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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

**March 11, 2014
1:30 P.M.**

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **James Vincent, Chair
Fred Doten, Vice-Chair
Roger Burtraw
Charles Minerman
Pamela Walker**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: **30 Guests Signed In**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair James Vincent called the meeting 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 was led by **Pastor Doug Westly** and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Pamela Walker**
- 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 **March 11, 2014** Agenda. **For Possible Action**

Chuck Miner moved, **Fred Doten** seconded to approve as presented the **March 11, 2014** Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0

- B. Approval of the February 11, 2014 Minutes **For Possible Action**

Roger Burtraw moved, **Fred Doten** seconded to approve as presented the **February 11, 2014** Laughlin Town Advisory Board minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

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. John Healy, Commander**
Lt. Healy gave the September report on Metro activities.

February 2014 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 417, 22.29% increase from February 2013
Traffic Citations: 386
DUI’s: 3
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 5
Bookings: 39
Juvenile Citations: 5

Lt. Healy said Metro is getting ready for the April River Run and getting everything organized.

James Vincent and Pamela Walker said they noticed a more police presents out on the roads and in the Laughlin Community.

Lt. Healy stated that he likes to be pro-active even with the minimal staff. He also said that Metro will answer every call even though Las Vegas is not answering non-injury calls.

- B.** Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report: **Sgt. Yvan Pittmon**
Sgt. **Yvan Pittmon** introduced himself to the Town Board; he is Sgt. Novelt Mack's replacement. Sgt. Pitman provided the NHP monthly report.

Sgt. Pittmon said there are currently four active NHP troupers patrolling between Laughlin and Searchlight and they are working very hard.

During the Month of February there was:

806 Stops

790 violations

6 arrest

1 DUI

8 Warrants served, five of which were felony drug charges.

Sgt. Pittmon went on to say there were four crashes which were all a result the driver suffering medical episode.

- C.** Clark County Fire Department: Did not attend

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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

Laughlin Services

Jake Jacobson provided the February report.

February 2014 Statistics:

LWRF treated an average of 1.68 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.

February 2013 LWRF had an average of 1.76 MGD

Difference of 80,000 gallon decrease per day from last year.

Odor complaints-0

Call before you Dig: 25 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin tickets received for February 2014

Sewer Maintenance Cleaning: Approximately 3,682 feet of pipe cleaning occurred in the area of Casino Drive.

- B.** Big Bend Water District Report: **Bruno Bowles, Public Services**

Bruno Bowles reported there were no major leaks or breaks in the system and the plant is running normally.

- C.** Bullhead City Report: **Brenda Richardson, Senior Administrative Analyst**
Did not attend the meeting

- D.** Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Trey Smith, Recreation Specialist**
Did not attend the meeting
- E.** Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis, Executive Director**
Did not attend the meeting
- F.** Laughlin Library: **Mario Aguilar, Branch Manager**
Mario Aguilar reported the Library had its highest circulation in twenty years for the month of January.
Voter registration is March 18th – 20th and AARP will help with your taxes on Thursday from 10am till 5pm.
James Vincent asked Mario Aguilar if he would like to provide flyers from the Library to pass out at the Town Fest on Saturday. Mario Aguilar said he would and he would try to have someone attend.
- G.** Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes, Principal**
Did not attend
- H.** Boys & Girls Club of the Colorado River: **Robert Schmitz, Laughlin Branch**

Director

Bob Schmitz reported on the current events.

We had a party for **Chelsie Jones** who is leaving the Club after 5 ½ years of awesome dedication and service. She really loved her job working with the children, but needed to move on to new endeavors!

We welcome **Brooke Vanderslice** to our staff; she has 2 years experience with the Boys and Girls Club in Bullhead, and is knowledgeable about our programs, as well as arts and crafts. She has a lot of energy, and is eager to get things started!

The Club welcomed 6 new members since the New Year; our door is always open to new kids.

Besides our regular programs, we will be adding the a few new activities for March.

We welcomed back Diane Lee from 4 H to run programs on Tuesdays. She has already done a class on geology and fossils, as well a program on Whales.

We will be participating in the Laughlin Town Fest Parade on the 15th.

On the 20th of the month we will be participating in the national program Pitch, Hit, and Run. The Parks and Rec Department will be running the program at Mountain View Park.

6. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

- A. **Gaelen Lamb** and **Steven Jackson**, NDOT to discuss the information on the proposed urban boundary for Laughlin in accordance with the U.S. Census Bureau and federal guidelines and regulations. The LTAB may take any action deemed appropriate.

For

Possible Action

Neither **Gaelen Lamb** nor **Steven Jackson** will attend the LTAB meeting. **Fred Doten** provided the report from the Public Works committee findings for the proposed urban boundary.

Fred Doten discussed the committee's findings on the Urban Boundary and what it is and what they did.

Fred Doted said essentially what the Urban Boundaries is all about is that after every census that is taken by the census bureau, the bureau puts together maps of urban areas. They locate different groups of people. One of the urban classifications is called urban clusters which are a group of people between 5000 and 50,000 people. We are that area in Laughlin. What the bureau does is put out what they believe is the boundaries for that area.

The census bureau asks the DOT to come and look at the boundaries in question and in this case it is Laughlin.

Fred Doten said Public Works committee had a special meeting last week on March 4th to discuss this. In the mean time **Fred Doten** said he talked with **Gaelen Lamb** to make sure he understood what needed to be done.

Gaelen Lamb had the boundaries that were provided by the bureau and this was looked at by Town Manager Jackie Brady and by Fred Doten and was discussed. The boundaries that were suggested were discussed by the committee. The committee needs to look at the road classifications and make sure it fits the needs of Laughlin. The Needles Hwy at this time has a low classification and that needs to be reclassified to a higher classification. Needles Hwy is the main thoroughfare coming in from California to Laughlin.

Fred Doten said the important thing is to look at all the boundaries were there could be future development. Fred Doten said the committee needs to review what the Urban Boundaries put together and agree with the classification of the roads. Between now and June we will be looking at the road classifications and get with Gaelen Lamb to discuss this.

Due to the long time frame between classifications **Fred Doten** said it was imperative that the road classifications meet our standards and be implemented now during this boundaries study.

James Vincent asked **Fred Doten** and the Public works committee to bring a recommendation to the Town Board.

Pamela Walker said the boundaries did not include the homes that are out by the AVI hotel.

Fred Doten said he believed that was on the map for the development plan.

Fred Doten said he would move to accept the town boundaries as they exist today, **Roger Burtraw** seconded the motion, Motion approved upon a voice vote 5-0

Fred Doten said he would like to make a second motion to have the Public Works committee review the road classifications and make a presentation the Town Advisory Board when they are completed. **James Vincent** seconded the motion. Motion approve upon a voice vote 5-0

Deborah Murray asked the Board if they would want to make this motion date specific. **Deborah Murray** suggested this item needs to be brought back to the next Town Board meeting in order to give **Gaelen Lamb** enough time. **Fred Doten** said he would check with **Gaelen Lamb** to make sure he can get the road classification to him. Fred said he was not sure how long it takes.

Jackie Brady stated they would not look at the classifications until they have the Town Board suggestions for the classifications.

Fred Doten said **Gaelen Lamb** would have to submit the new classifications by the end of June. It was suggested to relook at this item at the next Town Board Meeting in April to make sure **Gaelen Lamb** would have enough time to get the suggestions submitted.

- B.** Discuss U.S. Fish & Wildlife's plan to end the Rainbow Trout raising and releasing program at Willow Beach Hatchery and take any action deemed appropriate in support of keeping or ending the program.

For Possible Action

Fred Doten was able to attend this meeting in Kingman, AZ and **James Vincent** asked him to provide information.

Fred Doten said everyone in the room was in favor in keeping the hatchery open and how important the hatchery is to the tourist industry.

Fred Doten said two species of fish currently in the river that eat the trout will be affected by not having the trout in the river.

Fred Doten said this was not a done deal yet so if the Town Advisory Board would submit a letter in opposition of closing the hatchery this might help keep the hatchery open.

James Vincent explained more on the importance and the economic impact the closing

the hatchery.

Jackie Brady asked to have **Jackie Bokath** Assistant GM of the Regency to provide some background and history of the hatchery and the fish and angling in the Colorado River. Jackie Bokath said there are options for funding and does not need to close.

Roger Burtraw asked who the person was at the meeting in Kingman and if he was from US Fish & Wildlife. **Fred Doten** thought he was. **Roger Burtraw** said he indicated that the decision to close the hatchery has not been made yet and Fred said that was correct there still are options to keep it open.

James Vincent read the draft letter in opposing the closure of the hatchery.

