



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

April 9, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members: Gina Mackey – Chair Nile Smith
Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair (excused absence) Kathleen Whitehead
James Maniaci

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 led by Father Charles Urnick, Pledge of Allegiance by Kathleen Whitehead.

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

- II. Public Comment: None

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

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

- IV. Approval of agenda for April 9, 2019, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathleen Whitehead
Action: Approved 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)

Lt. Hewes provided the March report.

March 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 409, down 2.85 percent from this time last year
Traffic Citations: 577
DUIs: 1
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 11
Bookings: 81
Juvenile Citations: 5

Lt. Hewes said they are working on the upcoming Annual Laughlin River Run and said Metro has sufficient resources in place for this event.

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 Captain Scott Taggard provided the March 2019 report.

Station 85 calls: 111
Station 76 calls: 195
Total Laughlin calls: 306
Total EMS calls: 211
Other: 16

Capt. Taggard said there has been an increase in structure fires this month which included apartment fires and motor home fires.

The Fire Department will be working with Metro during the Laughlin River Run to be held April 24th – 28th.

In June, the Fire Department, in conjunction with Metro and City of Bullhead City, will have multiple casualty shooter training.

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

Report provided by Greg Turner.

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 1.84 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow increased 80,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

March 2019 Statistics:

Sewer Service Complaints: None
Odor Complaints: None
Call Before You Dig tickets: 17

Lift Station No. Two Update: Located on the south side of town, water is still currently being pumped via a by-pass at the lift station until the problem is resolved. Kathleen Whitehead asked how long this will last. Mr. Turner said over a month.

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

No report

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 was unable to attend the LTAB meeting but provided a report which was read by Chair Gina Mackey.

Among the highlights:

- 4-H is going well with preparations being made to wrap up the after-school programming for the year. An end-of-the-year party is being planned for the kids.
- The Searchlight kids are currently working on the Lego robotics kits and making good progress. Sixteen kids attended the last session. Planning is underway for a 4-H summer mini- camp that would also introduce the kids to desert gardening which has been a popular activity with the Laughlin kids.
- On Saturday, March 30th, UNCE held a free Introduction to Desert Gardening Seminar at the Laughlin Library. Dr. Angela O’Callaghan, horticulture specialist from the Las Vegas office, provided the instruction. Thirty-five persons attended the seminar which generated quite a bit of positive feedback. Buddy Borden and Will are hoping that additional gardening seminars can be held in the near future.
- GTI has confirmed that it will be putting in the new irrigation for the community garden with a starting date of April 9th. It is expected that the garden should be fully operational by Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

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

April 12th is the Spring Mixer to be held at the Laughlin Chamber from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will include catered food and entertainment.

The 32nd Annual Chef’s Food Fest will be held Thursday, June 6th, at 5:30 p.m. with proceeds benefitting River Fund, Inc.

The Chamber is currently taking nominations for the Community Achievement Awards.

The Laughlin Tourism Commission (LTC) does not have an executive director at this time and the Chamber is providing administrative assistance until the position is filled. The LTC will not be doing any concerts and will only do the six events that are on the calendar now.

Chair Mackey requested future updates to include new members from Laughlin who have joined

the Chamber. Ms. Mazzeo said there was one new member recently but there have not been any new businesses or recent interest by existing businesses in Laughlin at this time.

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

March 2019 Statistics:

Programs: 44
Participants: 599
Visits: 2,386

Upcoming special events:

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 Center Game Night. Teams of four will compete in three types of party games. The cost is \$32.00 per team which includes dinner.

May 15th is the 2nd Annual Laughlin Lane Buster Wii Bowling Tournament. This tournament is in conjunction with twelve other senior centers throughout Clark County with teams competing via a bracket style tournament. Lunch will be provided.

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 upcoming Laughlin Library 25th Birthday Anniversary celebration to be held Wednesday, April 10th, at 3:00 p.m.

Library staff, patrons, and guests will celebrate 25 years of service to 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. – 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11th will be the last day.
- ❖ Scanning services are available to the public at a charge of five cents per page. Patrons are urged to bring their flash drives.

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, Executive Director, provided the report.

Ridership

Month	Year	Fixed Route	Paratransit	Las Vegas	Monthly Total
January	2019	22,475	924	311	23,710
February	2019	20,729	954	256	21,939
March	2019	22,303	994	299	23,596
		65,507	2,872	866	69,245
					Quarter Total

A fundraiser was held March 24th for medical transportation. There was a good turn-out of 126 bowlers with over \$4,000 raised. The fundraiser included a silent auction, raffle prizes, and a 50/50 raffle.

During the Laughlin River Run to be held April 24th – 28th, the big busses will deviate off of Casino Drive during the peak hours from 3:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 12:00 a.m. Busses will utilize Harrah’s gas station at the south end of Casino Drive with passengers being transported to smaller busses that will run the remainder of Casino Drive.

The grant application for NDOT is in the process of being completed for grant cycle years 2019-2020. Currently, three new 40-foot busses and a 14-passenger paratransit bus will be delivered in the near future.

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

Kathleen Whitehead announced the Elks Lodge annual open air garage sale will start Friday, May 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. and end Sunday, May 5th. The Elks are taking donations and will pick up items but from ground floor residences only.

Wings & Wildlife Day will be held May 11th at Pyramid Canyon. Activities will start at 10:00 a.m.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **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

Approved per staff recommendations.

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Ginny Smith, Laughlin, voiced concerns regarding the incorporation of Laughlin and asked the LTAB to keep the public informed and transparent.

Bruce Henry, Laughlin, voiced his concerns with the incorporation of Laughlin.

Mike Jackson of Silver Rider stated a concern about the lack of ADA curb ramps on Bruce Woodbury Drive by the event center.

Don McCone, Laughlin, voiced his concerns with the incorporation of Laughlin. As a former city council member of Needles, he offered his advice and experience to the LTAB members.

Larry Tunfors, representing Dr. Waheed Zehri of Bullhead City, said Dr. Zehri is putting together a Summer Youth Internship & Leadership program. Local youth between the ages 16-25 are encouraged to apply for the program.

IX. Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2017

X. Adjournment: 02:30 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the May 14, 2019 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the June 11, 2019, meeting.***

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