



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

March 12, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members:	Gina Mackey – Chair Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair James Maniaci	Nile Smith Kathleen Whitehead
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- I. Call to Order by Gina Mackey, Invocation led by Pastor Mike Willis with Laughlin Community Church Outreach, Pledge of Allegiance by Kathy Ochs.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

- II. Public Comment: None

- III. Approval of Minutes for February 12, 2019. (For possible action)

Moved by: James Maniaci
Action: Approved as written, 5-0

Approval of Minutes February 26, 2019 (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathy Ochs
Action: Approved as written, 5-0

- IV. Approval of agenda for March 12, 2019, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathy Ochs
Action: Approved 5-0

- V. Informational Items

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

Lt. Hewes provided the February report.

February 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 320, down eight percent from this time last year.

Traffic Citations: 552

DUIs: 3

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 7

Bookings: 52

Juvenile Citations: 0

Lt. Hewes explained how calls are categorized.

Lt. Hewes said he does not anticipate many changes from last year for the annual Laughlin River Run in April.

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

Trooper Morgan provided the February report.

Citations: 686

Arrests: 9, including one DUI arrest.

Current manpower consists of six troopers and one sergeant.

James Maniaci inquired about directed enforcements. Trooper Morgan said the directed enforcement from last month was on Casino Drive looking for seat belt and cell phone violations. The current enforcement on US 95 is focusing on speed and the move over law.

3. 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 Captain Warren Whitney provided the February 2019 report.

Station 85: 83 calls.

Station 76: 151 calls.

Total calls for Laughlin in February 2019: 234

Total EMS calls: 134

Other: 17

Technical rescue: 1

This month's included swift water training for the new rookies who recently graduated on February 15th.

4. Receive a report from Greg Turner with Clark County Water Reclamation District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Report provided by Greg Turner.

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 1.77 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow increased 50,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

February 2019 Statistics:

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig tickets: 23

Update on lift station number two on the south side of town. Rehab was wrapping up, but over the weekend there was an issue and currently undertaking a by-pass pumping at the lift station until the problem is resolved. There were not any spills and the situation is under control.

Chair Mackey moved Will Douglas with UNCE to number five and Jordan Bunker with Big Bend to number six.

5. Receive a report from Jordan Bunker with Big Bend Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Report provided by Jordan Bunker.

Diversions: February 2019: 217 acre feet

2019 total diversion: 463 acre feet

No major reports of leaks or breaks.

The new billing system conversion has taken place and is going smoothly. The new bills will be generated on the new software on March 18th, with customers obtaining their new bills and account numbers around March 20th. Specific instructions will be provided to the customer to re-establish their accounts and be able to pay their bill, he said.

6. Receive a report from Will Douglas with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Will Douglas provided an update regarding the Master Gardeners. The next meeting will take place at the Laughlin Library tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. Douglas cited a recent article in the local paper about the community garden with gardening opportunities opening up to the public. He had a good response with six people showing up and another two expressing interest. Nine of the 13 garden beds should be in use, including one bed for the 4-H Club. It is on a first-come, first-serve and beds are filling up quickly.

Mr. Douglas said there have been problems with the irrigation system but money has been allocated for a new system. The beds should be ready in about two weeks.

Chair Mackey asked if there is any shade and what can be grown. Mr. Douglas said they do not provide shade but provide most everything else for the soil. Most anything can be planted except illegal plants.

7. Receive a report from Jackie Mazzeo with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming events. (For discussion only)

Jackie Mazzeo spoke about the 5K Walk for the Cancer Connection. This year, the donation was \$15,000 with over 540 individuals participating. It was a great walk with great music which started out with Cinnabons and a little rain. There was rock painting for the memorial rock tree garden. She said proceeds benefit the Cancer Connection, which is an arm of the River Fund and is a restricted fund for those who are fighting cancer. The money is used for expenses normally not covered by insurance.

Ms. Mazzeo thanked the fire department for responding to Saturday's dumpster fire and keeping the mess to a minimum. On Sunday, Metro responded quickly to a potential break-in when the alarms went off.

The Riverside Hotel and Casino is adding the Laughlin Chamber to their security checks.

The Laughlin area guide is ready to be published and there are available spaces for members who would like to tell their story, print a picture, or contribute an editorial, she said.

8. Receive a report from Richard deClercq with Parks & Recreation regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Statistics February 2019:

Programs: 35
Participants: 513
Visits: 2,289

Upcoming special events:

March 22nd is Senior Trivia Night with a cost of \$32.00 per team, or \$8.00 per player. The game involves playing general trivia with a BBQ dinner included.

