



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

April 13, 2021

MINUTES

Board Members: Kathy Ochs – Chair
Kathleen Hoss – Vice Chair
Fred Doten
Hermon Walker
Pamela Walker – excused absence

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

- I. Call to Order by Chair Kathy Ochs, Invocation by Father Charles Urnick, Pledge of Allegiance led by Kathleen Hoss.
- II. Public Comment:
- III. Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2021 (For possible action)

Moved by: Herm Walker
Action: Approved as written
Vote: 4-0
- IV. Approval of agenda for April 13, 2021 and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Fred Doten
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0
- V. Informational Items
 1. Receive a report from Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

Lt. Grant Rogers introduced himself and will be the new Lieutenant starting May 1, 2021, replacing Lt. Jeff Hewes.

March 2021 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 359, increased 16.56% from this time last year
Traffic Citations: 337
DUIs: 1

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 7
Bookings: 31
Juvenile Citations: 0

Herm Walker welcomed Lt. Rogers.

Lt. Rogers provided an overview for the Arizona Mayhem site. He said they will staff similar to a full River Run. Four patrol squads from Vegas, one traffic squad. Lt. Rogers said they really don't know what to expect and will be meeting with the Bullhead City Commander later today to find out what their plan is. He said they want to make sure everyone in Laughlin is safe and don't want to be caught off guard.

Chair Ochs suggested to Lt. Rogers to speak with Laughlin Chamber Jackie Wallin since they are involved with the Arizona event. She also welcomed the Lt. and said they are looking forward to working with him.

2. 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 Thomas Touchstone provided the report for February and March 2021.

Statistics February 2021:

Station 76:
Total responses: 134

Station 85:
Total responses: 89
Total February calls: 223

Statistics March 2021:

Station 76:
Total responses: 137

Station 85:
Total responses: 96

Total March calls: 233

YTD Responses 2021:

Station 76:
Total responses: 409

Station 85:
Total responses: 284

Total 2021 calls: 693, increase 2%.

Chief Touchstone explained the types of trucks that are currently being utilized by both fire stations, and for the types of emergencies.

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

Statistics: March 2021

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility treated an average of 1.528 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow increase of 80,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 20 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin tickets received for March 2021.

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

Chair Ochs read the March report in Jason Bailey's absence.

Diversions:

March 2021: 244 acre-feet

2021 YTD total diversions: 661 acre-feet

2020 YTD total diversions: 712
acre-feet

(2020 TOTAL diversions: 3,509
acre-feet)

2019 YTD total diversions: 722
acre-feet

(2019 TOTAL diversions: 3,638
acre-feet)

5. Receive a report and updates from Clark County Public Works regarding current road conditions and projects. (For discussion only)

Bob Lueck, Deputy Director Public Works provided the following updates.

Due to the pandemic there has not been any road rating done for six months, this needs to be done before it can be determined what repairs need to be done. It's estimated that by October or November the roads can be rated.

The Bridge project opened bids on March 9, 2021. The bids are scheduled to go the BCC in May 4th. Once awarded there will be a 6 week to do the paper work and a four month notice to proceed to order materials. Construction should start in late fall with a two year construction contract.

Casino Drive SID starting from the end of Harrah's to the Needles Highway is currently in design review. This has been a challenge according to Mr. Lueck due to the rugged terrain and to figure out the water and sewer system. Public works is looking at all options. You can see the progress on the Clark County website.

Chair Ochs inquired about the different funding options available.

Fort Mohave Development Fund: A portion of the design is allotted from this fund with the entente to be paid back from the bond sales.

RTC: Secured funding for a portion of the roadway.

Federal Funding / Grants: has not been pursued yet.

Lagoon maintenance SID, waiting on EPA and Fish and Wildlife requirements since part of this area is used for endangered species including fish, birds and plants. Two surveys have been completed to measure the inflow of dirt and soot dumped into the lagoon area. The next plan is the Laughlin drainage project and the Hiko Detention expansion and wash drains.

Mr. Lueck advised the board if they would like to make suggestion to please provide them by April 23rd 2021. He will email the current master plan from 2019 for their review and suggestions.

Fred Doten commented about the large flood grates that are blocked by debris. Mr. Lueck said those are being inspected to plan on how to clear them.

The flood channel located at the intersection of Casino Drive and Highway 163 is completed but has caused another issue with dirt and debris gathering under the bridge. This is currently being looked into to find a solution.

Fred Wells, resident, commented about his petition he submitted last year in regards to the road repairs in his neighborhood. Mr. Lueck said they received it and because of the information provided by Mr. Wells the project has been moved up.

