

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Standing Committee to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board
March 15, 2016
8:30 AM

Laughlin Regional Government Center
101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada

Members Present: Pat Gutierrez
Victoria Conely
Cheryl Seipke
Lance Ross

Members Absent:
David Brownlee, Excused

Others Present:
Julie Fairman, Laughlin Times
Paul Stubler, Colorado River Food Bank

Minutes Prepared By: Cheryl Seipke

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.
- C. The Social Services Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- D. The Social Services 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 March 15, 2016 Agenda.

Pat Gutierrez moved, **Victoria Conely** seconded the approval of the agenda amending Item 4-E to read *power outages* in lieu of *power outage*. Motion carried 3-0.

- B. Approval of the December 15, 2015 Minutes.

Victoria Conely moved, **Cheryl Seipke** seconded the approval of the minutes as written. Motion carried 3-0.

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 committee 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 committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the committee by majority vote. The committee 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 committee for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the committee.

4. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Committee to review and approve the 2016 Social Services Committee meeting dates, and take any other action deemed appropriate.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

This agenda item was reviewed and approved at the December 15, 2015 Social Services Committee meeting.

- B. Committee to select a Citizen Co-Chair.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Cheryl Seipke moved, **Victoria Conely** seconded the selection of **Pat Gutierrez** as Citizen Co-Chair. Motion carried 3-0.

- C. Committee to select a Secretary.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Pat Gutierrez moved, **Victoria Conely** seconded the selection of **Cheryl Seipke** as Secretary. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Committee to discuss participation at the April 9, 2016 Laughlin Town Festival.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Julie Fairman, Laughlin Nevada Times, announced that the Laughlin Town Festival will not be held this year.

E. Committee to discuss the social service aspect of the power outages – what we learned after the water outage, what worked during the recent power outages and what potentially needs to be done in future emergencies.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Lance Ross, speaking from a Public Information Officers (PIO) stand point, states that improvements need to be made with communication. During the recent power outages NV Energy did communicate with their consumers IF the consumer had the correct technology. It is questionable how others were notified, if at all. Committee members question what happens in the case of the homebound and medically fragile. **Lance** states that multiple Las Vegas television stations were reporting on the recent power outages, the information is coming from Las Vegas and accurate information is not being reported. **Lance** will get feedback at the next PIO meeting, and report to the committee.

Paul Stubler, Colorado River Food Bank, states that Silver Rider is to contact the food bank if they receive emergency situation information.

F. Committee to discuss goals for 2016.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Pat Gutierrez asks “What can we do that we aren’t doing now?” The 2016 Laughlin Resource Directory is being distributed, and the directory is on the Clark County website.

Victoria Conely questions how the committee can be involved in emergency situations, suggesting to get the word out: “Don’t forget those in need during emergency situations”.

Lance Ross will ask at the next Emergency Management meeting if workshops can be organized for those that want to get involved and help during emergency situations.

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but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman, or the committee 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 no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.

Paul Stubler, Colorado River Food Bank, thanked the committee for letting him attend the meeting today, and asked how he could join the committee. **Paul** is given an application, and it is suggested that he be an Ex Officio member since he lives in Arizona.

The Social Services Committee would like to show it's appreciation to **Jackie Brady**, Laughlin Town Manager, for her years of service to our community.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 19, 2016, 8:30 A.M., Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than April 8, 2016.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Cheryl Seipke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 AM seconded by **Victoria Conely**. Motion carried 3-0.

NOTE: *These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 19, 2016 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the minutes of the May 17, 2016, meeting.*