

Laughlin Town Advisory Board

August 12, 2025

MINUTES

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- I. Call to Order by Chair Walker, Pledge of Allegiance by Fred Doten, and Roll Call, all present.
- II. Public Comment:
- III. Approval of Minutes for July 8, 2025. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathleen Hoss Action: Approved as written

Vote: 5-0

IV. Approval of agenda for August 12, 2025, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathleen Hoss

Action: Approved

Vote: 5-0

V. Informational Items:

1. Receive a report and updates from the South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz on the Back to School Health and Wellness Fair from August 2, Clark County designation as a Public Heart County and any other updates from Clark County. (For discussion only)

Mark Moskowitz provided information on the Health and Wellness Fair that was held on Saturday, August 2nd. He wanted to thank the partners who helped make the Health Fair a success. There are backpacks still available, contact our office to find out where to pick one up.

Mark Moskowitz spoke of the Purple Heart Trail. The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. There are 13 honorary roads in Nevada.

It was mentioned that Fred Doten, who serves on this Town Board, is a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Mr. Moskowitz shared pictures of the signing of the new name of Laughlin's first bridge to *Donald J. Laughlin Bridge*. He thanked Carrie Larson and the Chamber for their work helping to make this change.

2. Receive a report from Lt. Rogers with Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

Officer Cox provided the report. He provided information for the upcoming Blood Drive on September 17th, Coffee with a Cop events, and CPR classes at the High School.

Fred Doten asked if there was anything the CRHGT Council could do to help with the homeless situations.

July 2025 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 336 Traffic Citations: 146

DUIs: 2

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 8

Bookings: 23 Juvenile Citations: 3

Laughlin High/ Middle School: 0

Bennett Elementary: 1

3. Receive a report from Sgt. Tim Waller with Nevada Highway Patrol regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns. (For discussion only)

Total Contacts: 619; motorist assist, abandoned vehicles, pedestrians, etc.

Traffic Stops: 451 Citations: 451

Commercial Inspections: 62

Auto accidents: 3

Arrest: 3

4. Receive a report from Clark County Fire Department regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

Fire Battalion Chief John Borla provided the July report.

Statistics July 2025: Station 76: 138 Station 85: 89 Total responses: 227

5. Receive a report from Andrew Bennett, Clark County Director of Traffic Safety regarding the development of the Safe Streets for All Southern Nevada Action Plan. (For discussion only)

Andrew Bennett and Daniel Fazekas provided a presentation that included the objectives and study areas. The death rates have been increasing with more deaths from 2019-2024 with pedestrians, bike riders or motorcycles.

A project overview was discussed with three phases, starting June 2025 and ending May 2026.

A survey was provided for the public to stay engaged and participate.

6. Receive a report from Louis Lacy and Alyssa Johnson with HELP of Southern Nevada regarding resources and programs available to the community. (For discussion only)

HELP provides information and outreach programs for the homeless, low-income residents, and the youth who are aging out of foster care.

They work with Metro officers with the homeless and provide better living conditions for the homeless.

HELP provides weatherization for residents who may need windows replacements, air-conditioners and heaters. Help with electric and gas payments.

Help people enter the workforce.

Help homeless youth 18 to 25 years old to find housing and work.

There is a diaper bank for new mothers, that includes formula, car seats, pack and play sets and parent classes.

HELP assist people to get their I.D., social service card, SNAP benefits and Medicaid.

7. Receive a report from Jason Bailey with Big Bend Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Diversions: July 2025: 290 - acre feet. 2025 Total diversions: 1819 - acre-feet

Water System Update:

Staff repaired the chemical analyzer drain lines and cleared brush from those sites. The lower decant pond is being staged for draining and cleaning.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA): Authorization for \$29 million for BBWD improvements passed the House and Senate in late 2024. Staff continues to work with U.S. Army Corp Engineers on 219 Environmental Infrastructure program. A letter was submitted of intent to facilitate the design phase of one 2MG storage tank.

Bronson Mack with Las Vagas Valley Water District spoke about the three public workshops regarding rate increases. Big Bend is still taking public comment and will be back at the September 9th TAB meeting with additional information.

8. Receive a report from Will Smith with Clark County Water Reclamation District regarding the status of the wastewater system. (For discussion only)

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility treated an average of 50.623 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 11 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin Tickets received for July 2025

9. Receive a report from Mike Jackson, Executive Director with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition. (For discussion only)

Mike Jackson said the work force has improved with the wage increases.

Ridership is going well, it's expected to increase over the summer. Silver Rider continues to provide new casino hires with free passes and free rides for events and holidays.

A new pilot program has started on the 888 route to extend the time to 12:45 am. The pilot that started on Cougar Drive has been a success.

A new stop for Las Vegas Express was started at the Market Place.

Free rides will be available for the upcoming Labor Day Holiday September 1st.

10. Receive a report from Kelly Lehr, Southern Clark County Coordinator with UNR Extension regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

The recent donations for summer camp were issued to two boys that Kelly Lehr said had a wonderful time. Upcoming classes:

Robotics

Outdoor NV

Hand sewing for teens

Shooting sports, that includes archery, and air pistols and rifles.

Master Gardner classes

Flyers in the back.

For information regarding classes and programs contact:

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11. Receive a report from Carrie Larson with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming business activities in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

Laughlin Chamber Events:

Lunch Mob – First Fridays to flash mob the local eateries.

