



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

August 13, 2024

MINUTES

Board Members:	Kathleen Hoss – Chairperson Pamela Walker – Vice Chairperson Fred Doten - Absent	Kathy Ochs Hermon Walker
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I. Call to Order by Kathleen Hoss at 1:30 pm, Pledge of Allegiance led by Pamela Walker.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2024. (For possible action)

Moved by: Pamela Walker
Action: Approved as written
Vote: 4-0

IV. Approval of agenda for August 13, 2024, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Pamela Walker
Action: Approved
Vote: 4-0

V. Informational Items:

1. Receive a report and updates from the South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz on Coffee with a Cop, Bennett Elementary School Ribbon Cutting, including the Laughlin Back to School Health and Wellness Fair, on August 9th hosted by Commissioner Naft, and any other updates from Clark County. (For discussion only)

Mark Moskowitz provided a PowerPoint presentation and mentioned the following:
Snow Cone with A cop was a success and had a great turnout.

The new Bennett Elementary School ribbon cutting was August 9th, Principal Estes did a great job, and the building looks incredible. This was followed by the Back-to-School Health and Wellness Fair hosted by Commissioner Naft. It was a wonderful event, Mark thanked everyone who participated with the Health Fair and listed all the great providers and their services.

The Laughlin Road Rehab is on pause until September 9th, due to the extreme temperatures and concern for the welfare of the construction crew.

Cooling stations are available, information is on the back table along with the current issue of Commissioner Naft's Monthly Newsletter.

2. Present a proclamation to recognize Don Laughlin Day in Clark County, Nevada. (For discussion only)

Mark Moskowitz presented a proclamation from Commissioner Naft to Matt Laughlin and his family proclaiming August 2nd as Don Laughlin Day, to celebrate his achievements over the past 58 years and his great impact on the Township of Laughlin.

3. Receive a report from Lt. Grant Rogers with Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

July 2024 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 322

Traffic Citations: 309

DUIs: 3

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 1

Bookings: 12

Juvenile Citations: 2

Laughlin High/ Middle School: 1

Bennett Elementary: 0

Lt. Rogers thanked Donna Kelly and her staff for donating the back packs for the kids. LVMP will have more back packs coming and will be distributed to principal Estes for the schools.

He reminded everyone of the Coffee with a Cop tomorrow and the next one will be September 11th at the Senior Center with a guest speaker from the Alzheimer association.

National Night Out (NNO) will be held Wednesday, October 9th at the Mountain View Park. There may be a petting zoo with baby goats due to a former Sargeant Gino Briscoe who graciously is providing this attraction. Lt. Rogers updated the parking situation for the NNO event.

4. 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 Tony Quintela provided the July report.

Statistics July 2024:

Station 76: 159

Station 85: 73

Total responses: 232

Mr. Goass inquired about where the most calls are generated. Captain Quintela explained the difference between the two stations and why the locations affect the number of calls. He said depending on the fire call, both stations will work in unison when needed.

5. Receive a report from Jimmy Linares with the Bureau of Land Management regarding the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument. (For discussion only)

Jimmy Linares said with him is field manager Bruce Sillitoe. Mr. Linares said Walking Box Ranch remains closed except for National Public Lands Day. Friends of Avi Kwa Ame offer volunteer projects at the ranch. National Public Lands Day will be held at Wee Thump on October 5th. There will be some restoration work for the camping sites and parking. Walking Box Ranch will be open on this day.

BLM is working on partnerships and agreements with Tribal and partner groups. One completed partnership is with Friends of Avi Kwa Ame, they help a lot with the restoration, public outreach and education.

The Monument Advisory Committee applications are currently being accepted. Mr. Linares explained the process and how the committee works.

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

Diversions: July 2024, 308 - acre feet.
2024 Total diversions: 1,765 acre-feet

The Big Bend Water District storage project remains on the State Revolving Fund Loan priority list. Staff submitted information and support letters for Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) funding to seek additional external funding sources.

Kathy Ochs inquired about a timeline, Mr. Bailey said at this time he does not have a timeline, perhaps when the Senate resumes their meetings, he might have a better idea and will notify the LTAB.

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

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility treated an average of 1.89 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow decreased by 70,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 15 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin Tickets received for July 2024

Kathy Ochs requesting the financials for Laughlin.

8. Receive a report from Kelly Lehr, Southern Clark County Coordinator with UNR Extension regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

We finished our summer themed garden class at the library. Devin who is the community-based instructor will start the fall garden class on Tuesday afternoons for all ages. The class will start September 10th at the Library at 11:00 am. Devin is also working on 4-H curriculum at Bennett Elementary for the second grade, beginning on September 12th.

