



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

February 11, 2020

MINUTES

Board Members: Gina Mackey – Chair
Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair
James Maniaci
Nile Smith-excused absence
Herman Walker

Secretary: Tammy Harris, (702) 298-0828 tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov

Town Liaison: Dr. Brian Paulson, (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov

- I. Call to Order by Gina Mackey, Invocation by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance led by Kathy Ochs
- II. Public Comment:
- III. Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2019 (For possible action)

Moved by: James Maniaci
Action: Approved as amended

Herman Walker stated he was not a member at the time of the December meeting and said after reviewing the minutes on page 12, there was a statement made by Kathy Ochs that the board authorized the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund for a shortfall of the lagoon dredging. He said this raises a question since there was a lot of discussion during that meeting with regard to the shortfall. His impression was that a SID was created to do the dredging and asked if this was correct. Chair Mackey asked Mr. Walker if he wanted clarification. Mr. Walker asked if the dredging project was done as a result of a SID and what the problem would be of reimbursement of funds taken for this purpose.

Brian Paulson said that the minutes were being approved for content of what was said during the meeting and that the particular agenda item cannot be further rehashed for debate, but could possibly be brought up again at a later meeting.

Kathy Ochs said what she was trying to get across at the meeting was we did indeed authorize the money to come for the shortfall from the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund which in the end would go to the total accounting amount and would be taken over by the property owners to repay in the form of the SID

that was being assessed. She said that was what she was trying to articulate.

Mr. Walker asked if there was going to be restitution of those funds.

Ms. Ochs said yes from the SID but we had to make up the shortfall so RPM (Real Property Management) could complete the project. The property owners were here and were polled and agreed that would be added into the final accounting to the SID for reimbursement. Ms. Ochs said that was a rather volatile meeting which she was trying to calm and make the point that it was a shortfall, it was authorized, and it was going to be part of the SID.

James Maniaci again moved to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes.

Vote: 4-0

Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2020 (For possible action)

Mr. Maniaci said on page six, item 14, there is a description of what the presenter said, “but if I recall there were questions from the board” and asked for those to be articulated in the minutes. He motioned to table the January 14, 2020 minutes until next month. Ms. Ochs asked if it would be wise to amend item 14 to reflect questions with the requested addition than to table them. Mr. Maniaci said he would like to see it and review it first.

Vote: 4-0

IV. Approval of agenda for February 11, 2020, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Chair Mackey moved to remove item VII, number two. The item was read by Chair Mackey and said she hoped this item will be on next month’s agenda.

James Maniaci said in part the reason this was on the agenda was in case there was “a fast aggression and we haven’t had a chance to make a position. Next month, the board can make its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, which would also go to Mr. O’Neill’s group and the Congressional delegation.”

Moved by: Gina Mackey
Action: Approved as amended
Vote: 4-0

V. Informational Items

1. Announce the 2020 Laughlin Citizen of the Year and present a plaque and a Clark County proclamation in recognition of community service. (For discussion only)

Chair Mackey said the Town of Laughlin and Laughlin Town Advisory Board would like to recognize Robert Boerner as its 2020 Laughlin Citizen of the Year for outstanding and dedicated service.

Mr. Boerner was applauded as he accepted his award.

Chair Mackey read the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the policy and privilege of the Board of County Commissioners to recognize individuals and organizations who contribute to the betterment of our organization and to our community; and

WHEREAS, the “Laughlin Citizen of the Year” Award is presented annually in honor of the late Jim Edwards as an expression of gratitude and appreciation to a citizen and resident of Laughlin who has provided selfless time and efforts to assist local government in making Laughlin a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Robert Boerner is one such individual and a longtime Laughlin resident and lifetime member of the American Legion, and volunteer with the Las Vegas Metro Police Department Volunteer Program, Laughlin Senior Center, Clark County Parks and Recreation, and Clark County Coroner investigations, and who has contributed to the betterment of local government and the town of Laughlin in multiple ways; and

WHEREAS, Robert’s passion for volunteerism began when he started Laughlin’s first citizen academy and volunteer program in 1999, holding onto the leadership position until just recently when torch was passed to another individual; and

WHEREAS, Robert retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps after more than 32 years of service and has been nominated multiple times for community achievement awards, and

WHEREAS, as a leader in the community, Robert has instilled the importance of what it means to volunteer and to assist the underserved, the children, and the residents of Laughlin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada, together with the Laughlin community, to recognize and honor

**ROBERT BOERNER
2020 LAUGHLIN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

with gratitude and great appreciation for his shining example of service beyond the call of duty and exceptional dedication and immeasurable commitment to the citizens of Laughlin and Clark County.

Mr. Boerner said he was overwhelmed and was honored to be nominated by a Metro Volunteer. “I love Laughlin. I have been coming to this area since the mid-70s and my wife and I moved here permanently in 1997,” he said.

From the beginning, he said he looked for ways to volunteer since volunteering has been a major part of his life and added that the Metropolitan Police Department volunteer program has been his mainstay for the past 20 years. He said he is “so thankful it’s a strong program,” and said the important thing is for people to tell their own story and that Laughlin have more interaction.

“Get out and meet your neighbors. Laughlin is a great place to live. This is an honor and I appreciate it and I pledge to give my continued support,” he said.

As last year’s Citizen of the Year, James Maniaci said the judges made a great selection with his 4,000 Metro volunteer hour mark on his collar. He thanked those who served on the selection committee.

2. 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. Jeff Hewes provided the January report and congratulated Bob (Robert Boerner), saying he had the privilege of working with him and knows his dedication to both community and country are second to none and thanked him for all he has done.

Lt. Hewes referenced the officer that was arrested and said this matter is still an active investigation which he cannot comment upon. "We take allegations like this very seriously and if deemed true this person will be held accountable just like any other person would," he said.

January 2020 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 333, down 3.76 percent from this time last year

Traffic Citations: 607

("The first quarter of 2020 our focus is traffic safety. Our goal is to reduce accidents, specifically looking for cell phone usage, speeding, and right-of-way offensives. We find those three seem to be the brunt of accidents," Lt. Hewes said.)

DUIs: 1

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 6

Bookings: 59 with one resident juvenile booking

Juvenile Citations: 1 non-resident

James Maniaci asked about the percentage of calls and if that percentage was just the top three or the entire list. Lt. Hewes said that was the whole list.

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

No report

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)

Battalion Chief Richard Reid provided the 2020 January report.

Total January calls for service: 232 (ten were for fire and the rest were EMS or other)

Chair Mackey requested a hard copy of the report for future meetings.

James Maniaci asked the battalion chief to pass on the information to all other chiefs as well as bring copies of the report not only for the board but also for the public. He said there has been an ongoing concern about the imbalance of the mutual aid assistance, so asked the chief if he could provide the board with a call for assistance log history from the Bullhead City Fire District, Fort Mohave Mesa Fire Department, Mohave Valley Fire Department, and the City of Needles since 2016.

Kathy Ochs asked for clarification, if this was for Clark County calling those departments or them calling Clark County? Mr. Maniaci stated both.

Mr. Maniaci inquired as to when the only ladder truck and staff were removed from Laughlin and what the response time is for a ladder truck to be dispatched to Laughlin from the closest Clark County Fire Department station in Henderson, and what would the response time be from the Bullhead City District, and the other three entities for a ladder truck?

Battalion Chief Reid said coming from town, it would be roughly an hour and a half. Bullhead City is quick to respond and he would have to ask for the response times. As for when it was shut down, he will get that information since he does not have an exact date but likely during the 2008-2010 economic downturn.

Mr. Maniaci asked, “when, if ever, can we expect a return of a ladder truck and related staff to Station 76 or 85 and how long that would take to get into place?”

Battalion Chief Reid said that is a question the board would forward to the County Manager, and that he will pass that information on to his Chief and let him know the board is interested in those answers.

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

Greg Turner was unable to attend but provided the January’s report. James Maniaci advised there were copies of the report on the back table.

Statistics:

January 2020:

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility had an average of 1.85 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow saw an increase of 40,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

January 2019:

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility had an average of 1.66 million gallons from last year at this time.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 4 Laughlin tickets received

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

Jason Bailey provided January’s report.

Diversions:

January 2020: 248 acre feet

2020 YTD total diversions: 248 acre feet, a slight uptick from last year

2019 YTD total diversions: 236 acre feet

“The system is in really good shape. There are not any major leaks or issues,” he said.

James Maniaci commented about Laughlin’s 15,352 acre feet allocation and inquired what happens to the unused portion. Mr. Bailey said he will get that information to the board. Mr. Maniaci said he could bring that information next month.

7. Receive a report from 8 minute energy regarding status of solar lease with Clark County in Southlands. (For discussion only)

Jason Moretz, Senior Director of Development for 8minute energy, and Dennis Harper, Vice President of Land Acquisition, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Moretz said they were here about a year ago talking about lands that were for lease for renewable solar energy. The name was rebranded to 8minute Solar Energy. The company is headquartered in California and has been around for more than a decade.

“Recently, we have started to expand to the Southwest and Texas. Our focus is on low-cost solar development and energy storage. We have a strong foothold in Nevada and Clark County with multiple projects. The project that we spoke of last year and the intent was to bring this to the board’s attention and to get some support moving this forward to auction. The auction did take place last November and we want to thank the LEDC for help pushing that along. It took a lot of effort on a lot of people’s parts to get that where it was ready for auction. We were the successful bidder and what that essentially does is give us the rights to develop on 4,225 acres with a 20-year lease with two five-year options. The time frame for this project to become on line would be sometime 2023-2025 due to a lot of upgrades. This project would deliver energy to the Mohave substation,” he said.

James Maniaci inquired how many workers are anticipated during construction. Mr. Moretz said for construction of this size during peak construction, probably upwards to 600-700, “and I would caveat that is peak construction and only a couple hundred workers at the site any given time.”

Mr. Maniaci asked how many operators will there be when it’s generating? Mr. Moretz said it would depend on battery storage components and how big the battery storage would be but likely between 5-8 workers not all of which would be fulltime.

Mr. Maniaci asked what capacity of generating level is anticipated, with Mr. Moretz responding up to 370 MW which would use the entirety of the site. Mr. Maniaci asked if he would like a larger site and Mr. Moretz said, “if you have a larger site we will take it.”

Vice Chair Kathy Ochs had a couple of questions pertaining to the influx, inquiring whether all the jobs would be prevailing wage jobs. Mr. Moretz was not entirely sure on how to answer that.

Ms. Ochs asked if it was contracted or in-house. Mr. Moretz said it would not be in-house, but through them, they would hire a construction company and they would manage the whole process.

Ms. Ochs said on average there will be 200 workers and how long those jobs will last and the housing for the workers. Mr. Moretz said the construction time would be 14 months and during that time there would be an influx for Laughlin.

8. Receive an update from Alan O’Neill, adviser for National Parks Conservation Association, regarding proposal for Avi Kwa Ame (Spirit Mountain) National Monument and proposed boundaries in Laughlin Township. (For discussion only).

Alan O’Neill had to leave and was not able to provide the presentation. Neal Desai, Senior Program Director for Pacific Region, National Parks Conservation Association, provided a PowerPoint presentation in Mr. O’Neill’s absence.

Mr. Desai thanked the board for inviting them back to allow for an update.

“Last December, Alan O’Neill presented the proposal of the National Monument and had a real good discussion and he took the comments and feedback back to a variety of organizations that have been working on this. They looked at the feedback regarding the boundaries along SR 163. Early on in the year, Dr. Paulson helped us set up some follow-up meetings with the town boards and now we will provide our ideas based on the tribal and town board’s feedback,” he said.

Mr. Desai provided color maps of the revised Avi Kwa Ame National Monument boundaries and how they relate to the southern section of Laughlin Township. The boundary had included about one-half of the 9,000-acre Southlands area, “so not to impede on this, one of the things we did was adjust the boundaries to not include this area,” he said. He provided further explanation of how the boundaries were created and selected.

James Maniaci said he would like to yield to other board members before he spoke.

Vice Chair Kathy Ochs said it looked like “a lot of what we requested was taken out, but still needs a little clarification on a few things.”

Mr. Maniaci said, “The future of Laughlin’s economy depends on renewable energy and generation and transmission and we have been told that it’s almost impossible to get new construction approved for transmission lines through a national monument. We were also told that there are many sites or some sites at least within what he calls the blue peninsula. It’s the area from SR 163 on down to the California border that takes in the area that is immediately adjacent to the first solar lease, and a lot of that is not mountains, it’s valleys. So what I’m envisioning is some sort of a corridor be allowed through that valley area so there would be some room for transmission and additional generation. We were told that the Dead Mountains needed to be added to that. I wouldn’t have any objection to the mountain area being added because you could draw lines around those and still open the valleys where you have access. That’s my main concern.

“During the briefing, we were told the emphasis was on the cultural restrictions, and we were told in Searchlight that’s basically the old mines and previous to that when you made your first presentation the emphasis was on what you called ecological which is the environmental restrictions. It’s my understanding that a national monument is a step above an area of critical environmental concern and the existing environmental concern areas which there are three of them that were proposed in the BLM Risk Management Plan that was gotten rid of. It was proposed by Laughlin residents that those environmental concern areas be rolled back to SR 163, instead of expanded to cut off transmission lines, which it would have done if the original proposal would have been adopted. We were told you guys would go back to the Fort Mohave Tribe to see what they would think about taking out some of these other areas,” he said.

Mr. Maniaci asked if they had a chance to do that and if you heard back from them.

Mr. Desai said they have met with them right after the briefing with the LTAB.

“The question was is there integrity from this proposal on a scale back level. They said there still was, and it works for them,” he said.

Vice Chair Ochs said what she requested in December was to take out SR 163 all the way to Palm Garden. “If this area was taken out, the monument would still have a large area,” she said.

Mr. Maniaci asked if there were any critical cultural sites within the blue peninsula from SR 163 to the California boarder to the solar lease. Mr. Moretz said yes and, “that’s what we asked the tribe about and they said that was an important area.”

Chair Mackey thanked Mr. Desai for providing their input.

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

Was unable to provide a report.

10. Receive a report from Jackie Mazzeo with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming business activities in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

Jackie Mazzeo provided the report.

Events:

Registration for the Connie Davis 5K Walk and Roll for Cancer, which will benefit the River Fund Cancer Connection, is now open with over 500 people expected this year. The event will be held on March 7, 2020, and include Cinnabons for breakfast and a picnic lunch. After the walk, there will be rock painting with BHC Rocks for “The Tree” in Pyramid Canyon Day Use Area, entertainment by Billy Kay, and professional photography by Firefly. Everyone welcome.

Annual Membership Meeting and Board Vote was held at the Laughlin Outlet Mall on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Invitations and ballots were mailed out January 14, 2020, via e-mail and USPS.

The Laughlin Chamber hosted a “Stop the Bleed and CPR Training” at the Laughlin Outlet Mall on Monday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. There was a good turnout with instruction on how to save a person’s life with CPR, how to pack wounds and amputations, and how to save your own life. Another program will be scheduled at a later date.

The 33rd Annual Chef’s Food Fest tickets go on sale on April 1st. Half the tickets have already been sold. Proceeds will benefit the River Fund, Inc.

Mixers:

A Networking and Education Breakfast will be held Friday, February 28th at the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 a.m. with discussion on the Tri-State Youth Internship & Leadership Program. Tickets are free of charge but space is limited. Please RSVP at (702) 298-2214. Membership: (Quarter one Month one)

Active Members: 286
New Members: 3 for Q1

Ms. Mazzeo said 26 percent are Laughlin members.

Ms. Mazzeo said attached to the Chamber packet is her certificate for attending the Western Association of Chamber Executives' three-year training program. She said she has a better definition of what a chamber in our region consists of. "Unlike other chambers in other regions, we are a little different because we have a different type of community which involves more than one township or one county." She read the Chamber's mission statement which has been changed to the following:

Our mission is to support our members and community by identifying and addressing the changing needs of our region, focusing on building a vibrant and prosperous resort town. Increasing tourism, promoting recreation, educating our youth and business owners and giving back to those in need.

"Nowhere in that mission statement did you see the words economic development. We do not go out to set for economic development. What we do is help economic development of those pursuing businesses in our area to prosper and succeed. Once they have found a place to invest, we want to make sure they have all the tools and education and a place to go to when they need help. Even though we are not like other chambers, we are still mighty and we still have a mission," she stated. Ms. Mazzeo said she wanted to clarify what they have learned over the past three years.

James Maniaci said congratulations and thanked her for an excellent report. "Of the three new members in this quarter, how many are from Laughlin?" he asked. Ms. Mazzeo said one.

Mr. Maniaci said, "On the board election list you gave us, there are something like 30 members, and how many of those are voters and how many are ex officio?"

Ms. Mazzeo said there are not 30. "Each line represents one. The Laughlin resorts all get represented. They are standing supporting members, and they are not members at-large, like a regular small business would be," she clarified.

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

Events:

The KISS Concert will be held on February 29th at the Laughlin Event Center.

The Rockin' on the River Festival will be held Saturday, March 14th at the Laughlin Events Center, featuring John Fogerty, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, and Don Felder.

The "Best in the Desert" Desert Scrambles Championship Off Road Races will be held March 20-23.

"Rockets over the River" Independence Day celebration will be held on Saturday, June 27th and

Saturday, July 4th.

The Spartan Games, an obstacle course event for competitors' elite, para and kids, will be held November 13th – 15th.

Run Laughlin 5K, 12K and half marathon “Two States, Two Time Zones and One Dam Great Race” will be held on Saturday, December 5th.

SNORE – McKenzie’s Rage at the River – Off Road Races will be held December 10-13 at the Laughlin Event Site/Park.

Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- Daughtry, March 11th, Harrah’s Rio Vista Outdoor Amphitheater
- Charley Pride, March 28th, Laughlin Event Center
- Kane Brown, April 17th, Laughlin Event Center
- Justin Moore, April 4th, Rio Vista Outdoor Amphitheater
- Motorcycle Rally, April 24-25, Laughlin
- War, May 2nd, E-Center
- Third Eye Blind, May 24th, E-Center
- Pit Bull, May 24th, Laughlin Events Center
- Charlie Daniels Band, June 20th, E-Center

Regarding the motorcycle rally, Ms. Mazzeo said at this time they do not have permission to use the former name “Laughlin River Run”. It is currently being negotiated between the last promoter and the new promoter. Once approved, that would give the Chamber the authority to use “38th Annual River Run” and it will go on without a promoter. She went on to explain in further detail how the rally will be handled moving forward.

Chair Mackey called a recess to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

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

Richard deClercq provided the written January report but was unable to stay due to the length of the meeting.

Statistics: January 2020

40 programs

Servicing 2,569 patrons

Upcoming Special Events:

Valentine's Day Classic Luncheon:

Cost is \$5 per person with a 32 maximum participants, which has been filled. There will be games and prizes with a luncheon to include a pasta bar with garlic bread and salad.

Senior Center Corn Hole League to be held Tuesdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Center starting March 24th and running through May 12th at a cost of \$10 per team.

The Annual Laughlin Egg Run will be held Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the Mountain View Park baseball fields.

Updates:

The Community Development Advisory Committee recommended funding for the Spirit Mountain multi-generational center expansion.

Richard deClercq, Supervisor
Laughlin office (702) 298-3413

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

Dawn Estes, Principal, Bennett Elementary and Laughlin Junior/Senior High School, said the playground for 4th and 5th grades is being used. She wanted to thank the community for its support.

The fee was waived for the Spartan Race for any local student that wanted to participate and some students took home awards for first, second, and third place finishes. Spartan donated \$1,000 to enhance the playground which will be used for buying additional equipment.

In December, Bob and Sandy Ellis continued their support of Laughlin schools “in a very generous manner. Every student from kinder through 12th grade received a brand new pair of shoes and socks. Students in kinder through 6th grade also received a brand new toy in celebration of the holiday,” she said.

