

MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

November 18th, 2014
10:00 A.M.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

Members Present: Public Works

Fred Doten
Shawn Escarzaga
Jim Bodley
Steve Collins (excused)
Jim DeWoody
Eric Hoss (excused)
John Pantages
Jon Safranek (Excused)

Other Attendees:

Barbara Bodley, Laughlin Citizen
Julie Fairman, Laughlin Times
Allen Pavelka, Clark County Public Works

Fred Doten called the meeting to order.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **Fred Doten** called the meeting to order 10:01 AM as a quorum was present
- B. The meeting was conducted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- C. Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary. **Fred Doten** commented that **Allen Pavelka** was not here yet so Agenda item 4A would be moved on the agenda and covered as soon as **Allen Pavelka** arrived.
- D. The Public Works Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- E. The Public Works Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. **Approval of the November 18, 2014 Agenda.**
Shawn Escarzaga moved and **Jim Bodley** seconded the approval of the agenda.
Motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes**
Shawn Escarzaga moved and **John Pantages** seconded the approval of the agenda.

Motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0.

3. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the Public reference any of the agenda items.

4. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

A. **Receive update from CCPW on on-going Laughlin Activities**

Allen Pavelka arrived 15 minutes after the meeting started. He apologized for his lateness but noted that his meeting prior to coming to Laughlin took longer than planned. He also mentioned that a lot of answers he wanted to get did not happen because of his current work schedule. He did comment that he would respond to all questions in the near future with specific answers.

Allen Pavelka started off his discussion by stating that Chris Branly, Vector Control Officer, said the black fly program was complete for the year; and that it had gone well for the year. They were shut down for now but are working on vegetation control.

Allen Pavelka noted that he had talked to Gary Ravel, supervisor for the Laughlin area, reference the storm damage. Right now Gary Ravel is about 75 percent complete on grading and repairs from the storm damage.

During the discussion of the beatification efforts on Casino Drive, **Jim Bodley** brought up the point that when they put an island on Casino Drive which eliminated the ability of folks to get into the Chamber. His primary point is if the access road built off the Trailhead road was done with County Funds, why could they not put up signs telling folks how to get into the Chamber. After further discussion it was agreed that **Allen Pavelka** would work to get a sign requirement established and the committee would come up with the wording.

Allen Pavelka covered the proposed bridge. He stated that the schedule for Phase 1, which is to build a 2-lane bridge with full abutments, is from 2015 to 2018. The second phase, which is to build the full width bridge is not proposed until 2035. The big issue is making sure funding is available for Phase 1, which cannot be started until the money has been allocated.

Allen Pavelka noted that he had talked to **Kaizad Yazdani** just prior to leaving to come to Laughlin. One of the things discussed was campaign signs. **Allen Pavelka** said to get resolution one needed to talk to CPro and they were the one who handled this. **Jim Bodley** interjected that pulling the signs was only part of the issue. The other part was pulling the rebar holding the signs. The remaining rebar is a safety issue. **Deborah Murray** stated she would contact CPro.

B. Discuss Zone Inspections and take any action appropriate

Fred Doten started the discussion by stating that he had not had a chance to look at his route; however, would get to it within the week..

Fred Doten next discussed that fact that he had talked to **Kaizad Yazdani** about the route structure and what was the best way to call the information in. **Fred Doten** stated that **Kaizad Yazdani** felt it was best to break the issues by specific groups as that is how IntheWorks passes on information to the various departments. **Fred Doten** gave as an example street light issues. These go to the folks who handle all light pole issues and they would not be interested in street marking that go to another group. **Fred Doten** went on to explain that the major issue with lights being reported out is if they are hard out or intermittent. He gave as an example the two lights **Eric Hoss** stated out at the intersection of Needles Highway and Hwy 163. **Fred Doten** said that when he went out to confirm the lights were out he found all working.

Fred Doten discussed the findings that **Jim Bodley** presented. He asked if this package was complete. **Jim Bodley** noted that it was fairly complete and then went on to discuss the erosion being caused by flooding. He brought up the point of dirt being washed on the road during storms. He noted that taking the dirt off the road and putting it back where it came from made no sense. His position is you should move the dirt somewhere else and let nature wash out the sand and leave the rocks. By doing so, the erosion will be mitigated.

Jim DeWoody brought up the point that there must be areas with Laughlin where fill dirt is required. He said it would make more sense, rather than just pushing the dirt back where it came from, to move it to a location where it could be used. **Deborah Murray** interjected that doing this would entail getting permits, etc. She felt it was better to let CCPW handle it as they were the experts and knew what they could and could not do. **Jim Bodley** commented that several months ago he brought up the point that if CCPW had a tilt-angle blade for their skip loader. By having this piece of equipment they could roll the dirt back to the side of the road and mitigate erosion during the next storm. **Allen Pavelka**, having arrived joined in on the conversation. He noted that he had made the same point with the Director. He stated that just pushing the sand back to where it came from was not a solution. **Deborah Murray** brought up the Point that for as long as she has been here, there has been a plan to build a retention basin at the north-west corner of the Bruce Woodbury/ Thomas Edison intersection, however, no money has ever been allocated for this. The answer has always been it is 10 years out. **Deborah Murray** also brought up the point that using road milling on the sides of the road is helping with the erosion; however, it does not solve the bigger problem associated with the retention basin. **Jim Bodley** interjected that when they put the milling down on the roadside he felt that covering the millings with a light coat of oil or at least rolling it would have made it more effective. He agreed it was doing good, but it could have been a lot better if oiling or rolling had been done.

