



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

November 13, 2018

MINUTES

Board Members:	James Maniaci – Chair, Present Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair, Present Stephanie Bethards, Present	Gina Mackey, Present Vacant
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 James Maniaci, Invocation led by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance Kathy Ochs

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Public Comment - None

III. Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2018. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathy Ochs with corrections on item VIII, Public Comments. The word club changed to lodge.

Action: Approved 4-0

IV. Approval of Minutes for September 25, 2018. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathy Ochs

Action: Approved 4-0

V. Approval of agenda for November 13, 2018, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Stephanie Bethards

Action: Approved 4-0

VI. 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. Hewes provided the November report.

October 2018 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 289

Traffic Citations: 394
DUIs: 1
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9
Bookings: 72
Juvenile Citations: 9

Chair Maniaci asked how many citations were issued for NRS 482; Lt. Hewes said there were two citations issued in October for non-compliance.

Vice Chair Ochs asked in what areas were the burglaries. Lt. Hewes said there is no specific time or area.

Stephanie Bethards asked about any arrests made at the school. Lt. Hewes said there were none and one citation.

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)

Chief Trent Jenkins, one of the three new battalion chiefs for Laughlin, provided the report and personal background history of himself.

Station 85 ran 92 calls, 77 of those were medical.
Station 76 ran 172 calls, 116 of those were medical.
Total calls for Laughlin in October 2018 were 264.

Vice Chair Ochs asked what determined a technical rescue. Chief Jenkins said it is high or trench rescue that would determine the high level of expertise and what equipment that would be used.

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

Written report provided by Greg Turner and distributed to the public.

Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 1.81 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow decreased 350,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None
Odor Complaints: None
Call Before You Dig: 29 tickets received for October 2018

5. Receive a report from Chaunsey Chau-Duong with Big Bend Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Written report provided by Chaunsey Chau-Duong and distributed to the public.

Diversions: October 2018: 354 acre feet

2018 total diversion: 3,348 acre feet

No major reports of leaks or complaints.

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

No report

Contact Info: Richard deClercq, Program Supervisor, (702) 298-3413

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

No report

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

Tanya Brown-Wirth provided the November report on the Library's current activities and programs.

- The library is having a huge annual book sale on Saturday, December 1st, starting at 10:00 a.m.
- Celebrating Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day will take place on Friday, December 7th, at 2:00 p.m.
- Jazzy Holiday Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m.
- A writer's group at the Library welcomes all writers to join to improve their craft and share their passion. The next group meeting is December 12th at 2:00 p.m. Another meeting will be held December 28th.

9. Receive a report from Bob Leuck, Deputy Public Works Director, Clark County Public Works, regarding current public works projects in Laughlin and surrounding area.

Mr. Leuck provided updates on four specific projects.

A map was provided for the proposed South Casino Drive SID improvement.

Mr. Leuck explained two different types of projects. Projects included under the 10-year plan mean they have been placed on a plan for funding with said funding being established over a 10-year period for design and build.

There is also a master plan for those projects that have been recognized but have not yet been put on a 10-year plan, so these areas have not been funded.

There are three projects right now that are currently on the 10-year plan for the Laughlin area.

The first project is the Bridge Canyon Detention Basin, its program for design in fiscal year 2023 with construction slated for year 2025.

The second project that is programmed is the Bridge Canyon Outfall which is also designed for Fiscal Year 2023 with construction in year 2025.

The town board can request projects which will be submitted to the Clark County Regional Flood Control District.

Vice Chair Ochs asked for contact information, Mr. Leuck said he would provide all the contact information and provide to Dr. Paulson.

The next project that is just getting started is the Casino Drive Improvement SID. What are being proposed are roadway, drainage, water, sewer, street lights, and sidewalk improvements. The Water District and the Sewer District have been contacted about possibly obtaining the funds to do the design of this project. A design needs to be done in order to know the cost to proceed with the proposed project.

Mr. Leuck next provided an update on the lagoon project. The dredging is coming along well. As of the end of October, 25 percent of the volume has been removed. The contractors are making very good progress.

The maintenance for the lagoon is currently being worked on. It is being proposed to be done every couple of years to keep maintenance costs down.

The final project update is the Laughlin/Bullhead City Bridge. This project is nearing completion for the design. The final plan will be submitted in December if everything goes smoothly. This includes specifications and cost estimates. The cost has increased to over \$56 million. This is significantly more than what was proposed in the planning stages. In addition to the bridge, the Clark County is also expected to fund construction of 3.5 miles of new roadway to connect the new bridge to the Needles Highway.

There is \$18.5 million dollars available in a federal grant that is earmarked for this project. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) have also identified \$15 million for the current fiscal year. Under Fiscal Year 2023, the RTC has programmed \$17 million in the RTC budget for this project.

Bullhead City is contributing \$3.7 million for its share of the funding. Mr. Leuck said now it comes down to finding additional funds in order to complete the bridge.

The board discussed the rising and higher-than-expected cost to Clark County in relation to the smaller \$3.7 million cost for Bullhead City. Mr. Leuck referenced an early initial agreement between Clark County and Bullhead City in which each side would pay for their respective cost and work together for construction of the bridge. However, he said he was not sure how that agreement originated. A new subsequent agreement has been drafted but not yet approved.

10. Receive a report from Laughlin Economic Development Corporation regarding status of projects and activities. (For discussion only)

Robert Bilbray, representing the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), stated that everyone is doing a good job with the lagoon dredging.

