



# Laughlin Town Advisory Board

November 10, 2020

## MINUTES

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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](mailto:tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov)

Town Liaison: Mark Robledo, (702) 298-0828 [mark.robledo@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:mark.robledo@clarkcountynv.gov)

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- I. Call to Order by Chair Gina Mackey, Invocation by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance led by James Maniaci.
- II. Public Comment: Jackie Mazzeo, Laughlin Chamber and Tourism addressed and opposed the possible cancellation of the Laughlin Citizen of the year.
- III. Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2020 (For possible action)  
  
Moved by: Herm Walker  
Action: Approved as written  
Vote: 4-0
- IV. Approval of agenda for November 10, 2020, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)  
  
Moved by: James Maniaci  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 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)

October 2020 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 366, increased 15.46% from this time last year  
Traffic Citations: 297  
DUIs: 2  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 2  
Bookings: 48  
Juvenile Citations: 2

Lt. Hewes said property crimes are down approximately 18% right now, but there has been a couple of spikes with the auto burglaries and grand theft auto. Most of these are occurring on Casino Dr. A couple of arrests have been made and hopefully this will hold the suspects accountable.

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 Scott Straily and Fire Captain Scott Taggard provided October's report.

Truck 76 is now in service and has run twelve calls since in service. No water craft calls for the month of October. The Laughlin Fire Department is at full staff again and trained.

Statistics October 2020:

Station 76:  
Total responses: 145

Station 85:  
Total responses: 95

Total October calls: 240

Hermon Walker inquired if there is an ordinance regarding gated community exits. BC Straily said that is with Fire Prevention and will get back to Mr. Walker with his question.

James Maniaci asked what is considered full staffing. BC Straily said ten personnel.

Vice Chair Ochs commented that given the current number of calls the responses would be up.

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

Statistics: October 2020

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility had an average of 1.80 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow decrease of 210,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None  
Odor Complaints: None  
Call Before You Dig: 10 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin tickets received for October 2020.

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

Diversions:

October 2020: 316 acre-feet  
2020 YTD total diversions: 3,043 acre-feet  
2019 YTD total diversions: 3,121 acre-feet

There are no major leaks or issues to report.

As COVID-19 activities continue to affect communities, the commitment to provide a safe and reliable water supply remains a top priority for the Big Bend Water District.

Vice Chair Ochs inquired about drop boxes at the new Laughlin Market. Mr. Bailey stated he will check into it.

6. Receive a report from University of Nevada Cooperative Extension regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Hayley Maio, Extension Educator, provided the report.

Hayley Maio said Will Douglas has been working with the 4<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H students at the library where they just completed a rocket project. Ms. Maio has been working with the Master Gardner's and just completed the first round of Extension Gardner training. Ms. Maio is finishing a community needs survey so she is able to gauge the needs of the community. The survey should be coming out with-in the next week and would appreciate it if the community would fill it out and return it.

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

Jingle Mingle Christmas Celebration has been cancelled.

Ribbon Cutting: The Chamber continues to schedule and perform grand openings, re-openings and anniversary celebrations with limited attendance.

Volunteers in Partnership (VIPS):

The VIPS will present donations to qualifying non-profit organizations again this January. The amount of the total cash distributions will be reduced from \$10,000 to \$4,000 due to a fund raising event in 2020.

**Mixers:**

**Networking and Educating:** ZOOM network schedules are being created for the virtual education of the community and provide businesses in attendance to share their services or products to those in attendance. The breakfast mixer and educational opportunities were limited by space in the past and now more people can attend with more convenience.

**Membership 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:**

Total Members – 284

% of Laughlin – 29%

New Laughlin Members this Quarter – 2

Hermon Walker commented when returning to Laughlin from Las Vegas he noticed that the exit sign on Interstate 11 sign does not say Laughlin. It has Searchlight but no indication of Laughlin. NDOT should be aware and needs to be corrected. Ms. Mazzeo said she is already in conversations with NDOT and ADOT about changes with SR 68 and SR 163 to be named the Colorado River Highway. She said she would mention this also.

James Maniaci inquired about the grants and does that include administrative percentages. Ms. Mazzeo said no. She said these grants are coming from the State and not the County.

Chair Mackey asked Ms. Mazzeo to repeat the mantra. “Laughlin is open and welcomes you safely.”

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

ROCKETS OVER THE RIVER: Fireworks Displays

Christmas Night at 7:00 pm

New Year’s Eve for 2021 – at midnight

[www.Visitlaughlin.com](http://www.Visitlaughlin.com)

BEST IN THE DESERT: The Jagged X National Desert Cup \$18K Prize Money

Off Road Races Motorcycle, Quad and UTV

4WP Youth UTV Race Championship Series

Moved to Glen Helen, CA. Returning to Laughlin March 2021.

