



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

October 10, 2023

MINUTES

Board Members: Kathleen Hoss – Chairperson - Absent Kathy Ochs
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 Fred Doten

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I. Call to Order by Pamela Walker, Pledge of Allegiance led by Herm Walker.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2023. (For possible action)

Moved by: Fred Doten

Action: Approved as written

Vote: 4-0

IV. Approval of agenda for October 10, 2023, 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 and updates from the South County Liaison Mark Moskowitz regarding updates on the Rural Partners Network – Federal Partners Forum, National Night Out, Ribbon Cuttings, and any other updates from Clark County. (For discussion only)

Mark provided highlights from the Rural Partners Network that was held in Pahrump. He was able to sit on a panel regarding our Community Partners Network and discussing what the communities are working towards. There was a breakout session where issues were talked about in the community, and he was able

to talk about Laughlin, Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari and Palm Gardens and the issues. It was a great event and thanked Elias Askins for introducing him to community partners.

National Night Out had a great turnout, and he thanked Metro and Renee Yopez for inviting us to participate.

Mark attended the Canyon Home Care and Hospice Ribbon Cutting with the Chamber of Commerce. It was a good event and great to see a new business come to Needles Highway.

Mark and Andrew Bennett attended the 3rd annual Silver Rider Bus Rodeo and employee appreciation. Mark presented all the employees with signed certificates of appreciation from Commissioner Naft. It was a great event.

Commissioner Naft's newsletter is on the back table and contact our office if you would like an electronic version sent to your email.

2. Receive a report and update from Congresswoman Susie Lee regarding Nevada's 3rd Congressional District. (For discussion only)

Congresswoman Lee was unable to attend and will reschedule.

3. Receive an awards presentation from the Laughlin Rotary to honor a first responder for their dedication and contributions to the Laughlin Community. (For discussion only)

Jackie Wallin presented Lt. Chris Walther from NDOW with an award in appreciation for his dedication and hard work. Lt. Walther has been with NDOW as a game warden since 2016 and overseeing Southern Nevada since 2020. Jackie Wallin provided Lt. Walther's history and work in the Laughlin area.

4. 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)

Detective Kevin Lemire provided the Septembers report.

On behalf of Lt. Rogers, he thanked everyone for National Night Out. It was a great success. Trunk and Treat to be held October 30th at Mountain View Park from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

September 2023 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 250, decrease of 8.42 % from this time last year.

Traffic Citations: 155

DUIs: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 3

Bookings: 23

Juvenile Citations: 0

Laughlin High/ Middle School: 1, there is now a full time Clark County officer at the school.

Bennett Elementary: 0

5. 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 Paul Gutierrez provided the report.

Statistics September 2023

Station 76: 157

Station 85: 74

Total responses: 231

6. Receive a report from Lt. Chris Walther on water safety and updates from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). (For discussion only)

Lt. Walther said he appreciates being recognized for the award.

Updates for the summer:

Investigated 18 vessel incidents.

Five were injury and transported.

Thirteen was damage only, no injury.

Four OUI arrest

Seventy-two citations were issued and countless warnings.

One fatal vessel incident that BHPD responded to.

Provided water security for five fireworks shows.

Four wardens working the W.O.N. Fishing tournament. Expecting 250 boats, 500 anglers on the lake. It's very important to maintain conservation of wildlife.

Will be participating in the Trunk and Treat being held October 30th at the Mountain View Park.

Lt Walthers thanked all the responders who help and participate.

7. Receive a report from Mike Jackson, Executive Director with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition. (For discussion only)

Scheduled for the November 14th LTAB meeting.

8. 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 1.70 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow decreased by 40,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 0

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

Diversions: September 2023, 298 - acre feet.