The Laughlin VIPs have been very generous in support our programs, she said.

Ms. Estes spoke about the recent arrest and how the community has supported the students who were affected by this and recognize the trauma they are going through. She gave kudos to the police department for acting so quickly. “It’s a difficult situation,” she said.

To close, Ms. Estes said enrollment is up by 50 students with the largest growth in the elementary school. There were 335 students in February 2019 compared to 373 students in February 2020. The 2019 senior class had 40 students graduate.

“For 2020, we are on track to graduate 49 students,” she said.

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

Tanya Brown-Wirth provided a report of upcoming activities.

“The big news today and moving forward, tax season is back! AARP is doing tax prep at the Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Walk-ins are welcome but scheduling an appointment in advance is highly suggested and that can only be done in person,” she said.

A new adult program called Fantasy Baseball League will be starting soon. Interested persons may stop by and register before Thursday, March 19th. The first meeting will be on Sunday, March 22nd.

“We recently received the Ancestry Library edition. There is a lot of interest in Ancestry.com and 23 and Me test kits. We offer this service in the Library branch only. Anyone can come to the Library to access the Library edition. A person can connect with relatives to find vital records. We have two staff recently trained to help,” she said.

Herm Walker said that the two most critical properties in Laughlin are the Library and Mountain View Park.

Upcoming Library events for adults, teens, children, and toddlers can be found on the Laughlin Library calendar located at www.lvccld.org or by phoning the Library at 702-507-4064.

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

Dr. Brian Paulson provided a Clark County Public Works update as provided by Traffic Manager Kaizad Yazdani on the following:

- The intersection at Bruce Woodbury and Needles Highway has been studied many times over the last 4-5 years. This intersection does not warrant a traffic signal at current time.
- The crossing of Bruce Woodbury at the bus stop was studied again in December. The study did not meet the criteria for an actual flasher. Public Works recommends Silver Rider pick up its riders north of the cul-de-sac as the best option and is willing to improve the cul-de-sac to allow for improved bus turn-around.
- A study with a potential pedestrian crossing at Las Palmas and Family Dollar does not meet the criteria for a marked crosswalk.
- Resurfacing of Thomas Edison should occur within a few weeks.

16. Receive a report from CDAC representative Robert Bilbray and alternate Cheryl Crow regarding new multigenerational center addition to the Spirit Mountain Activity Center. (For discussion only)

Cheryl Crow commented on the Community Development Advisory Committee, or CDAC, expressing her enthusiasm in being a part of the committee. She was happy to announce that Laughlin was chosen by the committee as being one of the few towns to receive CDBG funding.

Robert Bilbray provided the report.

“As your representatives, Cheryl Crow and I wanted to share the final scoring and funding award recommendations from the CDAC Committee. Laughlin scored No. 11 of the 22 applications, yet received the only rural area funding and the highest single funded application Countywide and 16.37 percent of the County total available funds! Clark County Parks and Recreation only had two of their applications funded – Laughlin for \$4,670,399 and Parkdale Park Renovation for \$476,913...

“The project will be a new recreational center expansion to the Spirit Mountain Activity Center inside Mountain View Park. The proposed expansion would include a reception foyer, staff office, restrooms, two classrooms, game room, and large central multi-use space with 14-foot high ceilings, break room, computer/library room, fitness room, MDF room, utility room, and storage rooms. This portion of the expansion would incorporate 5,000-5,500 square feet of new space and include an additional 2,000 square foot outdoor patio/plaza with partial covering, for outdoor gatherings and activities.”

James Maniaci thanked Ms. Crow and Mr. Bilbray for their diligent efforts. Chair Gina Mackey reiterated Mr. Maniaci’s sentiments.

17. 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, Executive Director, provided a report which was distributed to the town board and the public.

Fixed Route Ridership: Increase of 3.2 percent
Paratransit & Intercity Ridership: Decrease of 33.5 percent

General Update:

Each December, the SNTC (Silver Rider) provides the transportation for the “Shop with a Cop” program. Silver Rider transported a record of 150 kids from Laughlin and Searchlight.

