



# Laughlin Town Advisory Board

January 14, 2020

## MINUTES

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Board Members:	Gina Mackey – Chair Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair James Maniaci	Nile Smith- unexcused absence Herman Walker
Secretary:	Tammy Harris, (702) 298-0828 tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov	
Town Liaison:	Dr. Brian Paulson, (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov	

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I. Call to Order by Gina Mackey, Invocation by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance led by Kathy Ochs

II. Public Comment:

Chair Mackey introduced and welcomed Herman Walker as the newest member on the board. Commissioner Naft appointed Mr. Walker to replace Kathleen Whitehead who stepped down from the board.

Mr. Walker spoke briefly about himself and said he has lived here since 1992. He said he was born and raised in South Dakota, and practiced law for 50 plus years, twenty-five of those years being at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino as the corporate attorney. Jokingly, he said he and his wife were headed to Tucson to retire in the Southwest but when they got to Laughlin, their car broke down and they couldn't go any further. So this is where they stayed. He said he was glad to be here and provide some service to the community.

III. Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2019 (For possible action)

James Maniaci moved for the December 10, 2019 minutes to be tabled, due to requesting additional information to be added for item V.12. Motion to table and amend the minutes until February 11, 2020 was approved, 4-0.

IV. Approval of agenda for January 14, 2020, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: James Maniaci  
Action: Approved as written  
Vote: 4-0

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)

Sgt. Gino Briscoe provided the December report.

December 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 301, down 15.92 percent from this time last year  
Traffic Citations: 488  
DUIs: 3  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9  
Bookings: 48 with one resident juvenile booking  
Juvenile Citations: 3 with 1 non-resident and 2 resident

2. 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

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 Chief Greg Cassell provided the 2019 December report.

Station 76:  
Calls for Service: 74, 1 of which was a fire call and 71 were EMS

Station 85:  
EMS calls: 83

Total December calls: 196

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

Greg Turner provided the December report.

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility had an average of 1.62 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.

December 2019:

Sewer Service Complaints: None  
Odor Complaints: None  
Call Before You Dig: 16 tickets

James Maniaci said he noticed there are rarely any service complaints and wondered if that was because the lines and the facility are in such good shape. Mr. Turner said yes and that the collection system group does an excellent job of cleaning and maintaining the lines.

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

Jason Bailey was not able to attend but provided December report.

Diversions:

December 2019: 245 acre feet

2019 YTD total diversions: 3,638 acre feet

2018 YTD total diversions: 3,884 acre feet

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 said the 4-H program is doing well and has some great news, thanks to Joe and Judy Wood who secured donations. The first official check was received from Dr. Daulat across the river. Dr. Daulat is sponsoring one child for summer camp.

The Master Gardener program is going well also. At the last meeting, 13 people attended. Anyone is welcome who would like to attend the Master Gardener meeting at the Laughlin Library held the second Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Douglas said a new shed is being purchased and said if anyone would be interested in taking the old shed to contact him. The shed is an 8 x 10 metal building and is in good condition with one side being dented.

Searchlight is still going well and he will have more updates next month.

James Maniaci stated that Dr. Daulat has an office in Laughlin.

7. 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 and gifted the LTAB and staff with a reusable stainless steel straws.

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, with everyone welcome.

The Laughlin Chamber Christmas Mixer exceeded the donations by \$908 with a total of \$4,131. Donations benefitted the Feed a Family program.

Annual Membership Meeting and Board Vote will be 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 will host a “Stop the Bleed and CPR Training” at the Laughlin Outlet Mall in the suite at the top of the escalator on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. There is a 50 maximum attendance with a \$10 donation for Stop the Bleed packages for the CCSD.

Mixers:

A Networking and Education Breakfast will be held on January 24, 2020, at the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 a.m. featuring Michael Myers with Harrington Accounting & Tax for the tri-state to speak on what’s new about filing taxes and updating your withholdings before you file. Tickets are free of charge but space is limited. Please RSVP at (702) 298-2214.

Members (Fourth Quarter, Month three)

Active Members: 287

New Members: 14 for Q4 (one in Laughlin)

Ms. Mazzeo said 27 percent are Laughlin members.

