamation Plant.

Deborah Murray noted a correction to the March 15, 2011 Public Works Committee Minutes, Page 4, last paragraph, last two sentences, *from* "In response to a question from **Terry Johnson, Deborah Murray** stated that the upkeep of the bridge and the trails would be the responsibility of Parks and Rec." *to* "In response to a question from **Terry Johnson, Deborah Murray** stated that the upkeep of the bridge and the trails would be the responsibility of the applicable Clark County department that would normally handle those sorts of things."

Michael Bekoff asked for a progress report on the Casino Drive Improvement Project and **Jackie Brady** responded that she has been told Southern Nevada Paving, a sub-contractor of Wisner Construction, hopes to be finished on Casino Drive with four lanes open (with no dirt spots) by River Run.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be April 19, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services: Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair

No report.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be April 14, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

- 9. NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, April 26, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center,

101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than April 15, 2011, and April 29, 2011, respectively.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** Janet Barela declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the May 10, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting.