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MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

October 12, 2010
1:30 P.M.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Vincent, Chair
Janet Barela, Vice-Chair
Michael Bekoff
Ted Pamperin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candice FitzGerald – Excused Absence

OTHERS PRESENT: 27 Guests Signed In

Public Announcement

The Town of Laughlin is recruiting qualified individuals to serve on the Laughlin Town Advisory Board (LTAB). The members are appointed by the Board of County commissioners to serve terms of two years beginning January 3, 2011.

Members of LTAB must be qualified electors and residents of the community served by the board, and those interested in applying for one of the five seats should have an understanding of the issues facing the community and an interest in improving the quality of life in the area.

An informal Straw Poll will be held on

Early Voting Day, Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
and on General Election Day Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center, 1975 Arie Avenue, Laughlin, NV 89029.
Candidate's Night will be on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, :00 PM – 6:45 PM.

James Vincent, Chair, announced that the Laughlin Town Manager's Office is still seeking volunteers for the Laughlin Straw Poll on November 2, 2010, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and one volunteer for the Straw Poll Tally on November 2, 2010, 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.**
- B. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** James Vincent, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. Father Charlie Urnrich gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Bekoff.

Michael Bekoff reported that Father Charlie asked that Ed Cooper be kept in our prayers while undergoing cancer treatment in California.

- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. **Approval of the October 12, 2010, Agenda of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.**

James Vincent, Chair, requested that agenda items 7.C and 7.J. be removed from this agenda because the persons reporting will be unable to attend the meeting today.

Michael Bekoff moved, James Vincent seconded to approve as amended with the deletion of agenda items 7.C and 7. J. on the October 12, 2010, Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

- B. **Approval of the September 14, 2010, Minutes of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.**

Michael Bekoff moved, Ted Pamperin seconded to approve as corrected on Page 17, first paragraph, *from* "Joe Marr, Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee" *to* "Joe Marr, former Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee" the September 14, 2010 Minutes of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

- C. **Approval of the September 28, 2010, Minutes of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.**

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0. Michael Bekoff moved, Ted Pamperin seconded to approved as presented the September 2010 Minutes of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-

3. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS

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

Statistics for the month of September 2010:

Calls for Service: 340, down 2.30% from September 2009

Traffic Citations: 442

DUI's: 5

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 5

Bookings: 45

Juvenile Bookings: 0

Juvenile Citations: 3

Laughlin Schools Emergency Evacuation Plan. At the beginning of school each year Metro goes over the Emergency Evacuation Plans for both Bennett Elementary School and the Laughlin Junior-Senior High School with the schools.

Tucker Holding Facility. Last month **Sheriff Gillespie** came to Laughlin and met with Metro regarding the Tucker Holding Facility and the budget for next year. Things are not looking any better right now, so more cuts are being sought but to date no staff will be lost. Misdemeanor arrests are down about 40% for the last quarter because Metro has set a new criteria for making misdemeanor arrests after hours due to the closure of the Tucker Holding Facility after hours.

Staffing. Testing for a police officer will be conducted tomorrow with four officers having an interest in coming to Laughlin.

Increase in Traffic Accidents. In the last quarter there was a 20% increase in traffic accidents, so there will be more traffic enforcement this year. Accident locations were Casino Drive and Needles Highway so officers will be seen more at these locations to slow people down. There were also complaints about speeding on El Mirage so additional officers are patrolling there as well.

Mortar Rounds Found in Colorado River. A mortar round was found in the Colorado River by a young man snorkeling near the Riverside Hotel Resort. Several days later another mortar round was discovered. The bomb squad responded and recovered both rounds, which were both inert. The dive team will also scout the river for any more mortar rounds that may still be in the river.

James Vincent asked about the impacts on the Tucker Holding Facility operations due to the evening closure of the facility. **Lt. Evans** responded that more officers are being called out due to staffing issues when prisoners are being transported and there isn't sufficient coverage in Laughlin. Misdemeanor calls for things like drunkenness in public require repeated calls because arrests are not being made as in the past because Tucker Holding Facility is closed in the evening. Extended interviews are also difficult because when Tucker Holding Facility closes for the evening the prisoner must be transported to Las Vegas so the interview might not be as thorough as desired due to time constraints. Extending the evening hours has been discussed, but that might have been better for the summer rather than the winter because things slow down during the winter. Right now Metro is booking almost more than they are transporting at night. Extending the Tucker Holding Facility night hours now could have the reverse effect and result in transporting more and booking less. November 1, 2010 is the date the decision will be made on Tucker Holding Facility and **James Vincent** asked if that can be on the November 9, 2010 LTAB Agenda.

Lt. Evans reported that on the evening of October 11, 2010 (graveyard shift) Metro officers were doing a Legal 2000 (person with mental problems who might be a danger to himself or others), one of the EMT's had an episode where he stopped breathing and his heart stopped. One of the Metro officers rendered aide to the EMT and were successful in resuscitating him and got him to the hospital. Kudos to the graveyard shift officers who did a good job of reviving the EMT from AMR.

Michael Bekoff asked about door-to-door solicitors who have been allegedly selling magazines and gaining access to homes to burglarize them. Has there been an investigation? **Lt. Evans** responded that there have been two calls about this, but unfortunately too much time had elapsed before calling Metro so the individuals were not found. Reportedly some medicine was missing from a medicine cabinet from one of the calls. Anyone being solicited, particularly late at night, should contact Metro immediately.

Ted Pamperin asked how old the mortar rounds were that were found in the Colorado River and **Lt. Evans** responded that the date on one of them was 1969. **Mr. Pamperin** asked if there was any concern about security for the dam and **Lt. Evans** responded, no, this round was more of an illumination round. The rounds did not appear to have been in the river for very long because there was not much rust on them. Hotel security checked film footage and nothing was discovered about how they might have gotten into the river.

Deborah Murray asked the LTAB Chair to clarify what it is that he wants staff to do for the next meeting. **James Vincent** responded that he wants **Sheriff Gillespie** invited to the November 9, 2010, Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting to discuss the Tucker Holding Facility and whatever decision may have been reached about it.

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

Definition of an Accident: An accident is an unplanned happening involving a motor vehicle which can result in property damage, injury or death. During the month of September there was one fatal accident on Highway 163 at the intersection of Needles Highway and SR 163 in the Laughlin area and was a double fatal. The residents were from back east and in their 90's. They failed to yield from a stop sign and pulled right into the flow of traffic at 65 to 70 mph, causing the accident. Routinely the intersections of Thomas Edison and SR 163 are checked for this type of traffic violation because there seems to be a great deal of failure to yield at stop signs. During September, 34 citations were issued for stop sign violations at that location, so everyone is urged to fully stop at a stop sign, look both ways, and enter the highway only when it is safe to do so.

Statistics for September 2010:

Total Violations on Citations: 573, down from 779 in August 2010:

Accidents: 6 Property damage

Use or Lose Leave. Citations were down in September due to leave that must be taken by the officers toward the end of the year or lose it, so numbers are down.

Fatal Accident. In October there was another fatal accident on SR 163 at Marker 14 during the rain. If you are driving during rain remember that oils cause the roads to be slicker during the rain. This accident occurred within two weeks of the last fatal accident on SR 163.

Clark County Fire Department:

Roy Session, Battalion Chief

Battalion Chief Scott Webster, Battalion 3-C Platoon, Clark County Fire Department,

reported.

Statistics: For the Laughlin Division of the Clark County Fire Department in September 2010 there were a total of 221 responses. There were four (4) structure fires, two (2) fire alarm calls, one (1) vehicle fires, one (1) brush fire, one (1) flooding condition, five (5) traffic accidents, and numerous medical calls.

Training. Strip mall tactics and strategy classes, multi company drills, school drills, hose rotations, Fire Prevention Fair in Bullhead (sent one unit), and monthly training consisting of twenty (20) hours of required monthly training, EMS, practical evolutions and classroom training.

4. **PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:**

Previous Zoning Actions. (For additional information see Clark County web site on the Internet at <http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsnetapps/AgendaWeb/nofa.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-0000-10).

- A. **UC-0323-10 – NEVADA GROUP, LLC:**
USE PERMIT for a massage business in conjunction with an existing shopping center on a portion of 0.6 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the west side of Casino Drive, 2,000 feet south of Bruce Woodbury Drive within Laughlin. To the Planning Commission 09/07/10. **Held per the Commissioner at the October 6, 2010 meeting to return to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board on October 26, 2010, and return to the Board of County Commissioners on November 17, 2010.**

5. **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:**

- *B. The Chair took this agenda item out of agenda order.
Receive a report from Ginger Gates, representing "Make A Difference Day" on October 23, 2010 (go to www.usaweekend.com/event/MakeADifferenceDay/89029 for information), a national day of giving for veterans, consider a request for a letter of support, and take any action deemed appropriate.

Ginger Gates, Executive Director, American Center for Educational Opportunities, Inc., a 501 3-C Nonprofit Organization run by volunteers, in existence since 1996. **Make A Difference Day** has been supported by American Center for Educational Opportunities, Inc.

since 1997 in the states of Idaho and Oregon and now are bringing it to the states of Nevada and Arizona. Make A Difference Day will be held Saturday, October 23, 2010, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at two locations: 1) The American Legion Post 60 at 1510 Bruce Woodbury Drive, Laughlin, NV, will host the American Rural Veterans Health and Safety Fair to pay tribute to rural veterans of wartime and national conflicts and remember our veterans and their families, and 2) Fort Mojave Tribal Nation, 500 Merriman Avenue, Needles, CA, will host the Tribal National Health and Safety Fair to demonstrate health and safety issues.

Harrah's Laughlin donated flags for this event that will be displayed at the American Legion Post 60 on the day of the event. Make A Difference Day is a nationwide event with communities all over the United States participating, making Laughlin a part of the national community to do good for the community and showcase the people who are serving our country and direct them to services available to them.

James Vincent moved, **Michael Bekoff** seconded to approve the drafting of a letter of support for the Make A Difference Day in Laughlin. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0.

Ted Pamperin, as a veteran, thanked **Ms. Gates** for promoting and putting on the event to recognize our servicemen and women. **Mr. Pamperin** has a grandson currently serving in the Army in Afghanistan.

A. Receive a report from Rob McCoy, Director of Government Relations and Tony Timmons, Manager of Market Development, CenturyLink, on new services and their impact to the Laughlin community.

Rob McCoy, Director Government Affairs, CenturyLink, 6700 Via Austi Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119, introduced himself and explained in April 2010 CenturyLink acquired Qwest in a merger that is expected to close the first half of 2011. The combined company will have a presence in 37 states and have 50,000 employees. There will be more than 5 million broadband customers, 16 million access lines, 1.5 million video subscribers, and 850,000 wireless customers. Qwest has a national fiber network, and the combined company will have about 173 miles resulting in lots of redundancy, reliability and quality. Qwest also has a strong enterprise business and government sector focus, which should enhance the CenturyLink relationship with the Township of Laughlin. The operating model will remain the same to make decisions locally in the field, not at corporate headquarters in Monroe, Louisiana, to remain as close to the customer as possible.

Tony Timmons, Manager of Market Development (for Laughlin), CenturyLink, 6700 Via Austi Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119, introduced himself and announced that he is a proud member of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce and part of the Town of Laughlin. CenturyLink is now in the television business in Laughlin. There will be 170 digital quality channels available in Laughlin over broadband with advanced technology. There will be a home DVR product, video on demand, caller ID for your television, Karaoke, Games and lots of applications for the family. CenturyLink is proud to provide a change and competitive product and bring an advanced, cutting edge technology to the Town of Laughlin.

Michael Bekoff asked if CenturyLink plans to have a permanent business office in Laughlin. **Mr. Timmons** responded that CenturyLink will look at a local business office once the

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of Laughlin begins to expand a little bit more. Right now the transaction count would not be able to support an office, but is an option for the future. There is a mobile trailer (experience unit) that will be brought to Laughlin from time to time. It is currently parked at the South Pointe Market and will be at the Chef's Fest at the Aquarius soon, and has a mobile store feel to it where people are allowed to interact with products and services being offered.

Michael Bekoff asked if wireless service will be offered, and **Mr. Timmons** responded that cellular service is not currently being offered, but options that are best for the community will be the focus of the company and will not be ruled out.

Ted Pamperin asked about vacationing television cable services. **Mr. Timmons** responded that he will check that out, but is fairly sure that service is already in place and will have an answer at the next town board meeting.

Michael Bekoff stated that CMA Cablevision has announced that they will be terminating all cable services in Searchlight, NV, and might be an opportunity for CenturyLink to provide service to that community.

B. Receive a report from Dana Brems, Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts (SNORE), regarding the "Rage at the River" event scheduled in Laughlin on December 11-12, 2010.

Jena Morga, Executive Director, Laughlin Tourism Commission, announced that Rage at the River is a new event to the Laughlin Tourism Commission and is coming up on December 10-12, 2010 as an off road race. It is the second annual event, but is the first time that Laughlin Tourism commission has sponsored this event as a community liaison for SNORE. 2009 was a phenomenal success with over 200 race teams registered to compete. There will be a spectator area set up at the Events Park and is an old-school race with an exciting course that is different from other off-road races in the southwest.

Dana Brems, Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts (SNORE), introduced herself and said that this is the final race of a six race season for SNORE. The racers are very excited about coming back to Laughlin for the four day event starting on Thursday, December 9, 2010 with registration for qualifying on Friday. Two full days of racing will follow.

Janet Barela asked how this track is different from the track used for SCORE and offered any assistance the Chamber of Commerce might be able to lend to the process. **Ms. Brems** responded that the course has the same basic pit area, but the course is along SR163 to the west and across Needles Highway and along the mountains south, then back. The SCORE race stays basically in the Water Reclamation District area, so a lot more land is used for the SNORE race. There are about twelve separate agencies to deal with for the permitting for the race. **Ms. Brems** thanks **Jena Morga** and **M. J. Smith** for their support and assistance in obtaining the appropriate approvals and permits for the event, and thanked **Ms. Barela** for her offer of support.

Michael Bekoff noted that there will be road closures on Needles Highway at Bruce Woodbury Drive and at SR 163 and asked if those road closures will be for four days. **Ms.**

Brems responded that the road closures will only be for Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM only.

Ted Pamperin asked how the event will financially impact Laughlin. **Jena Morga** responded that there will be a \$2 to 3 million dollar impact with a minimum of 200 teams, with between 5 and 20 people per team. The event is being held on the second weekend in December, which is the third slowest weekend of the year. There is additional information online at racelaughlin.com and snoreracing.net.

Ms. Morga thanked **Jackie Brady** and **Deborah Murray**, of the Laughlin Town Manager's Office, for their considerable effort to ensure that the race is not only successful, but is appropriate for Laughlin.

Ms. Morga closed and thanked the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for their informal support of this event.

7. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Clark County/Town Manager's Report: Jackie Brady, Town Manager

Hoover Dam Bridge. A Press Release was received from Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) regarding the public dedication of the new Hoover Dam Bridge By Pass over the Colorado River. "As an October 16th celebration event nears for *Bridging America*, the public dedication of the new Hoover Dam bridge over the Colorado River, ADOT is strongly urging anyone planning a trip to Las Vegas to take an alternate route. Motorists who are not confirmed participants at the event will run into heavy traffic delays on US 93 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM October 16, and should plan to take a different route when heading to or from Las Vegas. Approximately 14,000 people have reservations to participate in the Federal Highway Administration's dedication of the Mike O'Callaghan – Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, creating a high-speed bypass of Hoover Dam. Travel options include using State Route 68 east of Kingman to Bullhead City, crossing the Laughlin Bridge onto Nevada State Highway 163, then using US 95 through Searchlight, Nevada. This detour route, however, also will experience heavier-than-normal traffic. Travelers should consider using this same detour route on October 14, the date of a different bridge ceremony that will host dignitaries and the media. Many people are registered for this event and traffic is expected to be heavy all day. ADOT is working to inform the public of traffic restrictions and expected delays well in advance of the activities next week. ADOT will provide messages to drivers on digital sign boards located along northbound US93, westbound I-40, and eastbound SR 68. Drivers can tune into the latest traffic alerts on 1610-AM and 1620-AM or by calling 5-1-1. Like for any road trips, travelers are advised to bring extra food, water and supplies with them if they must take US 93 and are caught in the delays. The \$240-million dollar bridge is expected to open to traffic before November 1st."

Second Bridge. Latest update on the second bridge is there have been several final drafts of the Environmental Assessment (EA) sent to FHWA, which has provided more comments and requests for revisions. The latest revision was sent back to FHWA on Friday. Once they give their blessing the draft Environmental Assessment will be given to the public for review and comment.

Casino Drive. The south end of Casino Drive has been milled and hopefully workers will be able to excavate for the 42" water line next week. They are continuing to lay the ITS fiber optic conduit every night on Casino Drive. This fiber optic cable will be for signal communications. Wisser Construction and their sub contractors have almost completed Laughlin civic Drive – they are in the course of raising the manholes and placing the valves.

River Fund, Inc. The new River Fund, Inc. was approved by the County Commission to take residence in the Community Resource Center (CRC) Building where the old United Way organization once was housed. **Penny Renfro** is the director of the organization and they are now conducting business there (their location is across the hall from the Cooperative Extension offices).

Needles Highway in California. Although it was anticipated that the environmental assessment approvals would be completed by Spring 2011 with at least one phase of construction done by Winter 2011, it seems there has been major slippage in the schedule. **Jackie Brady** was told by **Brendon Biggs**, Chief of Transportation Planning for the San Bernardino County Public Works Department, that the environmental approvals are not expected for another three to five years. The documents are 70% completed. There have been some issues involved in completing the cultural resource documents. They are working with a specialized cultural resource firm to resolve these issues and arrive at a strategy for completion and approval that will be acceptable to all oversight agencies including Caltrans, FHWA, BLM, BIA, Fort Mohave Indian Tribe, and the Colorado River Indian Tribes, which include the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo. Once the documents are approved, they can enter the public comment phase for review. The last time **Jackie Brady** went down to check on the status of the environmental process was more than six years ago when now retired **Marty Manning**, Director of Public Works, **Denis Cederburg**, Assistant Director of Public Works, traveled together to Hesperia to check on the EA. This may become the longest EA process ever in the history of the nation!

Laughlin Straw Poll. There is still a need for two volunteers for the straw poll from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and then one volunteer for the tally on November 2, 2010. As you know, there will be early voting on October 20 and registered Laughlin voters can cast their ballots for the straw poll in the lobby of Spirit Mountain Activity Center from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Straw polling will take place from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center on General Election day. On tomorrow evening at the Laughlin Library, beginning at 5:00 PM and ending at 6:45 PM, all candidates for the Laughlin Town Advisory board have been invited to a "Candidates Night" to meet the public, introduce themselves and answer questions about their candidacies. Everyone is welcome to come out for this occasion.

James Vincent requested that the media make sure the public is aware that Straw Poll Early Voting will take place from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, not 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM because there were unwarranted complaints due to lack of information about the Straw Poll voting hours in 2008.

Michael Bekoff asked if each candidate would have three minutes to present their positions and views, and then be available for questions at Candidate's Night, and **Jackie Brady** responded yes, as an introduction.

Janet Barela asked about the Needles Highway Project regarding an alternate route request from the tribe about three years ago. **Jackie Brady** responded that the alternate route was requested much longer ago than that. The tribe wanted the route to go through their reservation past the Avi and Laughlin hotels did not agree with that and most of the current route was kept, with some exceptions. Now there are some cultural questions and issues that have to be addressed. **Janet Barela** asked if there is anything that the Laughlin Town Advisory Board can do to assist the process. **Jackie Brady** responded that the irony of the whole thing is that at the time the project got started Clark County promised \$7 million dollars toward the project, but it has gone on for so many years that the County has had to spend that money on the Casino Drive Project so she doesn't know what will help at this point.

James Vincent requested that anything the Laughlin Town Advisory Board or the committees can do, please let them know because Needles Highway is a main artery from I-40 to Laughlin which is a major revenue strain for the community. **Jackie Brady** responded that in the 1990's when she first got started with this project they used to call it the Gambler's Highway, so California was not really interested in doing the highway. However, Needles, California, has really gotten involved and gave up ten years of their revenues for highway improvements so that Needles Highway could be done. It is through the push of the City of Needles, as well as Clark County's involvement, that any planning is being done but remember, in California you don't only have NEPA that you have to deal with, you have CEQA which is California's environmental process, and because it goes through tribal land there is the tribal environmental process as well, and that did not help in terms of length of time.

Michael Bekoff stated that on Needles Highway there is still a building there marked "Laughlin Information Center" near the Palms River Resort community that has been vacant for a number of years. Who owns that building? **Jackie Brady** responded that it is probably the Tropicana Express because it used to be under the ownership of the Ramada Express, and they should be contacted for information.

B. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report: Jordan Bunker, Public Services

September Statistics:

Wastewater Treated:	2.04 million gallons/day-down 90,000 gal/day from 2009
Wastewater Flows:	61.2 million gallons treated and returned to the river-down 2,700,000 gal/month from 2009
Spills/Overflows:	None
Complaints:	None
Call Before You Dig:	54 markout requests, mostly for the Casino Drive Project

Casino Drive Project. Waiting on submittals from the subcontractor on the sewer portion of the project, Project No. 638.

Complaints. No odor complaints or other citizen complaints for the month of September.

C. Big Bend Water District Report: Bronson L. Mack, Public Information

No report.

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

Blog on Bullhead City website. Toby Cotter, the Bullhead City Manager, has a new blog on the Bullhead City website with daily updates about current events and things going on the city that citizens should know about called The City Manager's 365 Days to Sustainability.

Current Projects.

Solar Photo Voltaic Project. Earlier this year Bullhead City entered into a partnership with Mohave Electric Cooperative for a 50 kilowatt photo voltaic system at City Hall in an effort to expand local use of renewable energy, reduce energy demand, and raise awareness of renewable energy resources. The project is scheduled for completion in early December and will provide clean energy for use at City Hall and serve as a model community project to encourage residents and businesses to expand their use of clean alternative energy. The estimate to reduce energy expenses at City Hall is at least \$7,333.00 in the first year.

Intergovernmental Agreement. On October 5, 2010, Bullhead City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fort Mohave Indian Tribe to house inmates within their approved detention facility. The detention facility is located south of Bullhead City on tribal lands. The cost for confinement is \$58 per day and a booking fee of \$50. This is a partnership that presents a great opportunity for the City of work directly with the Fort Mohave Indian Tribe and the City will continue to have a strong working relationship with Mohave County Jail for most of the inmates.

Veterans Clinic. The Mohave Valley Daily News announced the new location of the veteran's clinic in Laughlin at 3650 South Pointe Circle with construction for the clinic to be completed over the next ten months. Bullhead City veterans will be utilizing the new facility every day. The clinic will have over 5,000 square feet to provide routine health care procedures, primary care, mental health and disease prevention and is a much-needed facility for our veterans.

Volunteer Recognition Party. The Laughlin Tourism Commission and Harrah's Resort held a volunteer recognition party to thank the nearly 200 people who volunteered for the River Regatta this year. The River Regatta was a great success and both communities benefited from it. Plans are already underway for the 2011 River Regatta.

Second Bridge. There is approximately \$37 million dollars needed to complete the second bridge at the Parkway location. The Bullhead City engineering staff recently completed a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant (referred to as TIGER II) and is a very competitive grant process. The City has asked our U.S. Senators and Representatives to help obtain the grant. It is hoped that the project will rank high in the TIGER scoring, but if the grant is now awarded, the City will be seeking other Federal funding. To date the project has been awarded approximately \$22 million dollars in Federal appropriations.

Special Events. On October 20, 2010, the Bullhead City Police and Fire Departments are

hosting the Walk Away from Drugs event at Rotary Park at 5:00 PM with a walk at 5:30 PM. On October 21 through October 24, 2010, the 14th Annual Hardy Days celebration of the pioneer heritage of the Colorado River will take place. The dinner will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 21st at 6:00 PM. Mayor Hakim will give the State of the City Address on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 5:30 PM in Bullhead City Council Chambers and everyone is invited. October 29 through October 31, 2010, Bullhead City will host the annual Haunted House at the Riviera Recreation Center from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM each evening. Saturday, November 6, 2010, the second First Marine Division Association will host the Tri-City Veteran's Day Parade at 10:00 AM Arizona Time on Miracle Mile. November 8 through 10, 2010, the Aquarius Resort will host the 2nd Annual Bullhead City Senior Softball Fall Classic to take place at Rotary and Ken Fovarque Parks. The tournament is limited to 42 teams of 12 players each, age 55 or older.

*F. The Chair took this agenda item out of agenda order.

HopeLink Family Resource Center:

Robyn Kelley, Executive

Director

Cases. Ten new cases were opened in the month of September, and need is very high for utility and rental assistance.

Referrals. There were a total of 61 referrals for other programs in September.

Halloween Hooplah. Halloween Hoopla will be held on October 22, 2010, in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department and Boys and Girls Club.

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

Director

Good Participation. The Senior Center programs are getting good participation in the daily programming.

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Monthly Luncheon. The monthly luncheon was held on October 6, 2010, with food for 35 participants.

Senior Center Halloween Party. The Senior Center Halloween Party will be October 27, 2010, for up to 50 people for lunch.

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Senior Games. November 2 through November 7, 2010, the Senior Center will hold Senior Games and almost all of the programs are available in the Senior Games to get people in and try things out and learn different games. **Richard Declercq** is working with **Debbie Pinkerton** on the event with registration up to October 20, 2010.

Straw Poll Voting. On October 20, 2010, and November 2, 2010, at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center the Straw Poll voting will take place in the foyer, and the General Election voting will take place in the Senior Center, so Senior Center activities will be suspended on those days.

Bocce Ball. The Bocce Ball League has started up again with eight teams that will play every Wednesday at 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. A new league will be started in November that will run until almost Christmas.

Senior Volunteers. Senior volunteers from the Senior Center help with events and will assist with Halloween Hoopla. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 298-3413 or come by the Senior Center Office.

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

Chef's Food Fest. The Chef's Food Fest is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2010, Aquarius Casino/Resort, upstairs in the Pavilion, 5:30 PM, and is a local fundraiser for local charities. Tickets went on sale September 10, 2010, at the Chamber of Commerce for \$60 apiece. This year the recipient of the proceeds will be the River Fund, Inc. There will be a live remote by Mad Dog Wireless at the Chef's Food Fest from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Mad Dog Wireless has done a great job of promoting the Chef's Food Fest this year.

CenturyLink. CenturyLink will park their mobile office trailer in front of Aquarius showing their new products and offering free use of the new products. CenturyLink was a sponsor of the Chef's Food Fest by sponsoring the flower arrangements this year.

Mixer. The next Chamber Mixer will be at Harrah's on November 11, 2010, at 5:30 PM Nevada Time. At the December Mixer at the American Legion bowls made by the Boys and Girls Club will be sold at the mixer in an event called "Empty Bowls" which symbolizes feeding the hungry. The bowls will be filled with soup and sold. The event is sponsored by the American Legion and all of the proceeds will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

H. Laughlin Tourism Commission: Jena Morga, Executive Director
No Report.

I. Laughlin Library: Karen Lassen, Branch Manager

Health Fair. Free health information for children, adults, and seniors. Blood sugar/diabetes tests, cancer support, cardiac care, chiropractor, dental, eye care/optometrist, fitness, hospice, Medicare counseling, urology, local physician Dr. Anthony, and more! Saturday, October 16, 2010, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Laughlin Library.

Donation. In November Silver Rider Bus Service will have their annual wine tasting silent auction at the River Palms from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and the Laughlin Library donated a basket of books for that event.

Nevada Day. The Laughlin Library will be closed on October 29, 2010 in observance of Nevada Day.