8. 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 29, 2020 at the Laughlin Event Center.

The “Best in the Desert” Laughlin Desert Classic will be held February 20-23, 2020.

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

Richard deClercq provided the December report.

Statistics: December 2019

40 programs

2 special events

Servicing 3,877 patrons  
Holiday Tree Lighting: 200 participants

Special thanks to the Laughlin Community Church, Laughlin Coffee and the Aquarius Hotel for their donations to the event and to Mr. Maniaci for lighting the tree. A thank you to Kathy Ochs for donating Cinnabon rolls to Searchlight for its event.

Senior Center Holiday White Elephant: 40 Participants  
A catered lunch with games and a White Elephant gift exchange.

Upcoming Special Events:

Valentine's Day Classic Luncheon: Date and time will be determined at a later date. Cost is \$5 per person with a 32 maximum participants. There will be games and prizes with luncheon to include a pasta bar with garlic bread and salad.

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

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

No report

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

Tanya Brown-Wirth was unable to attend.

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

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

Dr. Brian Paulson, Laughlin Town Manager, made the following announcements:

Clark County Public Works is working with Las Vegas Paving to coordinate a beginning date (hopefully soon) for the resurfacing of Thomas Edison Drive.

The flood control improvement project at Casino Drive and Highway 163 has been completed. All that remains is the final accounting punch list which will be scheduled soon.

Clark County Public Works reported that the final invoice for SID 162A recently came in and is being processed.

Clark County Public Works is making good progress on the Casino Drive SID and that GC Wallace, an engineering and design company, is on schedule to make its initial submittal later this month. Once

Public Works has a better idea of what the infrastructure requirements will be for the project, the activities associated with the SID can move forward, he said.

A town advisory board and citizens advisory council training will be held Saturday, February 8, at the Las Vegas Valley Water District building in Las Vegas. More information forthcoming.

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

Representative from 8 minute energy was unable to attend.

14. Receive a report from Judith Brown and Kate McDonald with the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 2020 Census recruiting and updates. (For discussion only)

Kate McDonald, partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, provided a report which she handed out to the LTAB members. Ms. McDonald stressed the importance of participating in the Census count, which includes federal funding, economic development, and Congressional representation in Washington, D.C. Every ten years, the results of the Census are used to reapportion the seats in the House of Representatives in determining how many seats each state gets.

In addition, the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on the Census for monies spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs. In 2010, Laughlin was roughly undercounted by 24 percent which meant that Clark County and this area missed out on millions of federal dollars.

Judith Brown, recruiting assistant for the U.S. Census Bureau, provided an update regarding the 2020 Census jobs. All Laughlin positions have been filled. However, applications are still being accepted as backup. The Census is currently looking for training sites that will incur at no cost with a capacity for 10-25 trainees and availability for Wi-Fi. Organizations and agencies that can help are encouraged to contact (928) 632-3920.

Mr. Maniaci said he was aware the Census Bureau keeps track of figuring out what the undercount is after each census and asked what Laughlin's undercount was from last time. Ms. McDonald said she does not have an exact percentage, but said 24 percent did not self-respond and the Census Bureau had to send people out door-to-door. "When the Census Bureau projects how many people won't self-respond, it's based on these previous census takings and the number for Laughlin is still 24 percent," she said.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Martin Knauss, Laughlin resident, read a statement addressed to the many citizens of Laughlin who participated in the November 2018 Lagoon Park planning meeting and those that provided guidance on what their park vision was. "At the public meeting yesterday with Commissioner Naft, one of the questions asked was concerning the funding of the Lagoon River Park planning approved by this board last year. Commissioner Naft referred the question to Mr. Ortiz. He would not answer the question in public. However,

in private, Mr. Ortiz told me anything related to the park was not supported by the County and will not move forward. This issue is dead as far as the County is concerned. Access to and maintenance of that area of the lagoon will be managed by the state who own that property. Thank you.”

IX. Next Meeting Date: February 11, 2020

X. Adjournment: 2:21 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 11, 2020 meeting.  
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 10, 2020 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>