Jackie Brady and **Deborah Murray** suggested adding to the letter information from the American Great Outdoor River Restoration project which is a national project that could possibly help secure additional funding.

James Vincent moved to approve the support letter with the added sentence regarding the Great American Outdoor River Restoration project **Chuck Miner** seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote 5-0

- C. Representatives of the Southern Nevada Restoration Team will present a presentation and plans for a public-private partnership effort to stop the spread of fountaingrass, a NV State Noxious Weed, in and around the Laughlin community, and to promote public awareness about the plant's impact to the environment and increased threat from wildland fires.

For Possible Action

John Jones with the Southern Nevada Restoration providing a PowerPoint presentation. **John Jones** included the history and why the fountain grass should not be in this area.

The problem with this plant is that it is an invasive species that crowds out the native plant species. It alters the wildlife habitat and food sources and also increases the threat of wildland fire.

Fountain grass is considered a class A noxious weed

The plan is we are already mapping and evaluating where and how many plants are in the area. So we will start with a public awareness and education campaign. We will organize community volunteer "weed pull" events. And will coordinate treatment on federal, state and county lands. This may include herbicide or physical removal.

Pamela Walker asked how long before you start taking action with residential or business properties.

- a **Robert Little** with the Dept of Agriculture answered that question. He said there is not set time line. This was listed as a noxious weed in 2003 and technically the law states we could come in now and have people comply, but we are looking for an outreach education approach.

Pamela Walker asked if she wanted to remove this plant and get a replacement plant, who would she contact?

Robert Little said in the future they will have flyers and bounty days for future replacement.

Jackie Bokath asked about removing the grass with out the use of herbicides and if there is an alternative.

John Jones said he would assume most land owners would prefer not to use herbicides.

Deborah Murray asked if they had any handouts they could give the residents at the Town fest.

John Jones said he could get some handouts.

- D.** Review and approve the 2014 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting dates
For Possible Action

James Vincent moved to approve the dates for the Town Advisory Board **Roger Burtraw** seconded the motion. Motion approved upon a voice a vote 5-0

- E.** Consider appointment of **Bill Kesgen** to the Parks and Recreation Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.
For Possible Action

James Vincent moved to appoint Bill Kesgen to the Parks and Recreation committee. **Fred Doten** seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote 5-0

- F.** Consider appointment of **Sharon Davies** to the Community Development Committee, and take any action deemed appropriate.
For Possible Action

James Vincent moved to appoint Sharon Davies to the Community development committee.

Pamela Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote 5-0

7. ZONING:

A. PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:

1. ZC-0794-13 – MOHAVE STATE BANK:

ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 21.1 acres from H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone to R-V-P (Recreational Vehicle Park) Zone in the MUD-1 and MUD-2 Overlay Districts.

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS to increase building height.

DESIGN REVIEW for a recreational vehicle park. Generally located on the east side of Marina Lagoon Drive, 250 feet south of Needles Highway and the west side of Casino Drive within Laughlin (description on file).

To the BCC on 01/22/14 Held per applicant till 02/05/2014. Held per applicant till 02/19/2014

Approved with staff conditions

2. WS-0821-13 – SHIPKEY PROPERTIES, LLC, ET AL:
WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for off-site improvements (streetlights) in conjunction with an approved fairground and recreational facility (Laughlin Event Center) on 20.0 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the northeast corner of Bruce Woodbury Drive and Thomas Edison Drive within Laughlin.
To the PC on 02/04/14

Approved with staff conditions

3. UC-0753-13BAY SHORE SUITES LLC:USE PERMIT for an assisted living facility.
DESIGN REVIEW for an assisted living facility in conjunction with an existing hotel on 3.3 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the south side of Casino Drive, 2,700 feet east of Needles Highway within Laughlin. To the planning Commission on 01/07/2014

Approved with staff approval

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). To hear the audio minutes go to the Clark County Website at:

http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/admin_services/laughlin/Pages/LaughlinTownAdvisoryBoard.aspx

B. CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:

1. UC-0053-14 – RIVERSIDE RESORT & CASINO, INC:
USE PERMITS for the following: **1)** allow temporary events longer than 10 days per event; and **2)** deviations to development standards as shown per plans on file.
DEVIATIONS for the following: **1)** conduct live entertainment beyond daytime hours for a temporary outdoor commercial event; **2)** permit primary means of access to an outdoor drinking area from the exterior of the resort hotel; **3)** allow an outdoor concert area with a stage; **4)** reduced separation from a residential development for live entertainment in conjunction with temporary outdoor events; and **5)** all other deviations per plans on file in conjunction with a resort hotel (Riverside Resort Hotel).