Thursday's programming will continue at the Boys and Girls Club. There will be baking and cake decorating.

The UNR will attend the National Public Lands Day on September 28th and will provide seed balls to help the butterfly population to flourish.

The high school student who attended camp in Alamo, said he had a wonderful experience and provided a thank you note.

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

Statistics: July 2024
Programs – 16
Participants – 1040

Updates:
Spirit Mountain Activity Center – August / September Senior Field Trips
Super Summer Theater-School of Rock
Downtown Summerlin Farmers Market
Fantastic Indoor Swap Meet
Silverton Aquarium
Bellagio Harvest Display
International Marketplace
Micheals & WINCO

Parks and Rec is currently looking for a part time employee for Cal-Nev-Ari. For any questions contact Spirit Mountain Activity Center at (702) 298-3413.

Contact Info:
A'Lonn Bilbray, Supervisor
Laughlin Office – 702-298-3413

10. Receive a report from Carrie Larson with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming business activities in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce Events:

Community Achievement awards will be held November 2nd at 4:30 pm. Please submit nominations to www.laughlinchamber.com

Additional services:
Notary, by appointment only
NDOW registration agent for fishing and small game license.
Visitor's Center Host
Business Center Services
Membership:
Members – 321
New Laughlin Members – 0

Volunteers in Partnership (VIPs). Anyone interested in volunteering as an Airport Ambassador, an Usher at town wide concerts and events are encouraged to pick up an application at the chamber.

Opportunities for volunteers:
Call Donna at (928) 404-3859
Jason Aldean – September 21, 2024

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce
(702) 298-2214
www.laughlinchamber.com

11. Receive a report from Jackie Wallin with the Laughlin Tourism Commission regarding current and upcoming events and 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. Receive a report from Laughlin school system regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only) No report
14. Announcements of upcoming neighborhood meetings and County or community meetings and events. (For discussion only) None

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Receive a presentation from Clark County Regional Flood Control District regarding the 2024 Master Plan Update for Clark County Outlying Areas – Laughlin. (For possible action).

Mark Moskowitz provided a PowerPoint presentation to provide information to the public regarding the construction of a storage tank to bring the Big Bend Water District into compliance with State Standards by using a loan from the Fort Mohave Development Fund. His presentation also covered how the money will be used and paid back. Rate payers would not be responsible to pay back the monies.

Doa Ross from Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) provided information on the water tank. She explained how the money would be used. She also stated that any other funds that are available would be used first before the Fort Mohave Development funds (FMDF) would be allocated. The LTAB members expressed their concerns and would like to see what other options would be available. Nevada By Design was mentioned and a handout was provided by Kathy Ochs with their proposal.

An addition source of funding possibly could be the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) funds. The funding still needs to go the Senate and signed by the President. These funds would be allocated in small chunks of money over time.

Mark Moskowitz explained that the proposed 36-unit senior housing project could be potentially disrupted and not happen without this option. The housing project is working with an \$800,000 Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) grant which has constraints. If a letter of support is approved the senior housing project could move forward during the construction of the storage tank.

Robert Bilbray with the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). He has concerns about the funding for the water tank, there is not enough information provided from the water district and will be a horrible precedence.

Carrie Larson updated her information and corrected her previous information on the cost of two tanks. She has concerns on cost estimates and payback.

Kathy Ochs is requesting that Nevada by Desing attend a meeting with information as another source for funding.

After a long discussion with Clark County, Doa Ross, the residents and the LTAB, the LTAB members decided to table the item until additional information for funding could be provided. Approved by a voice vote 4-0. Fred Doten was absent.

VIII. Public Comment:

Robert Bilbray with the LEDC. He is requesting an expansion of the report from the WRD for the lift station 2 easement, area 28.

Mr. Goass has concerns about the pigeon population and the health risk and people feeding the birds.

Captain John Birks with the Salvation Army. He provided information about the Salvation Army and serving the community. Kathy Ochs asked what type of donation are needed. Captain Birks said snack foods and canned goods. They have a truck for pick-up.

Jill Ramelot said the River Fund received a \$15,000 grant for Laughlin only. She provided information to make donations.

IX. Next Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

X. Adjournment: 3:50 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 10, 2024, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the October 8, 2024, 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>

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LaughlinTown as one word. Or use address <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWo5ABfxMjLhtQ5keDBhEOQ>