



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

July 28, 2020

MINUTES

Board Members:	Gina Mackey – Chair Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair James Maniaci	Nile Smith-unexcused absence Herman Walker
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 Chair Gina Mackey, Invocation by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance led by James Maniaci.

II. Public Comment:

Doug Westly, Laughlin resident, voiced his concerns regarding the marijuana store and the cultivation facility. Mr. Westly is opposed to any form of support for this business.

Martin Knauss, Laughlin resident and president of the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), stated LEDC's support of the Waiver of Development Standards.

III. Approval of agenda for July 28, 2020, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

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

IV. Planning & Zoning:

1. **WS-20-0282-SHIPKEY A H & B A JAN 12 1989 TR & HERRICK HAL TRS:**
WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) eliminate parking lot landscaping; and 2) permit alternative landscaping adjacent to streets.
DESIGN REVIEW for landscaping areas in conjunction with marijuana establishments on 20.0 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the north side of Bruce Woodbury Drive and the east side of Thomas Edison Drive within Laughlin. To the BCC 08/19/2020 (For possible action)

Robert (Randy) Black, applicant and property owner, provided information and a handout regarding the marijuana cultivation facility and why it was imperative not to have any plants outside the building. He said the air conditioner vents draw in the outside plant spores and contaminate the plants growing inside the facility. This is problematic for the business. Mr. Black also stated that at that same location, the road leading to the facility and parking area cannot be seen from the main road, and is not accessible by the public, so visually there would not be a reason to provide landscaping at that location.

Vice Chair Kathy Ochs started the discussion with a comment that Clark County staff recommends denial, and she stated she understands Mr. Black's viewpoint that no one will see the landscaping at the facility. She said her vote would be for denial in regards to her concerns with the unsightly landscaping outside the Nevada Made Marijuana dispensary store on the corner of Casino Dr. and Bruce Woodbury Road. She asked Mr. Black if he would be amenable to placing landscaping and a shade structure at the retail site since there is none. Mr. Black said he has already started with the landscaping at the retail site and plans to continue with a shaded cover and weed removal.

James Maniaci inquired about the use of the future expansion, and the number of people employed. Mr. Black said they are expanding from eight grow rooms to ten, an extra room for curing and a larger production area. The current number of employees is 43 and after the expansion would increase to approximately 50. Mr. Maniaci asked if there would be any expansion at the retail location and Mr. Black said no.

Mr. Maniaci voiced his concerns of not receiving additional information regarding the expansion and said it continues the credence that Laughlin does not get everything here.

Ms. Ochs suggested possibly putting decorative artwork at the grow house site similar to what is on Casino Dr. Mr. Black reiterated that the location cannot be seen from the main roads.

Herm Walker's concern was setting a precedent with future requests for Waiver of Standards. Mr. Black disagreed stating that this is why there is a board here and each application would be unique.

Vice Chair Ochs motioned for denial for the Waiver of Development Standards. Chair Gina Mackey called for a vote which resulted in a tie with two nay votes from Chair Mackey and James Maniaci and two yea votes from Ms. Ochs and Mr. Walker. The vote was motioned again for approval of the waivers by James Maniaci which again resulted in a tie vote, 2-2, with Ms. Ochs and Mr. Walker opposed and Chair Mackey and James Maniaci in support.

V. General Business: None

VI. Public Comment:

Martin Knauss, representing the LEDC, presented a plaque to Dr. Brian Paulson, commemorating his time with the County and in appreciation from the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation.

The plaque inscription read: *“In appreciation for 31 years of service with Clark County and four years serving Laughlin. Congratulations on your retirement August 7, 2020. Dr. Brian Paulson Thank you.”*

Dr. Paulson expressed his thanks and appreciation and said the plaque was very beautiful and included the LEDC logo upon showing to the board.

VII. Next Meeting Date: August 11, 2020 feral

VIII. Adjournment: 2:20 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the August 11, 2020 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting.

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