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) a temporary stage and sitting area with bar and concessions; and 2) temporary structures (decorative screen, bleachers, barricades, and lights) on a portion of 69.2 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located southwest and southeast corner of Casino Drive and Laughlin Civic Drive within Laughlin. To the PC 03/18/2014

For Possible Action

Lori Dreja, Brown, Brown & Premsrirut, represented the item and asked for 5 years to commence and review instead of the 2 years recommended by staff.

One citizen, **Yoko Allen** was not in favor of the events lasting from 10pm to 12am. She also had some concerns regarding the possible increase in traffic and how that would be controlled.

LTAB member **Pamela Walker** voiced her concern about the events lasting till 12am and said due to the noise the events should end by 10pm.

Fred Doten moved to approve with staff conditions **Roger Burtraw** seconded the motion, motion approved upon a voice vote 3-1 The item was approved with staff conditions; adding a design review as a public hearing for any significant changes to plans.

The LTAB Chairman, **James Vincent** abstained because he works for the Riverside Hotel, stating conflict of interest. One of the TAB members, **Pamela Walker**, voted to deny the item.

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 is 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.*

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Community Development: **James Vincent, Co Chair**
James Vincent said the committee is working on the booth at the Town fest.
- B. Parks & Recreation: **Pamela Walker, Co Chair**
No report at this time.
- C. Public Safety: **Chuck Minerman, Co Chair**
Chuck Minerman said at the February meeting a list of potential hazards was

presented and is going to Clark County Division of Emergency Management. Murphy Broadcasting is willing to work with Public Safety if needed for emergency broadcasting.

Chuck Minerman received brochures from FEMA to hand out at the Town fest. He also is receiving coloring books with crayons for the children from FEMA

D. Public Works:

Fred Doten, Co Chair

Fred Doten said they are getting a good response from “In the works” when work orders are requested for traffic lights or street lights.

E. Social Services:

Roger Burtraw, Co Chair

Roger Burtraw said the guest was **Tim Burch** from Clark County Social Services and it was a good meeting.

East Valley Family services will be the guest speaker at the next meeting.

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 more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.

Linn Clark here to speak about the carnival at the 11th annual Town Fest. This year’s theme is called Wild Wild West.

The Parade will start Saturday at 10am. After the parade will be the K-9 demonstration, stage couch rides and miniature horse display for the children. Carnival starts at 12pm. There will be a beer garden and good food.

Dorothy Lewis asked about the staging of the parade.

Jim Bodley added some extra comments and history of the trout hatchery.

Barbara Bodley provided the information for the Cancer relay for life on May 2nd at the Mohave High school. This will be an all night event.

Paws for the cause will participate in the Town Fest parade. Join us at the staging area at 9am. The donation request for a purple dog scarf is \$5.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possibly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 1:30 P.M; the next scheduled meeting is April 8, 2014 at the Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than March 13, 2014 and March 27, 2014 respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:17pm by **James Vincent**

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- I. THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, SHALL GENERALLY BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. ADDITIONALLY A MEETING NORMALLY SHALL OCCUR ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS FORMALLY CHANGED TO ANOTHER DAY OF THE WEEK. WHEN THERE ARE LAND USE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED. THE MEETINGS ARE VIDEO-TAPED BY THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AND SHOWN ON CHANNEL 14. FOR PROGRAMMING INFORMATION, CALL THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AT (702) 298-0828. THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE KEEPS THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD.
 - II. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS, ANY PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT USED IN ANY PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE. IF MATERIALS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD, PLEASE PROVIDE SEVEN (7) COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD (FIVE COPIES), AND THE LAUGHLIN STAFF TABLE (TWO COPIES).
 - III. THE TOWN HALL IS ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.
 - IV. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** A PERIOD DEVOTED TO COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION WILL BE HELD. NO VOTE MAY BE TAKEN ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. COMMENTS WILL BE *LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES*. PLEASE STEP UP TO THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM, CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND PLEASE 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 CHAIRMAN OR BY THE BOARD BY A MAJORITY VOTE. *ALL COMMENTS BY SPEAKERS SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO BOARD ACTION AND JURISDICTION.*

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 8, 2014 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting.***