Chair Ochs asked for future updates from public works to keep the community informed. She said these can be emailed to the secretary to be read at the LTAB meetings by the board.

- 6. Receive a report from Anna Talamo, Director of Operation with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition. (For discussion only)

Anna Talamo said the ridership is low and has not rebounded yet due to COVID. Chair Ochs inquired if Federal funding was available to increase bus service. Ms. Talamo said they receive funding from RTC and NDOT that trickles down but no additional funding.

Fixed Route Ridership:

Jan 2021:	15,248	Jan 2020:	25,105
Feb 2021:	13,175	Feb 2020:	19,364
Mar 2021:	13,922	Mar 2020:	17,521

Paratransit & Intercity Ridership Reports: Decrease of 33.5%

Jan 2021:	602	Jan 2020:	852
Feb 2021:	649	Feb 2020:	801

Mar 2021:	561	Mar 2020:	766
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General Update:

Ridership:

Ridership is down due to covid seating capacity. As seating capacity is eased up, we are working on ridership incentives.

40 foot bus

New buses will arrive in middle to late June 2021, in service July 2021

Safety and Security

No incidents this Quarter

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

The Community Gardner had the irrigation system repaired so the community is able to plant. Garden beds are available and Home Garden Days are available at the library with Master Gardner’s to answer questions.

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

Laughlin Chamber Water Flow Committee:

The board, led by Brea Chiodini, is made up of stakeholders in AZ/NV, government, Resorts, small and large business, real estate, recreation, BHC pest abatement and Clark County vector control, tourism, citizens, and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Water Flow Committee has added objection to the Lake Powell Pipeline Project and a Caddisfly Mortality Pilot Program to the list of projects and has acted very quick to implementing programs and communication regarding both.

The Connie Davis 5K Walk & Roll for Cancer – March 1st – 31st, 2021

Drawing for the Raffle Items was performed, and a press release was authored. 55” TV was won by a local woman in need of one upon moving into her new apartment. Total donations equaled \$3,722. Thank you to the businesses that donated for the raffle prizes and those who donated to the cause with expecting an event.

Chef’s Food Fest: June 17th, 2021 530pm Aquarius Casino Resort: TBD

Ribbon Cuttings:

We continue to schedule and perform grand openings, re-openings, and anniversary celebrations with limited attendance.

Mixers:

Networking and Educating – ZOOM networking schedules are being created for the virtual education of our community and provide businesses in attendance to share their service or products to those in attendance. Our breakfast mixers and educational opportunities were limited by space in the past and now more people can attend with more convenience.

Volunteers in Partnership (VIPS):

General Meeting tonight at 5pm in the Laughlin Mall. Anyone interested in volunteering for the community and/or working town wide events are encouraged to attend and ask questions about volunteer opportunities. Mayhem the Main Event is the VIPs next project – Exclusive rights water sales has been acquired and they will be selling tickets for Beer and wine sales. April 21-24 11am -11pm.

Membership:

Services have increased with additional marketing opportunities, such as newsletters, email blasts, COVID focused resource guide by state, and enhanced social network postings. New members took advantage of the 30-day trial and discovered that our Membership Services Menu was a great value for their restricted budgets. Notary services, Registered Agent and Fishing License issuance are being added this quarter.

- Total Members – 298
- % of Laughlin – 29

Compliance Partnership:

Much needed relationships are being cultivated to design an all-inclusive check off and contact list for the following (but not limited to), agencies. It is our hope that we replace the stress of completing and submitting forms with compliance confidence for the promoter, sponsor, and agency. Agency Packets, examples, guidelines, timelines, FAQ and who to call, are the priorities. NO one should feel alone when we all have the same goal in mind.

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| BLM | NDOW |
| BOR | USCG |
| CC P&R | NCOT – Travel Nevada |
| CC large-gathering authorization COVID19Plans@dir.nv.gov | Laughlin Chamber of Commerce |
| CCFD | Laughlin Tourism Commission |
| LVMPD | CC Government Center |
| Las Vegas Convention and Visitor’s Authority | Las Vegas Events |

COVID 19 Partnerships and Events:

Staff and Volunteers in Partnership (VIPS) will be providing support for-

- FEMA Mobile Vaccination Units – May 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Laughlin Chamber Parking lot
- To schedule an appointment for vaccinations <https://registration.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-vaccine?id=601490975fb6f937fcb08c6>. Or call the chamber at 702-298-2214 to be placed on a list to call you back with updated information.