Mr. Bilbray said they had their first meeting at the American Legion regarding the 40-acre park project. The community input was good for moving forward with the park.

A letter of support will be requested from the town board on the drone aerial alternate test site in Laughlin for the Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems (NIAS) as part of its NASA application.

Mr. Bilbray said the LEDC is the conduit for economic development for this community and receives lots of leads. He said he has spent a lot of time with the town manager, the Laughlin Town Board, and the Department of Comprehensive Planning but is not willing any longer to do that for the County. What we have seen is that we bring the County people down here and show them potential new businesses, but the County does not follow up. Mr. Bilbray said this community is

deserving of a dedicated Real Property Management person that knows what is going on in the community.

Mr. Bilbray provided an update on legislative bill drafts for the upcoming legislative session, starting the first week in February.

Martin Knauss, also representing the LEDC, provided a written report and said the LEDC does not support the bridge funding and the construction. The written report is available upon request from the Laughlin Town Manager's Office.

Vice Chair Ochs suggested the idea of a toll bridge to help offset the cost.

11. Receive a report from Jackie Mazzeo with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming events. (For discussion only)

Jackie Mazzeo provided a report on the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce activities.

- Updated Community Achievement Awards information was provided and who won in each category.
- Christmas Mixer to be held at the Aquarius Hotel and Casino on December 13th starting at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person which includes food and a gift.
- The Volunteers in Partnership (VIPs) donated \$7,000 to help support area schools' sports programs along with non-profits.
- In January 2019, the VIPs will be donating \$10,000 to be split with the Laughlin Jr./High School and local 501 (c) 3 non-profits to help with the elderly, pets, Meals on Wheels, and the Boys & Girls Club.
- In March 2019 will be the 5K Walk & Roll for Cancer. More information to be released at a later date.

Vice Chair Ochs asked about a February Love on the Run dinner. Ms. Mazzeo said they are looking for a beneficiary.

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

No report. Mr. Douglas was unable to stay due to the length of LTAB meeting and other obligations.

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

Chair Maniaci spoke about the NIAS program possibly interested in coming to Laughlin.

Chair Maniaci introduced local author Brenda Warneka in attendance who recently hosted a book signing at the Laughlin Library for her new book "Around Laughlin".

14. Applications are available until Tuesday, November 13, 2018 for appointments by the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Laughlin TAB for a two-year term beginning January 2019. (For discussion only)

Chair Maniaci read the announcement.

15. Announce Laughlin Town Advisory Board will begin accepting nominations for the 2019 Laughlin Citizen of the Year on **November 13, 2018**, and nominations will close on **December 28, 2018**. Nomination forms are available at the Laughlin Library, Community Resource Center, Spirit Mountain Activity Center, the Laughlin Town Manager's Office, or on the Clark County website at <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/laughlin/Pages/default.aspx>.

Nomination forms must be turned into the Laughlin Town Manager's Office, Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV 89029, by **December 28, 2018**, 5:00 p.m. Only nominations utilizing the nomination form will be accepted.

The Laughlin Citizen of the Year Award is given annually in honor of the late Jim Edwards and is intended to recognize and thank the outstanding citizen of Laughlin who has given his / her private time and effort to help local government make Laughlin a better place to live.

It is expected that the 2019 Citizen of the Year recipient will be announced and honored at the Tuesday, **February 12, 2019**, meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Maniaci read the announcement.

VII. Planning & Zoning:

1. **UC-18-0624- THE NEVADA GROUP, LLC:**

USE PERMIT to allow a massage business within an existing shopping center on 0.6 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the west side of Casino Drive and approximately 2,000 feet south of Bruce Woodbury Drive within Laughlin. To the BCC 10/03/2018 (For possible action)

Denied

2. **WS-18-0684-CHURCH ROMAN CATHOLIC LAS VEGAS:**

WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for on-site paving.

DESIGN REVIEW for a proposed parish hall in conjunction with an existing place of worship on 2.7 acres in an R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone. Generally located on the northwest corner of Banyon Drive and El Mirage Way within Laughlin. To the BCC 10/17/2018

Approved

VIII. General Business:

1. Discuss a request from Dr. Chris Walach, Executive/Senior Director, Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems (NIAS), to support an NIAS proposal for a 2019 NASA Urban Mobility Operation in Laughlin as an alternate urban site in Nevada to conduct multiple drone aerial tests, and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

After a brief discussion, Kathy Ochs motioned to draft a letter of support to move forward with NIAS program. Stephanie Bethards seconded the motion. Motion passed upon a voice vote, 4-0.

IX. Public Comment:

Kathleen Whitehead announced the Relay for Life to be held on December 1st at the Avi Event Center. Relay organizers are looking for team members.

Jim McEwen asked Chair Maniaci to be more specific when announcing public comment for the agenda items since he had questions for Mr. Leuck and the LTAB members that now cannot be addressed.

Ashlyn Sainz stated concerns and complaints about the internet choices for the area. She reported having had numerous outages and an inability to run her business.

Nile Smith had a question for Mr. Leuck which the board did not ask, specifically “why do we need a bridge?” Mr. Smith questioned the \$56 million and said why not spend the money on a hospital.

X. Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2018

XI. Adjournment: 3:28 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the December 11, 2018 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the January 15, 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>