2023 Total diversions: 2419 acre-feet

Jason Bailey provided information to the recent questions regarding the cost estimates of the 2-million-gallon reservoir storage tank. The Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) Engineers have evaluated and estimated the total engineering design and construction cost for a two-million-gallon storage tank to be

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just under 12 million dollars. This is an all-in estimate which includes engineering, design, permitting and construction cost for the tank. This also includes anticipated cost, including the contractor's mobilization from Las Vegas, the cost to lease land for staging, the cost of procuring and construction the welded steel, pre-stress concrete tank, coating the tank, water quality mixture, electrical control, SCADA programming, inlet - outlet valves and other related equipment.

Jason Bailey said they are aware a 2-million-gallon steel tank can be purchased for 2-3 million dollars, but prefabricated tanks may not meet the requirements, specifications, or criteria for municipal public water system.

As we work with Laughlin and local developers to identify funding opportunities, it's critical that the estimates are conservative enough to reflect the total engineering, design, and construction cost. If inadequate funds were secured it could delay or derail the entire project.

As local developers expand the water system to accommodate new water demands based on their projects, it makes sense they also fund the water system expansion. As a result, the LVVWD will enter into project funding agreement to create opportunities for developers to cost share. This approach allows systematic water expansions without impacting residents and their rates.

We will continue to look for funding opportunities which may include Federal, State, local grants such as the USDA.

Water System Update:

Staff are continuing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrades.

The Big Bend Water District (BBWD) storage project was not selected to receive Nevada Water Conservation Infrastructure initiative grant funding. The BBWD storage project remains in the State Revolving Fund Loan priority list, and management and staff continue to seek additional external funding sources which may include federal state and local grants such as the US Department of Agriculture and the Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Statistics: September 2023

Programs – 17

Participants: 752

Updates: Spirit Mountain Activity Field Trips:

- Age of Chivalry Festival
- Summerlin Festival of the Arts
- Gilcrease Orchard Waitlist trip

Trunk or Treat – brought to you by Clark County Parks & Recreation and Bennett PTO. To be held October 30th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Spirit Mountain Park.

Contact Info:

A'Lonn Bilbray, Supervisor

Laughlin Office – 702-298-3413

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

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Parking during the National Night Out had issues, even with Silver Rider providing bus service to and from the park from the Laughlin Town Center.

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce Events:

Community Achievement Awards, to be held November 4th, 5:30 pm.
Connie Davis 5K Walk and Roll, to be held March 2, 2023.

Additional services:

Notary

NDOW registration agent for fishing and small game license.

Visitor's Center Host

Membership:

Members – 308

New Laughlin Members – 1

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:

SNORE Off Road Races

Laughlin Bullhead Airshow

Call Donna at (928) 404-3859

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce

(702) 298-2214

www.laughlinchamber.com

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

Laughlin Bullhead Air Show

To be held Saturday April 6, 2024

For additional event information contact:

Executive Director Laughlin Tourism Commission, Jackie Wallin @ (702) 298-2214

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

No report, calendars are on the back table.

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

Principal Dawn Estes was unable to attend but provided a report.

Current Enrollment PK- 12: 690 students

Bennett Elementary, PK – 5: 358 students

Laughlin High School, 6 – 12: 332 students

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Class of 2024 – 39 students

Upcoming Events:

October 13th at 5:30 pm, the dedication of the new Football Game Scoreboard that was purchased by the Rotary Club.

October 16th – 20th, Homecoming Week

October 30th – Trunk or Treat. Taking candy donations, candy can be dropped off at Bennett Elementary.

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

None

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Review and finalize the FY 2024/25 budget requests. (For possible action)

Kathy Ochs motioned to approve the budget request. Upon a voice vote motion approved 4-0.

2. Nominate a representative and an alternate to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

After a brief discussion about projects to be submitted for Laughlin. Kathy Ochs inquired if the water storage tanks could be a requested CDAC project. Mark Moskowitz said he would check into it.

Pam Walker motioned to accept Kathy Ochs as the CDAC representative and Pamela Walker as the alternate. Upon a voice vote motion passed 4-0

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

X. Adjournment: 2:15 pm

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the November 14, 2023, meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the December 12, 2023, 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>

To see live stream of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting, go to You Tube and in the search bar type:

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