



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

January 25, 2022

MINUTES

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- I. Call to Order by Chair Kathy Ochs, Invocation by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance led by Kathleen Hoss
- II. Public Comment: Yoko Allen inquired how the project was going to affect the community and how the energy was going to be allocated.
- III. Approval of agenda for January 25, 2022 and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Pamela Walker
 Action: Approved
 Vote: 5-0

IV. Informational Items

- 1. Receive a report and updates from the South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz. (For discussion only)

Mark Moskowitz commented that Commissioner Naft and this office are still working diligently with NDOW and other organizations in partnership concerning the safety on the Colorado River. Mr. Moskowitz provided a photo with Commissioner Naft taking a boat tour of the river with the Division of Wildlife. The Commissioner stated he appreciated the work of NDOW in keeping the people safe on the river.

V. Planning & Zoning:

- 1. **UC-21-0753-COUNTY OF CLARK (ADMINISTRATIVE):**

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USE PERMITS for the following **1)** electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility); **2)** electrical substation; **3)** overhead power transmission line; **4)** increase the height of utility structures; **5)** public utility structures with all accessory structures; **6)** waive landscaping and screening requirements; **7)** eliminate trash enclosure; and **8)** allow signage in conjunction with the electric generating station and electrical substation.

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: **1)** off-site improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk, streetlights, and paving); and **2)** dedication of right-of-way.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** electric generating station (solar photovoltaic facility) **2)** electrical substation; **3)** overhead power transmission line; **4)** maintenance and operations building; **5)** public utility structures with all accessory/ancillary structures and uses; **6)** preliminary grading for a hillside development (slopes greater than 12%); and **7)** finished grade on 10,846 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone, an M-D (Designed Manufacturing) Zone, an M-2 (Industrial) Zone, and a P-F (Public Facility) Zone. Generally located on the west side of Casino Drive and Needles Highway, 1.3 miles west of Casino Drive within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 2/16/2022

A lengthy discussion ensued which included 8minute Solar Energy representatives Jason Moretz, PhD, PMP, Dennis Harper, CCIM, CPM, and Dave Lundgren. The concerns included:

- Footprint of the entire project
- Purchase contract, where will the energy be used
- If the project would interfere with the proposed National Monument
- Dust concerns
- Trash and restrooms
- Any conflict of interest
- Length of construction
- Length of land lease
- Local job force
- Tower heights and transmission lines.
- Land restoration after the lease has expired
- Interference or restrictions with local and national off road events
- Adverse effect regarding new bridge and construction of the new road

8minute Energy provide answers to all questions and brought maps.

Yoko Allen inquired about the northern boundaries of the project and how it would affect private owners.

Mr. Danny Vander Loop read the following statement in support of the solar project.

Danny Vander Loop 2302 Crook Lake Court Laughlin NV, 89029

The Laughlin Economic Development Corporation mission is to create and implement a collaborative venture among civic and business leaders in the town of Laughlin; to promote the health, welfare and quality of life for the residents of Laughlin through economic development.

In that light, we ask the Laughlin Town Advisory Board to support the Special Use Permit application made by 8 Minute Energy today. This applies to the 4225 acre Southland lease and the transmission corridor to get to the Mohave Switch Station. LEDC has been a long standing proponent of the Solar Generation site in the Southland and the economic diversity it brings to the Laughlin Township.

One of Laughlin's future opportunities for economic development is clean-green solar-generated electric power and transmission in the western section of Laughlin Township. This project is the start of what we hope are many more projects that would extend west into the US95 corridor. The state of Nevada has committed to the generation and use of renewable energy when it passed the Renewable Portfolio Standard. At least 50% of the electricity used in Nevada by 2030 must come from renewable resources. This project is the first in the Laughlin Township with we hope more to come to utilize the existing Mohave Switch Station and transmission lines that will be needed to meet the clean energy needs of Nevada.

Thank you

Danny VanderLoop
LEDC

Ms. Allen inquired about the provisions to hire locally.

Jackie Wallin, Laughlin Chamber and LTC asked if the transmission lines would be visible. Ms. Wallin commented about her concern if the project will affect standing events and requested advance notice to provide to her sponsors and promoters.

Renee Yepez inquired about a reduction in energy rates for Laughlin.

Chair Kathy Ochs moved to approve UC-21-0753 in its entirety and to include in coordinating with LTC Events as it might affect or impact standing events in the Laughlin Community. Pamela Walker second the motion for approval. Upon a voice vote, motion approved 5-0.

VI. General Business: None

VII. Public Comment:

Bruce Henry commented about a request for his statement to be read at the last LTAB meeting held January 11, 2022, and why it was not read. Chair Ochs apologized and said she had intended to read the statement but with the length of the meeting it was over looked.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

IX. Adjournment: 3:36 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 8, 2022 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting.

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