Roadhouse Round-up – Searchlight to Gnat's Landing. Silver Rider provides transportation.

National Night Out: October 8th at 5:00 pm

Community Achievement awards: November 1st at 5:00 pm

Services:

Notary service, by appointment only.

Fishing and small game license available. The license is good for one year.

Visitor's Center Host Business Center Services Ongoing Projects:

Signing Ceremony was held for the renaming of the Laughlin Bridge on August 4th with Governor Lombardo.

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce (702) 298-2214 www.laughlinchamber.com

12. Receive a report from Jackie Wallin with the Laughlin Tourism Commission regarding current and upcoming events and activities. (For discussion only)

Jackie Wallin was unable to attend. Report was available on the back table.

13. Review previous fiscal year budget requests and take public input regarding requests for the next fiscal year budget (for discussion only)

There was a brief discussion, selections not received during the meeting will be emailed to the secretary.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. UC-25-0497-RENEWA I, LLC:

USE PERMITS for the following: 1) public utility structures (overhead transmission lines and electric substation) and all ancillary equipment; and 2) a communication tower and all associated equipment. WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) increase structure height; 2) eliminate street landscaping; 3) eliminate buffering and screening; and 4) waive full off-site improvements. DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) public utility structures (overhead transmission lines and electric substation) and all ancillary equipment; 2) a communication tower and all associated equipment; and 3) final grading plans for a hillside development on a 211.30 acre portion of a 6,854.96 acre site in an RS80 (Residential Single-Family 80) Zone, an IH (Industrial Heavy) Zone, and a PF (Public Facilities) Zone. Generally located east and west of Needles Highway and south of State Route 163 within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 08/20/2025

2. UC-25-0499-COUNTY OF CLARK (ADMINISTRATIVE):

USE PERMITS for the following: 1) large-scale electric generation (Solar); 2) public utility structures (electric substation, BESS facility, utility poles, and overhead transmission lines) and all ancillary structures; and 3) a communication tower.

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) increase structure height; 2) eliminate street landscaping; 3) eliminate buffering and screening; and 4) modify residential adjacency standards.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) a large scale, solar electric generation facility; 2) public utility structures and all ancillary equipment; 3) a communication tower; and 4) final grading plans for a hillside development on a 2,866.51-acre portion of a 4,870.79-acre site in an RS80 (Residential Single-Family 80) Zone and an IP (Industrial Park) Zone. Generally located northwest of Needles Highway and north and south of Laughlin Boulevard within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 08/20/2025

3. UC-25-0501-RENEWA I, LLC:

USE PERMITS for the following: 1) public utility structures (overhead transmission lines and electric substation) and all ancillary equipment; and 2) a communication tower and all associated equipment. WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) increase structure height; 2) eliminate street landscaping; 3) eliminate buffering and screening; and 4) waive full off-site improvements. DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) public utility structures (overhead transmission lines and electric substation) and all ancillary equipment; 2) a communication tower and all associated equipment; and 3) final grading plans for a hillside development on a 211.30 acre portion of a 6,854.96 acre site in an RS80

(Residential Single-Family 80) Zone, an IH (Industrial Heavy) Zone, and a PF (Public Facilities) Zone. Generally located east and west of Needles Highway between the Nevada State Line and Hiko Springs Lane within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 08/20/2025

4. UC-25-0502-COUNTY OF CLARK (ADMINISTRATIVE):

USE PERMITS for the following: 1) large-scale electric generation (Solar); and 2) public utility structures (BESS facility and utility poles) and all ancillary structures.

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) increase structure height; 2) eliminate street landscaping; 3) eliminate buffering and screening; and 4) allow high activity areas (drive aisles) adjacent to a less intense residential district.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: 1) a large scale, solar electric generation facility; 2) public utility structures and all ancillary equipment; and 3) final grading plans for a hillside development on 1,352.46-acre portion of a 2,789.36-acre site in an RS80 (Residential Single-Family 80) Zone and an IP (Industrial Park) Zone. Generally located northwest of Needles Highway and north of Laughlin Boulevard (alignment) within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 08/20/2025

- After a lengthy discussion and many questions, the main concerns were:
- Locations
- ➤ Why are part of the original transmission lines must be moved?
- ➤ Will this affect my property and property value?
- Power purchase and will this benefit Nevada?
- Number of jobs.
- > Timeline for construction.
- Landscaping
- Access roads, would it block current trails used by locals.
- Time review for five years and not thirty-five years.
- > Environmental impact and dust.

Jake Dahm and Elliot Casper provided information and addressed most of the questions. They provided a PowerPoint presentation, which included a map.

Kathy Ochs motioned for approval with the following condition. The LTAB is requesting a review by Public Works for a five-year review for offsites for the following items

UC-25-0497

UC-25-0499

UC-25-0501

UC-25-0502

Fred Doten seconded the motion for approval. Upon a voice vote, motion passed unanimously. 5-0

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Renee Yepez voiced her concerns regarding the lack of resources for the parks. She invited the public to attend the next CRHGT Council meeting.

A resident voiced his concern regarding water rates and water usage.

IX. Next Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

X. Adjournment: 4:25 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 9, 2025, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 14, 2025, meeting.

To listen to the audio recording of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board go to:

 $\underline{http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/laughlin/Pages/LaughlinTownAdvisoryBoard.aspx}$

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