



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

June 11, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members:	Gina Mackey – Chair Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair James Maniaci	Nile Smith Kathleen Whitehead
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Town Liaison:	Dr. Brian Paulson, (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov	

I. Call to Order by Gina Mackey, Invocation led by Pastor Mike Willis, Pledge of Allegiance by James Maniaci.

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

II. Public Comment:

III. Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2019. (For possible action)

Nile Smith amended the May 14, 2019 minutes to include his statement;

“Alex Ortiz, until you figure out Laughlin is in fact a border town; you are just not welcome in Laughlin.”

Moved by: Nile Smith

Action: 5-0

Approval of Minutes May 28, 2019 (For possible action)

Moved by: Nile Smith

Action: 5- 0

IV. Approval of agenda for June 11, 2019, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Gina Mackey

Action: Approved, 5- 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)

Sergeant Geno Briscoe provided the May report.

May 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 385, up 2.12 percent from this time last year

Traffic Citations: 703

DUIs: 2

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 13

Bookings: 66

Juvenile Citations: 1

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)

Battalion Chief Trent Jenkins provided the May 2019 report.

Station 85 calls: 94

Station 76 calls: 148

Total Laughlin calls: 242

Total EMS calls: 179

Other: 24

James Maniaci requested a written report each month.

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

Greg Turner provided the May 2019 report.

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 2.03 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow increased 40,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

May 2019 Statistics:

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig tickets: 10

Mr. Turner said the pre-treatment program does not affect Laughlin.

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

Jordan Bunker provided the May 2019 report.

Diversions:

May 2019: 318 acre feet

2019 total diversion: 1,333 acre feet

2018 total diversion: 1,389 acre feet

Regarding some work that is being done on James Bilbray between Risco and Mesa Canyon, there was a booster valve that needed replacing. It has taken the last week to replace the valve with work wrapping up yesterday, he said.

The notice to proceed was issued for the emergency well. Construction can start as early as tomorrow.

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 provided the report which included the following highlights:

- All kids for summer camp this year are fully funded with special recognition given to the following people and organizations: American Legion, Nile Smith, Bob Bilbray, Joe and Judy Wood, Dee Jordan, Aquarius Hotel & Casino and Sean Hammond, Harrah's Laughlin, Florida Greco Art Gallery, Laughlin River Tours, and Chance Barton of *The Laughlin Nevada Times*.
 - A two-day minicamp on gardening will be held in Searchlight next week. Searchlight youth will learn how to build a raised garden bed.
 - A training camp for the youth counselors will be held in two weeks.
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 asked that she be added on the agenda as the Operation Manager for the Laughlin Tourism Commission (LTC) and also as President and CEO for Laughlin Chamber. There is a contract that was negotiated with the Laughlin Chamber to manage the LTC events. There will be no authority to make agreements or sign any agreements.

The first LTC event will be "Rockets Over The River" being held Saturday, June 29th and Thursday, July 4th. Both events will start at 9:30 p.m.

Four taxi boats with 20 family members of first responders will work the event allowing the opportunity to be on the river during the fireworks.

Chefs Food Fest was another record setting event. A donation of \$20,000 plus \$10,000 raised from the auction raised a total of \$30,000 for the River Fund, Inc.

Freedom of Expression is scheduled for July 25th at the Golden Nugget at 5:30 p.m. with a cost of \$40 per person which includes admission, all art products, and food and beverages. All proceeds go to the art programs for all the Colorado River Valley schools. The tickets are on sale now.

Ms. Mazzeo said it is almost time for the CAA awards in October with nominations for 17 categories. If interested in becoming a judge, call Jackie Mazzeo at the Laughlin Chamber.

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

No report

Contact Info: Richard deClercq, Program Supervisor, (702) 298-3413

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

Tanya Brown-Wirth provided current programs and events being held at the Library which will include magician Adam London on Thursday, June 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Crafternoon:

- ◆ July 8th – Painting
- ◆ July 10th – Color Glassware
- ◆ August 12th – Coconut Sugar Scrubs
- ◆ August 14th – Photo Transfers

Copiers are available at the Library for public use, both black & white, at 10 cents per page and color at 50 cents per page.

A Stop the Bleed program will be held in July to educate people on proper bleeding control techniques. Two sessions have been scheduled on Wednesday, July 24th at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The class size can only accommodate 20 people so registration is required as classes are filling up fast.

Kathy Ochs asked if the Library accepts donations of books. Ms. Brown-Wirth said yes, and people are welcome to drop off their book donations at the Library's front desk. It is asked that donated books not be old or in bad condition. If the donations are not used by the Library, they will be placed in book sales that will help generate money.

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

Kathleen Whitehead announced that the American Legion Post 60, and the Elks Lodge will have the Flags and Fathers event starting at 11:00 a.m. The event will include a BBQ after the Flag ceremony with no cost to the public.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **CP-19-900180:** That the Laughlin Town Advisory Board consider proposed changes to the Transportation Element of the Clark County Comprehensive Master Plan, and after conducting a public hearing, take appropriate action. (For possible action) To the PC 06/04/2019

No final action at the time of this posting

2. **AR-19-400054 (UC-18-0293)-HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN, LLC:**
USE PERMIT FIRST APPLICATION FOR REVIEW for deviations as shown per plans on file.
DEVIATIONS for the following: **1)** allow temporary outdoor commercial events for longer than 10 days; **2)** allow live entertainment associated with temporary outdoor commercial events to be conducted beyond daytime hours; **3)** allow accessory uses, including outside dining and drinking, to have primary means of access not from the interior of the resort hotel; and **4)** all other deviations as depicted per plans on file.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** temporary outdoor commercial events; and **2)** miscellaneous accessory structures in conjunction with an existing resort hotel (Harrah's) on 34.6 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, 200 feet south of Thomas Edison Drive within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 06/05/2019

No final action at the time of this posting

VII. General Business:

1. Discuss and recommend that Clark County approve allocation of \$77,500 from the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund to fund a design proposal from a parks design consultant to be selected by the Parks and Recreation Department as a vision document to include local public input for a 40-acre Laughlin River Park located west of the Colorado River between the Laughlin Lagoon and the Big Bend Nevada State Recreation Park, and east of Needles Highway, in Laughlin, Nevada. (For possible action)

Chair Gina Mackey asked for an applicant for this item. Danny Vanderloop, representing the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), said the LEDC supports approval of the funding for the visioning document with the Fort Mohave Valley Development Funds (FMVDF). The funds represent both the qualifying and beneficial expenditure under the intent of the FMVDF law for the economic well-being of the Laughlin Community. The LEDC encourages Clark County Parks and Recreation department to agree to manage the funding of the visioning document proposal. Part of the process of developing the visioning document will be significant in opportunities for the public input of the citizens of Laughlin. The visioning proposal will guide the Clark County Parks and Recreation Department along with the citizens of Laughlin in appropriately developing the Laughlin River Park with a vision on how that effects the surrounding area.

Chair Gina Mackey opened the discussion to the public.

Patricia Fisher, Laughlin resident, asked how the park itself was going to be paid for and whether there was a scoping number and what total amount would be appropriate for the park.

James Maniaci said these questions would be answered at a later date when the vision document was completed with a better idea of the cost.

Nile Smith said he could shed some light on the citizens committee since attending each of those meetings as a liaison for this board. He said he met with the committee and the Haley Sharp design team who visited Laughlin for two days. The financing is unknown until there is a design. Mr. Smith said it was at the direction of Clark County that we got this design company.

James Maniaci moved to approve the allocation. Nile Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Discuss and recommend that Clark County Finance provide an update regarding current status of the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund, from July 1, 2018, beginning balance for both unallocated and capital projects accounts, including receipt of revenues and individual expenditures in both accounts for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 ending June 30, 2019. (For possible action)

Kathy Ochs amended the request and moved to request the annual report then going forward receive quarterly reports. Nile Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

3. Discuss and recommend that Clark County approve a letter of support for a City of Needles, California, and U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD 2019 grant application for the Needles Highway Project Segment 1B in Needles. (For possible action)

Robert Bilbray, LEDC Strategic Advisor, said the LEDC supported the letter for the Needles Highway Project.

Chair Mackey read the original email sent to Dr. Brian Paulson.

Kathy Ochs motioned to endorse the recommendation letter to the Clark County Commission for further endorsement of the Needles Highway project. Nile Smith seconded the recommendation. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Next Meeting Date: July 9, 2019

X. Adjournment: 2:40 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the July 9, 2019 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the August 12, 2019, 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>