April 13th is the Annual Laughlin Egg Run event for persons between ages 3-12. Pre-registration is required by calling, going on-line, or visiting the center. The event will include free inflatables.

April 26th is Senior Game Night. Teams of four will compete in three party games. The cost is \$32.00 per team which includes a BBQ dinner.

Contact Info: Richard deClercq, Program Supervisor, (702) 298-3413

9. Receive a report from Laughlin school system regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

No report

10. Receive a report from Tanya Brown-Wirth with Laughlin Library regarding current and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Tanya Brown-Wirth announced the Laughlin Library 25th Anniversary celebration. This event is being held on Wednesday, April 10th at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate 25 years of serving the Laughlin community. The special event will include exhibits, activities for kids, refreshments, and a mini book sale. Everyone is invited.

Other upcoming activities include:

- ❖ AARP Tax preparation assistance. Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. through April 11.
- ❖ Monthly book club will meet on Saturday, March 16, at 11:00 a.m. This month's book is "Glass Ocean" by Beatrice Williams.
- ❖ On March 22nd will be a film screening of "Mary, Queen of Scots", starting at 2:00 p.m. and rated R. Popcorn will be provided.
- ❖ Art Program for Kids will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m. The class will feature modeling clay.

Vice Chair Kathy Ochs offered Cinnabon rolls for the anniversary celebration.

11. Receive a report from Mike Jackson with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition regarding the status of the Silver Rider Bus System. (For discussion only)

Mike Jackson provided an introduction and summary of the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTC), or Silver Rider, a local transportation service also provided in Searchlight, Mesquite, Bunkerville, Boulder City, Sandy Valley, and Indian Springs. Only Laughlin and Mesquite have fixed routes and paratransit. All other communities have demand response transportation only.

The SNTC employs 37 persons in Laughlin.

Fares are charged per way or by a 30-day pass with cost dependent upon the rider.

Mr. Jackson said Silver Rider provides an average of 23,000 rides monthly for the town of Laughlin. Over 85 percent of those being transported are employment-related. The remaining 15 percent are visitors to the town of Laughlin or residents traveling to worship services, the resorts, or the outlet mall.

Without Silver Rider and the services it provides, a significant number of residents would not have transportation to work, including the elderly and disabled not having access to life-sustaining medical appointments, chemotherapy/dialysis treatments, or access to nutritional needs.

Mr. Jackson expressed interest in providing a quarterly report to the LTAB for April, July, October and January.

For more detailed financial and grant information, a full report can be provided at the Laughlin Town Manager's Office or by contacting Silver Rider.

Chair Mackey called a 10-minute recess at 2:35 p.m. to reconvene at 2:45 p.m.

12. Receive a report from Martin Knauss with Laughlin Economic Development Corporation regarding community and economic development activities in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

Chair Mackey read this item incorrectly by omitting Martin Knauss's name and asked if there was anybody who would like to speak.

Martin Knauss approached the podium and said he did not have anything specific to report, but said nothing has been heard from Clark County Real Property Management regarding the RFP for the solar contract at Southlands.

He handed the mic to Robert Bilbray, LEDC Strategic Development Advisor. Mr. Bilbray provided updates for SID 162A & B and SB 172.

13. Announcements of upcoming neighborhood meetings and County or community meetings and events. (For discussion only)

None

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **UC-18-0974-USA:**
USE PERMITS for the following: **1)** a communication tower; and **2)** increase the height of a communication tower.
DESIGN REVIEW: for a communication tower on a portion of 307.1 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 1,235 feet east of US Hwy 95, 2,325 feet south of SR 163 within Laughlin. To the PC 02/05/2019

Approved with staff conditions.
2. **WS-19-0010-FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH:**
WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: **1)** reduced parking; and **2)** reduce a portion of street landscaping.
DESIGN REVIEW for additions to a place of worship on 1.9 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the east side of Needles Highway and the south side of Palm Terrace Drive within Laughlin. To the PC 02/19/19

Approved with staff conditions.
3. **DR-19-0080-AQUARIUS GAMING, LLC:**
DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** modifications to an existing freestanding sign; and **2)** increase the area for animated signs in conjunction with the Aquarius Resort Hotel on 17.2 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the east side of Casino Drive, 370 feet north of Bruce Woodbury Drive (alignment) within Laughlin. To the BCC 03/20/19

No final action at the time of this posting.

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Rick Sweeney, Laughlin resident, voiced his concern and opposition to the chartered incorporation of Laughlin.

IX. Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2017

X. Adjournment: 02:55 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 9, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 14, 2019, meeting.

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

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/laughlin/Pages/LaughlinTownAdvisoryBoard.aspx>