



# Laughlin Town Advisory Board

October 8, 2019

## MINUTES

Board Members:	Gina Mackey – Chair, excused absence Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair James Maniaci	Nile Smith Kathleen Whitehead
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 Vice Chair Kathy Ochs, Invocation led by Laughlin Community Church Youth Pastor Tristan Beloit, Pledge of Allegiance by Kathleen Whitehead.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Kathy Ochs in Chair Mackey’s absence.

- II. Public Comment: None

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

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

- IV. Approval of agenda for October 8, 2019, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Nile Smith  
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. Jeff Hewes provided the September report.

September 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 387, up by 11 percent from this time last year  
Traffic Citations: 497  
DUIs: 2  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 11  
Bookings: 52  
Juvenile Citations: 3

Violent crime is down by 57 percent and property crimes are down about five percent.

A reminder was given to residents to close and lock your windows and doors during the night.

October is National Domestic Awareness Month. Statistics show three out of every four people are either a victim of domestic violence or know someone who is. Domestic violence is not just physical, but also includes name calling, stalking, threats, and making the victim feel isolated from everyone.

Nile Smith spoke about an organization that provides support to officers that have been injured on the job.

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)

Captain Warren Whitney provided the 2019 September report.

Station 76: 64 calls for service, with rescue having 115, and PWC having one, up 20 percent for the year

Station 85: 71 calls for service, up 23 percent for the year

Total September calls: 251

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

The report was provided by Greg Turner.

Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 2.13 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow saw an increase of 240,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 34 tickets received for September 2019

Lift station number two is scheduled to be back on line by the end of October or first of November.

James Maniaci inquired about the increase in water usage. Mr. Turner said they received water from the Water District and visitor volume also drives up the water usage.

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

Diversions:

September 2019: 343 acre feet

2019 YTD total diversion: 2,810 acre feet

2018 YTD total diversions: 2,991 acre feet

There are no major leaks or issues to report. The emergency well project is progressing and is on schedule.

Kathleen Whitehead spoke about her tour of the Big Bend Water District.

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 after-school program has started for the year. Currently, there are 90 youths enrolled and more enrollment forms are still coming in. The count is over 100 if Searchlight youth are included.

The typical age of the youth participating in 4-H are 9-14 years of age with another program called Cloverbuds geared for younger children. This year, there are over 30 third graders participating, the largest group of active third graders in Laughlin 4-H program history.

The community garden beds are full and going well.

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

Events:

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Achievement Awards will be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Aquarius Casino Resort Pavilion. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 per table.

The Connie Davis 5K Walk and Roll for Cancer Kick-off Party will be held Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. The March 7<sup>th</sup> event was attended by over 500 people to benefit the River Fund Cancer Connection.

A Laughlin Chamber Christmas Mixer Event will be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Aquarius Casino Resort's Windows by the River Buffet. Tickets will be a \$10 donation to the Feed a Family Program, which prepares family meal boxes for Christmas. Donations include a buffet dinner, raffles items, gifts from Santa, and a holiday selfie station.

Mixers:

A Networking and Education Breakfast featuring Horizon Community Bank presenting Business Checking, Commercial Loans, and Banking for Dummies will be held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. Free tickets are available but space is limited. RSVP by calling (702) 298-2214. Complimentary food and beverages will be provided.

Members (quarter three ending)

Active Members: 274

New Members: 15 for Q3

26 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 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Method Race Wheels Laughlin Desert Classic – “Dual in the Desert” – will be held October 9-13, 2019.

A Toby Keith concert will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

A Spartan Race will be held November 16-17<sup>th</sup> with ESPN filming the event. Expected attendance by racers and spectators are expected to be over 9,500.

The Run Laughlin 5K, 12K and half marathon – “Two States, Two Time Zones and One Dam Great Race” – will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open at [www.mercuryevent.com](http://www.mercuryevent.com).

S.N.O.R.E. “McKenzie’s Rage at the River” racing event will be held December 12-15.

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

No report

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 said the National Parks Service will present a “Living with Wildlife” program on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Computer classes are ongoing in October for computer basics, Internet for Dummies, Facebook 101, Gmail for Dummies, and more. Contact the Library at (702) 507- 4063 for dates and times.

12. Announcements of upcoming neighborhood meetings and County or community meetings and events.

(For discussion only)

James Maniaci expressed condolences for the passing of Billy Moma, former Metro officer and Laughlin's first justice of the peace, and Gary Sheler, a local radio talk show host and former member of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.

Mr. Maniaci spoke about a recent meeting with Senator Joe Hardy, Assemblyman Glen Leavitt, Commissioner Michael Naft, and other Clark County staff regarding a feasibility study for the possible incorporation of Laughlin. Future meetings have yet to be determined with a focus on obtaining financial numbers for possible Laughlin sustainability if incorporated. For the complete report, contact the Laughlin Town Manager's Office.

Kathleen Whitehead announced Laughlin Elks Lodge 2872 will host Laughlin Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Craft vendors, food and music will be provided.

Dr. Brian Paulson announced the Searchlight Community Center's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Searchlight Community Center. Cake and beverages will be served.

Kathy Ochs announced a K-9 decoy workshop for law enforcement and sports dogs will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, a European Conformation Show will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Paws House and Pet Center inside the Laughlin Outlet Center Mall. The event will include a judge from the Ukraine and cardiologist from Las Vegas for testing the dogs. A judge's dinner and educational forum will be held afterwards at the Riverview Room at the Riverside Casino. She said this will be the first use of the pet center at the Laughlin Outlet Mall.

Jackie Mazzeo announced the completion of the Laughlin Rotary Club's Peace Pole Project at the high school, which includes a pole and garden with benches for students to go when feeling outcasted or bullied. Both faculty and students can go there to join them and help with their issues.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Resident James Bartlett voiced his concern of long term parking with RVs on public streets which block drivers' views and cause potential hazards for other vehicles and pedestrians. He said it also causes issues for trash pickup and for street sweepers.

Robert Bilbray, LEDC, provided updates regarding the current Casino Drive SID project and Needles Highway improvements.

Larry Tunforss with Bullhead City's Speak Out 2.0 Radio Central serving the tristate area, said he has invited Laughlin Town Manager Dr. Brian Paulson and Metro Lieutenant Jeff Hewes to be on his talk show as well as TAB members.

Kathleen Whitehead announced her resignation from the town advisory board due to medical and personal reasons effective today. She thanked Commissioner Naft and Administrative Services Assistant Director

Alex Ortiz for her appointment and said it was an honor to represent Laughlin.

Ms. Whitehead stated she has been very fortunate to meet so many wonderful people and have the opportunity to do “Inquiring Minds,” focusing on conducting interviews with local organizations and conveying the information to the residents of Laughlin on Facebook.

IX. Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2019

X. Adjournment: 2:40 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the November 12, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the December 10, 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>