C. **Receive an update on recent traffic studies in Laughlin and recent work orders submitted to Public Works and take any action Deemed appropriate**

Fred Doten started the discussion by asking all to get out their copy of the work order sheet. He provided a copy to **Allen Pavelka**. The following items were covered.

Sewer plant turn lane: **Fred Doten** noted that a paper is still needed.

Yield signs at Bruce Woodbury intersection: **Fred Doten** stated that these had been removed with the new markings of this intersection

Street sign at wrong place along Thomas Edison: **Steve Collins** interjected that the sign was still there. He noted that when they graded, they just went around it.

Marking of El Mirage: In discussing this subject, **Fred Doten** stated that he had received a call from **Jon Safranek** and **Steve Collins** stating that the road was being marked for a two-way turn lane. He noted that when he checked it out the following day he found that the 2-way left turn lane had been installed, which was counter to what was discussed at the last meeting when CCPW was here. **Fred Doten** said he sent an email to **Kaizad Yazdani** stating that the 2-way lane had been installed, that this was counter to what had been discussed and that it made the bus stops along the curved portion of the road a safety issue. **Fred Doten** noted that he had stated in the e-mail that buses would now have to stop on an active roadway and in a no-parking zone.

Fred Doten stated that he received an email from **Kaizad Yazdani** saying he was asking for pictures and would respond back. **Fred Doten** noted that he had not received any further information since then. He said he would be following up on this.

No Sidewalk along Mesquite Lane. **Fred Doten** said that he needed to follow up on this.

Blind intersection at Canyon Terrace: **Fred Doten** said that he needed to follow up on this with **Joe Yatson**. He followed this by stating he did not feel anything would be done on this as it would be a Title 30 change.

Signage at Bruce Woodbury and Needles highway: **Steve Collins** stated that the sign in question had been removed. This item will be removed.

Signage Issue at Willow Bay Intersection: **Steve Collins** noted that the signs had been fixed; however, it was not what he thought it would be. This item will be removed.

Restriping of white lines on Needles Hwy: **Fred Doten** said that work on the roadway was still on-going so it would be next month before its status would be known.

Inoperable Street lights: **Fred Doten** said that as he receives information on street lights being out, he forwards the information to Intheworks. He continued stating that they are generally repaired within a few days.

New sign for Chamber Access Road: **Fred Doten** stated that based on info he

received no information sign would be installed on Casino Drive. He went on to say that the rationale for this verdict was the fact that the road off the Bridge Trailhead road that parallels Casino Dr is not considered a road but an access to the Chamber. Consequently, signage pointing out the road was not authorized. **Jim Bodley** brought up the point that in California when a road is built with County funds that it is by definition a County road. He noted that he did not fully understand the Nevada laws, but he would expect it to be similar to California.

Pot holes on Thomas Edison: **Fred Doten** stated that reconstructing Thomas Edison eliminated the Pot Holes. This item will be removed.

El Mirage Drainage at Banyon: **Fred Doten** noted that nothing had been done about this and that he hoped it could be discussed when CCPW were here.

Blind Intersection at Banyon & James A Bilbray: **Shawn Escarzaga** noted that the bushes reducing visibility were still there. She said she had taken pictures and would send them forward. **Jim Bodley** asked if a letter had been sent to the owner to trim the bushes and **Fred Doten** stated he did not know.

School sign for Bennett Elementary is pointing incorrectly: **Fred Doten** noted that it was still pointing incorrectly and that it would be addressed when the monthly data was submitted.

Urgent Care Sign on 163: **Fred Doten** noted that this sign was on 163, which was a State Highway and he would need to contact them to get it removed.

Business Sign on Needles Hwy: **Fred Doten** noted that he had no input on this.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Bodley offered up a couple comments to the committee.

Her first comment addressed an odor coming from the Water Reclamation plant for a couple days last week. She asked if anyone else had noticed it. No one responded yes to the question. **Fred Doten** said he would follow up with an e-mail to **Jake Jacobson**.

Barbara Bodley next addressed a trip to Searchlight to visit a home that had been build many years ago. She brought up the point that the home had running water with a swimming pool; and that many of the amenities were feats of engineering at the time the home was built. After a bit of discussion, the committee decided that it would be worth a trip to Searchlight. **Barbara Bodley** agreed to arrange for a trip in December.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date for the Public Works Committee is **November 18, 2014**, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. **Agenda items due no later than November 7, 2014.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1055 hrs.