Second Round PPP: Application period has been extended and are due May 31st. For more information on the COVID 19 Relief funds from the County, State, SBA and Federal Government – Sign up for our COVID 19 Weekly E-Blast that is now in its 54th edition at www.LaughlinChamber.com and join the mailing list.

SB 79 – Proposed Incorporation of Laughlin Town:

- The overview of the proposed incorporation March 13, 2020
- NRS 268.570-268.608 Annexation by Cities in certain counties
- NV Legislative Counsel Bureau office of Research Background Paper 1977-4 Municipal Annexation
- Senate Bill No. 79 – Senator Hardy – Prefiled January 26, 2021
- Sample Letters in support or opposition to the Senate Bill
- Addresses, emails and instructions for submission of opinion letters to Government Affairs committee members
- Clark County GIS Map of proposed Description of Territory included in SB79

We support any member of the community that wants to be educated and get involved.

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

BEST IN THE DESERT – All Terrain Concepts UTV Legends Champions “Race of Champions”

Off Road Races Motorcycle, Quad and UTV

No Spectators – 100% mask mandate

March 25-28, 2021 CANCELLED

<https://bitd.com/race-events>

Motorcycle Rally (TBD)

Mayhem the Main Event and Tattoo Convention – Scheduled at The Riverview Mall in Bullhead City
Volunteers will be assisting at the event
Men of Fire Chapter 6 Poker Run to Benefit Local Veterans
April 22-25, 2021

Rockets over the River

Fireworks Display
July 4, 2021
Visitlaughlin.com

Tough Mudder and Toughest Mudder World Championships

Replaces SPARTAN
<https://toughmudder.com/weekends/worlds-toughest-mudder/>
Two weeks in November

Run Laughlin

December 5, 2021
<https://runlaughlin.com/>

SNORE

December 10-13, 2021
<https://www.snoreracing.net/>

Concerts:

All entertainers have been moved to the Fall Concert Series in the LEC. September – November 2021

LAUGHLIN AIRSHOW

April 2022 – research and planning has begun

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

Report provided by Shelly Gulotta, Parks and Recreation Supervisor.

Statistics: March 2021- 0 programs, monthly visits 0, 0 building visits due to covid-19

Upcoming Special Events: No upcoming events

Updates:

- Spirit Mt. Activity Center/Senior Center – Reopened on March 12th.
- Senior Center Programming – Programming resumed on March 12th.
- Parks & Recreation will be offering the following classes:

Mondays: Hand & Foot 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cornhole 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: Knitting 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Mah Jong 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Stay Fit, Senior 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Bingo 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Five Crowns 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursdays: Pinochle 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Bridge 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Seniors who would like to participate in programming will need to show proof of vaccination. 1st shot must have been received 2 weeks before attending programs. Masks and temperature checks will be mandatory. You must be registered for each class prior to coming into the senior center. Classes will be limited to 20 people.

Mobil Food Pantry will be at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center Friday, April 16th starting at 7:00 am to distribute food boxes. No I.D required, first come first serve. This is a pop-up pantry, pick up only, not available for home delivery.

Kathleen Hoss Inquired about delivery for homebound residents, Ms. Gulotta said not at this time, but will check into delivery. Chair Ochs asked if this is for Laughlin only, Ms. Gulotta said ID's will not be checked and open to the community.

Contact Info:
Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor
A'Lonn Bilbray, Recreation Specialist
Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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

No report

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

No report

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

Vice Chair Hoss announced that Senate Bill 79 for incorporation has failed moving forward in the legislation. Ms. Hoss also expressed her thanks to the community and Commissioner Naft for their participation regarding this Bill.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Patricia Mroczkowski commented on a flag flown at a neighbor's house that is offensive to herself and other neighbors and asked if anything could be done. She provided pictures and was advised the information would be forwarded to Metro and Code Enforcement for further review.

David Brunelle commented about the frequent vandalism that is occurring at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center and was requesting increased police presence to try and discourage the destruction. He also has a concern with the leash laws and park maintenance over whelmed with maintaining the park by himself. Mr. Brunelle said he does not feel safe visiting the park.

Chair Ochs said if Metro is aware of the problems they could increase patrol around the park.

IX. Next Meeting Date: April 27, 2021

X. Adjournment: 3:03 pm

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the May 11, 2021 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting.*

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

To see live stream of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting, go to You Tube and in the search bar type:
LaughlinTown as one word. Or use address <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWo5ABfxMjLhtQ5keDBhEQQ>