<https://bitd.com/race-events>

SPARTAN GAMES: Obstacle course event for competitors Elite, Para and kids – 2020 cancelled.

Changed to “Tough Mudder & World’s Toughest Mudder” to be held November 2021.

<https://www.spartan.com/en/race/detail/5208/overview>

Run Laughlin 5K, 12K and Half Marathon “Two States, Two Time Zones and ONE DAM GREAT RACE”

Saturday, December 5, 2020

COVID 19 protocol adjustments have been submitted.

[www.mercuryevent.com](http://www.mercuryevent.com)

SNORE: McKenzie’s Rage at the River – Off Road Races

December 10-13, 2020 Laughlin Event Site/Park

COVID 19 protocol adjustments have been submitted.

<https://www.snoreracing.net>

**Concerts:**

Kane Brown and Pitbull have been moved to 2021 along with a large list of acts for the spring and fall concert series in the LEC and the E-Center.

Tourism Grants:  
Billboards in CA, AZ, NV.  
Distribution of guides in WA, OR, CA, UT, and AZ.  
Website redesign with video and inclusion of Tourism Events and Visitors' Center Info.

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

Due to COVID-19, zero monthly building visits.  
Spirit Activity Center remains closed.  
Boys & Girls Club day camp programs is still being offered at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center.  
Senior Programming currently does not have an opening date.

Contact Info:  
Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor  
A'Lonn Bilbray, Recreation Specialist  
Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

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)

No report

12. Receive a report from James Maniaci regarding Clark County Comprehensive Planning Department's Advisory Committee on the updating of the County Master Plan and Title 30 Development Code. (For discussion only)

Revisions to the Master Plan and Title 30 Development Code:  
Phase I and Phase II are finished. Phase III will conclude November 30.  
Phase IV (Preliminary Policy Directions and Development Code Assessment) began October 1, 2020 and will end March 31, 2021.  
Phase V (Draft the Master Plan) will begin January 1, 2021 and will end June 30, 2021.  
Phase VI (Adopt the Master Plan) will begin August 1, 2021 and will end October 31, 2021  
Phase VII (Draft Title 30 Development Code) will begin January 1, 2021 and will end July 31, 2022  
Phase VIII (Adopt Title 30 Development Code) will begin August 1, 2022 and will end December 31, 2022  
Vice Chair Ochs and Hermon Walker inquired about any updates pertaining to Laughlin. Mr. Maniaci said the advisory committee was split between the urban and the rural areas. He said anyone interested, should access the website for detailed information.

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

Mark Robledo announced that a part – time person will be hired and crossed trained to issue marriage license.

Kathy Ochs provided information for a Metro survey requesting community feedback.

14. Announcement of applicants sought for the Town Advisory Board. (For discussion only)

Chair Mackey announced the County is accepting applications.

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. Review/finalize FY 2022 budget request(s) and take public comment on the budget request(s). (For possible action)

The TAB members numbered their list by priority with 10 being the highest, and submitted them to County Liaison Mark Robledo.

	Gina Mackey	Kathy Ochs	James Maniaci	Nile Smith	Hermon Walker	Total	Priority
RGC Control Room Digital Upgrade	10	10	10		10	40	1
RGC Meeting Room Furniture/Chair Replacement	9	9	9		9	36	2
Chamber/Visitor Center Parking Lot Repaving	6	9	6		7	28	T-4
Romtec Building Air Conditioning--Pyramid Park	8	6	8		6	28	T-4
Heritage Trails Host Site	7	7	7		8	29	3

Motion was approved to accept the list by Hermon Walker, motion was passed upon a voice vote, 4-0.

2. Review, discuss, and approve 2021 Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting dates, and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

After a brief discussion, Kathy Ochs moved for approval as presented, Hermon Walker seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote motion passed 4-0.

3. Discuss the cancellation of the 2021 Laughlin Citizen of the Year due to current COVID-19 concerns. (For possible action)

During the discussion the focus was on concerns regarding the COVID-19 and the budget. There was opposition to the cancelling of the Citizen of the year by the public. A motion was presented by Hermon Walker to table this item until the February 2021 meeting. Motion passed upon a voice vote to table this item until the February 2021 meeting. 4-0.

VIII. Public Comment:

Pam Walker reminded the public that tomorrow is Veterans Day and to watch the ceremonies live on Facebook.

IX. Next Meeting Date: December 8, 2020.

X. Adjournment: 2:35 pm

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 9, 2021 meeting.*

*Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 9, 2021 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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