Gallery Exhibit. There is currently an exhibit called "Expressions in Watercolor" by **Mary Bolch**, a Fort Mohave artist, on display from September 25 through December 2, 2010. Her subject matter includes fauna, flora, abstracts and landscapes. In the large display case is a football display and in the small display case is part of **Karen Lassen's** personal salt and pepper collection.

Friends of the Laughlin Library. If you are interested in becoming a member, there will be a meeting on Monday, October 4, 2010, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and on the first Monday of

every month thereafter.

Master Gardeners. Master Gardeners is coming to the Laughlin Library on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, and if you bring in your plant specimens you can get an on-the-spot diagnosis by a Master Gardener.

Candidate's Night. Candidate's Night is Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 5:00 PM to 6:45 PM, at the Laughlin Library.

Brown Bag Book Club. On Thursday, October 14, 2010, the Brown Book Club will meet 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon to discuss "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by **Stieg Larsson**.

Wii Games for Adults. On Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Wii games will be offered for adults.

Book Sale. The annual book sale is Saturday, December 4, 2010. Donations of books, magazines, videos, DVD's puzzles, and board games are gladly accepted for the sale.

Family to Family. Programs are offered by **Christi O'Brien** Tuesday through Saturday for pre-school aged children. Stop by the library for a schedule of events.

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

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Development Janet Barela, Co-Chair

Trails Project. There was a presentation from staff on the North Reach Trails Project, a wonderful trail that will wrap along the Colorado River north of SR Highway 163 and includes a pedestrian overpass across SR Highway 163. **Roy Davis** from Public Works was present and provided a map and reported that all of the associated project costs result in a deficit funding of about \$5 million dollars. The contract is (or will soon be) scheduled for approval by the Clark County Board of Commissioners (BCC). There are alternates for the project to go to the Clark County Board of Commissioners (BCC) and it is hoped that the Board will award the contract and approve added alternates A through C on October 19, 2010 (this is a tentative date at this time), and all interested citizens should consider this a call to action to Laughlin citizens concerned about the project and the importance of the project to the community, to go to the meeting in support of the project. This project is important as an amenity to the community and the economic impact that the North Reach Trails Project will have to Laughlin is important to communicate to the Board of County Commissioners. **Deborah Murray** stated that the BCC Agenda posting date for the October 19, 2010 Agenda is October 14, 2010, so it will be known at that time whether it will be on the October 19, 2010 Agenda.

All Committee Meeting. The Community Development Committee feels that it is important to start to understand what each committee purpose statement is and three project goals for 2011 for each committee. The All Committee Meeting was held on October 6,

2010, and the thought was that the meeting would be helpful when the Special Ad Hoc

ByLaws Committee meets to discuss and consider changes to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board (LTAB) ByLaws with regard to committees. At the end of the meeting it was decided that each committee would, at their next committee meeting, take a look at their individual purpose statements, or develop a purpose statement if they did not already have one, to bring forward to the next All Committee Meeting. It is hoped that each committee can establish their individual purposes that can be on going into the future even when new LTAB board members are appointed and committees gain or lose members.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be October 27, 2010, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

B. Parks & Recreation:

James Vincent, Co-Chair

New Programs. There was a discussion about the sub committees and implementing new programs for the community. A new Kick Ball Program was suggested, the cost of which is less than softball, and the Parks & Recreation Department has the equipment needed. Information about the new program will be disseminated to the community and various organizations.

Current Programs. **Debbie Pinkerton** reported on the current programs such as soccer and tennis.

Halloween Hoopla. **Richard Declercq** reported on Halloween Hoopla and the games and activities planned for Halloween.

New Swing Sets. The new child and infant swing sets have been installed with the fall safety surface.

Dog Run. Zoning changes for the Dog Run that went to the Board of County Commissioners on October 6, 2010 and was approved.

Resignation. **Bill Kesgen** sent an email resigning from the Park & Recreation Committee. The committee spoke highly of **Mr. Kesgen** and his contributions to the community, and went on record to deny **Mr. Kesgen's** resignation. He will be missed.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be October 18, 2010, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

C./D. Public Safety

Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair

Public Works:

Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair

Public Safety. **Michael Bekoff** reported.