The SNTC continues to work with NDOT on the bus specification for the 40-foot busses awarded to Laughlin. Some specifications were altered so it would encourage more bids from bus manufacturers who can bid and meet the specifications.

The SNTC is currently working on the grant application and for continued support from LTAB with a support letter.

“Due to the construction projects on Casino Drive, it has caused a huge impact on traffic and has impeded our time performance. Silver Rider has received a lot of complaints from the riders and we have been doing our best to serve the people. This includes checking traffic controls, erecting temporary bus shelters when fixed shelters are not accessible, and alerting passengers of delays. Silver Rider is hopeful that the project will be completed by the end of March 2020,” he said.

Safety and Security:
There were no incidents this quarter.

James Maniaci inquired as to the amount of the grant that was awarded three years ago for the buses.

Mr. Jackson said it was split up as he had a request for two buses. The first grant was \$675,000 for one bus and the following year he applied for another grant and was awarded \$675,000. The buses came in at approximately \$660,000 each. Through the pre-build, the cost can increase, he said.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Discuss a request from Mike Jackson, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (SNTC) Silver Rider, for support of SNTC's request for continuation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the community of Laughlin, send a letter of support to the Board of County Commissioners, and take any other action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

Chair Gina Mackey motioned for a letter of support for the SNTC for the continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the community of Laughlin to the Board of County Commissioners.

Chair Mackey read the support letter:

February 11, 2020

*Michael Naft
Commissioner
Clark County Board of County Commissioners
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155*

RE: Laughlin Transportation Support

At the February 11, 2020 meeting, the Laughlin Town Advisory Board requested a letter be sent to the Board of County Commissioners to support the continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) for the community of Laughlin.

Public transportation is vital to the community of Laughlin, particularly in these difficult economic times. Laughlin has a high population of senior citizens, as well as low-income residents, who are public transit dependent.

Residents in rural communities like Laughlin have limited services available, making public transportation their only access to normal daily necessities and like sustaining medical accessibility. Although this is the case in many rural communities, transportation is especially critical to the residents of Laughlin who have no other public transportation options currently open to them.

The Laughlin Town Advisory Board appreciates Board of County Commissioner consideration of the request for continued Federal Transit Administration funding for the operation of the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) local bus service to provide public transportation in Laughlin, Nevada.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gina Mackey, Chair
Laughlin Town Advisory Board*

James Maniaci asked Mike Jackson to provide information on what the SNTC is asking for. Mr. Jackson said, "It's still early. We are currently working on the letters of support prior to working the details. It's close to what was asked for last year." He does not have those figures with him, he said.

Chair Mackey said she was in the middle of a motion, so called for all in favor. Motion carried upon a voice vote, 4-0.

2. Discuss and recommend any changes to proposed boundaries as recommended by National Parks Conservation Association within Laughlin Township regarding the proposed Avi Kwa Ame (Spirit Mountain) National Monument. (For possible action)

This item was removed and not discussed.

VIII. Public Comment:

Robert Bilbray, representing the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), provided an update on the Casino Drive Special Improvement District. "Design plans were set for February 6th and we didn't receive those from the design contractor G.C. Wallace. G.C. Wallace will catch up with the schedule and we should have those at the next meeting," he said.

Martin Knauss, President, LEDC, read a statement requesting to amend the National Parks Conservation Association proposed national monument.

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 request the Board of Commissioners of Clark County to amend the National Parks Conservation Association proposed Awa Kwa Ame Spirit Mountain National Monument boundary in Laughlin Township as proposed in the latest draft.

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. That will require leaving the valleys open to development.

As you will see in the NPCA's latest proposal, the "Blue Peninsula" along the California border to the edge of the existing 8-Minute Energy solar lease decapitates that open area just as the original boundaries would have. Therefore, this proposal, as it stands, would prohibit much of Laughlin's efforts to diversify its economy.

*Thank you.
Martin Knauss
President - LEDC*

IX. Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

X. Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 10, 2020 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting.***

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