Fire Department Cuts. **Joe Marr**, former committee member and Co-Chair, requested that the committee review and discuss the \$3 million dollars in cuts at the Fire Department of the Station 76 100' ladder truck, technical rescue truck and the swift water rescue boat. **Mr. Marr** feels that those services are essential and should not be removed from Laughlin as part

of the Countywide budget cuts. Chiefs from Clark County and Bullhead City and fire

fighters attended the meeting. In a review of calls, Ladder Truck 76 responded to 276 calls in the previous year, 250 of which were medical and only 26 calls were in response to fires. Clark County felt that other trucks could handle the medical calls and the 100' ladder truck was not essential in Laughlin. Bullhead stated that under the Mutual Aid Pact they will assist with non-medical calls and will back up Clark County if their own units are not already being used. The Mutual Aid Pact extends to the Fort Mohave Mesa Fire Department and Mohave Valley Fire Department, so they would also back up Laughlin in the event of a multi-alarm fire. However, the response times will be longer. **Mr. Bekoff** asked if it would be possible to get additional staffing for high profile special events like the River Regatta, River Run, off-road vehicle races and others where there is a larger volume of people, and **Chief Ken Morgan** responded that that might be possible because it has been done in the past. A motion was passed by the committee to send the matter to the Town Board for review and forwarding to the Clark County Board of County Commissioners. **James Vincent** stated that there was confusion between County staff and himself about the motion the committee made and suggests to all committees that when they have an item that they want to bring forward to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board that an agenda item request should be made with **Jackie** or her staff. Then the committee should select a representative to give the report and come prepared with the nature of the issue, what the committee expectations are, and then recommend possible solutions. That will give the Town Board a little more information to be able to take action.

Public Works. **Fred Doten** reported.

Bring Back Fire Department Services. **Mr. Doten** responded to **Mr. Bekoff's** comments about fire department services and stated a concern is that in a few years when the budget is stabilized, will Clark County be willing to reinstitute and fund the services that were taken away with the current budget cuts.

Public Works Work Orders. A meeting was held on December 1, 2010, attended by **Denis Cederburg, Jackie Brady, Mike Bekoff** and **Fred Doten**. After discussion, **Denis Cederburg** concurred that monitoring the work order tasks for Laughlin and being the interface between his department and citizens of Laughlin would be worth continuing, and also agreed to attend Public Safety/Public Works Committee meetings every three to four months and provide an informal briefing on the activities in Laughlin.

Big Bend Water District Tour. Nine people participated in the Big Bend Water District Tour on September 21, 2010. **Bronson Mack** coordinated the tour and the Plant Production Supervisor, **Jeff Theuret**, conducted the tour. It was an excellent tour of the Control Room and the facility.

Meeting Cancelled. The October 19, 2010 Public Safety/Public Works Committee was cancelled and rescheduled for October 25, 2010 in order for **Mr. Cederburg** to be able to attend with two members of his staff. This will be an informal briefing of activities being planned for Laughlin, and a general overview.

Southwest Gas. At the November 16, 2010 meeting **Frank Hart**, General Manager for Southwest Gas in Bullhead City, AZ, will be a guest speaker to discuss the gas distribution system within Laughlin.

Town Advisory Board Applicants. **Michael Bekoff** noted that there are five Public Safety/Public Works Committee members seeking Laughlin Town Advisory Board appointment.

The next meeting of the Public Safety/Public Works Committee will be November 16, 2010, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

E. Social Services: Ted Pamperin, Co-Chair

Family Resource Center HopeLink Report. **Robyn Kelley** gave a report from the Family Resource Center HopeLink and reported that **Christi O'Brien** is now managing the Family to Family Program at the Laughlin Library. HopeLink has retained their part-time assistant who helps residents with forms for food stamps, energy assistance and referrals, while Robyn helps with all direct funding.

Laughlin Mental Health Clinic. **Cheryl Seipke** reported that the Laughlin mental Health Clinic is currently serving 101 people from Laughlin. There were 20 new cases opened in August, with a few closures. Clinic supervisor, **Elaine Krows**, continues to look into ways of expanding services that the clinic can offer, and hopes to bring in more staff members to better serve the needs of the community.

West Care. **Stacey Stutsman**, Systems Advocate, West Care, was unable to attend this meeting, but the committee looks forward to her attending the next meeting schedule for October 14, 2010.

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be October 14, 2010, 8:30 AM at the Laughlin Regional Government Center.

All Committee Meeting. A lot of projects resulted out of the All Committee Meeting and the Social Services Committee looks forward to those projects in the near future to better serve the residents of Laughlin.

9. 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).

Document(s) Submitted: None.

Speaker(s) Present:

1. **Nicholas Giordano**, 3245 Quail Song Drive, Laughlin, NV.
2. **Jordan Ross**, 3650 South Pointe Circle, Laughlin, NV.
3. **Michael Bekoff**, 3225 Rio Vista Drive, Laughlin, NV

1. **Nicholas Giordano** commented about the Laughlin Fire Department equipment and personnel cuts.

2. **Jordan Ross** disagreed with **Mr. Giordano's** comments about the Laughlin Fire Department cuts.

3. **Michael Bekoff** commented about the loss of the 100' Fire Department ladder truck.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, October 26, 2010, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than October 15, 2010, and October 29, 2010, respectively.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Michael Bekoff** moved, **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM. Upon a voice vote motion carried 4-0.

These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the November 9, 2010 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting.