



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

January 15, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members: Gina Mackey Nile Smith
Kathy Ochs Kathleen Whitehead
James Maniaci

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Town Liaison: Dr. Brian Paulson, (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov

- I. Call to Order by James Maniaci, Invocation led by Father Charles Urnick, Pledge of Allegiance by James Maniaci.

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

- II. Public Comment – None

- III. Judge Tim Atkins, Laughlin Justice Court in and for Clark County, Nevada, to swear in new Laughlin Town Advisory Board members - Gina Mackey, James Maniaci, Kathy Ochs, Niles Smith, and Kathleen Whitehead - to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board to serve terms that will end on January 2, 2021.

Pro tem Steve Willett officiated the swearing in ceremony in Judge Atkins' absence.

- IV. Appoint a Laughlin Town Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair to serve a two - year term and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

Nile Smith nominated Gina Mackey as Chair with a second from James Maniaci.

Upon a voice vote, the nomination of Gina Mackey to serve as Chair for the two-year term was approved, 5-0.

James Maniaci nominated Kathy Ochs as Vice Chair with a second from Nile Smith.

Upon a voice vote, the nomination of Kathy Ochs to serve as Vice Chair for the two-year term was approved, 5-0.

At this time Chair Gina Mackey called a 10-minute recess at 1:40 until 1:50 p.m.

V. Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2018. (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathleen Whitehead
Action: Approved as written, 5-0

VI. Approval of agenda for January 15, 2019, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Kathy Ochs
Action: Approved 5-0

Item number 7 moved to item number 2.

VII. Informational Items

1. Laughlin Town Advisory Board to provide a brief introduction of their backgrounds. (For discussion only)

Kathleen Whitehead started with the introductions and said it is a privilege to be on Laughlin's Town Board. She provided some personal history and her experiences and assets she will bring to the board.

James Maniaci provided a work and school history.

Gina Mackey provided her work history and said she is honored to be a part of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board.

Kathy Ochs provided her school and work history, including her local businesses.

Nile Smith said he was a little nervous but looking forward to working with the board members. He made it clear he is here to represent the residents and is open to communications from all.

For a full copy of available statements, contact the Laughlin Town Manager's Office.

2. 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 said they had a slow month which was down about 10 percent for calls for service.

December 2018 Statistics:
Calls for Service: 358
Traffic Citations: 402
DUIs: 2
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 7
Bookings: 63
Juvenile Citations: 2
Citations NRS 482: 0

There might be a change for next month's report. The substation recently moved to an electronic form for the bookings. It is not sure at present whether the pages can be printed.

Kathleen Whitehead asked what could be causing the increase of domestic violence. Lt. Hewes said it could be due to the holidays and people staying indoors during this time of year.

Nile Smith asked about the drug offenders. Lt. Hewes said most are from visitors in the area and not any gang affiliations.

3. Receive a report from Nevada Highway Patrol regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns. (For discussion only)

Sergeant Wayne Dice provided the December report.

Citations: 730

Violations: 116 meaning some of the citations were multiple violations.

Arrest: 13

DUI: 3

Crashes: 8, one fatality on SR 163

Sgt. Dice said that starting in six months, the NHP will have different colored vehicles, either silver or grey with blue stripes or blue vehicles with silver stripes.

James Maniaci asked about the new uniforms. Sgt. Dice said the new uniform is what he is wearing today. However, NHP is authorized to wear dark grey BDUs which will be primarily worn while working.

Kathy Ochs asked about the cause of the accident on Highway 163. Lt. Hewes said it was a wrong way driver who had turned around in the wrong lane after getting confused.

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)

Chief Erik Poleski provided the 2018 December report.

The call volume is down for the month by about 10 percent.

Station 85 ran 85 calls, 67 of those were medical.

Station 76 ran 116 calls, 89 of those were medical.

Total calls for Laughlin in December 2018 were 201.

James Maniaci asked about a little personal background. Chief Poleski said he came from Michigan and has worked in Clark County for 27 years. He will be returning to Michigan to retire on March 5, 2019.

A question was asked about who services the fire hydrants. The Fire Department services yellow hydrants while red hydrants are private, including those found in shopping centers, apartments and condo complexes are not serviced by the CCFD. Every year, the CCFD goes out to service the yellow hydrants to make sure they are cleaned out and flowing.

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

Report provided by Greg Turner.

Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 1.58 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow decreased 230,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 31 tickets received for December 2018

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

Jordan Bunker will be Mr. Chau-Duong's replacement during the time Mr. Chau-Duong is in Carson City for the legislative session.

Diversions: December 2018: 251.9 acre feet

2018 total diversion: 4,041.6 acre feet

No major reports of leaks or complaints. The system remains stable.

Chair Mackey asked about any updates for the rate change. Mr. Bunker said he is planning on reporting the changes next month but said Big Bend will be implementing new billing software and the billing that the customer receives will look different. If customers use auto pay or online banking, they would need to update their banking information. A letter will be sent out this month to every type of customer explaining what changes, if any, may have to be undertaken.

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

This item was moved to number two.

Will Douglas said the second semester is going well with activity picking up. Searchlight is going well and there were 16 kids who participated, which in Searchlight is a good turnout.

Adult programs will include a free workshop for radon, which includes a free test kit. The class will be held at the Library January 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Future adult classes will be announced at a later date.

Kathy Ochs requested that the UNCE be moved up to number 5 on the agenda due to the time restraints.

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

Jackie Mazzeo, President and CEO, provided a gift of keychains to the town board prior to delivering her December report.

A new program starting January 25th is “Breakfast with Us”, a networking breakfast to be held on the last Friday of every month which will be limited to 25 people.

It will provide an opportunity to give businesses a one-on-one time with staff in marketing, building graphics, making coupons, updating social media, and providing advice face-to-face with their talents in an effort to help make their businesses grow.

The 5K Walk n Roll will be held March 2, 2019. The event will include rolls from Cinnabon, lunch, and activities for the kids.

Ms. Mazzeo spoke about the benefits for charity and the money that is donated to local charities.

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

Statistics: December 2018

34 programs

324 participants

1988 visits

Holiday Tree Lighting – 200 participants

Medicare In-Service – 25 participants

White Elephant Holiday Party – 36 participants

Upcoming Special Events:

February 13th – Valentine’s Day Classic at the Senior Center:

An annual Valentine’s Day event, participants must be 50+ years of age with a maximum of 36 participating. The event will include various themed games as well as a potato bar. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

March 1st – Senior FootGolf Tournament:

This event is being run in conjunction with the Senior Center in Las Vegas. The cost is \$5.00 per person with a maximum of 10 participants.

April 13th – Laughlin Egg Run

An annual Egg Hunt Event will be held for children between the ages of 3-12 years. Pre-registration is required which starts March 1st. The event will include free inflatables.

Updates:

Basketball Court at Mountain View Park is currently being resurfaced.

In the future, Parks & Recreation program assistant, A’Lonn Bilbray will provide the monthly reports.

Vice Chair Ochs asked what FootGolf was. Richard said it was a cross between golf and soccer.

Contact Info: Richard deClercq, Supervisor, (702) 298-3413 Cell: (702) 210-7713

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

Dawn Estes, Principal, Laughlin school system, provided the current report. She said she would like to first reference the playground. As many know, this is an ongoing project which has run into some barriers.

Ms. Estes thanked the many supporters in the tri-state area who have stepped up to provide vocal and financial support as well as visitors to the school. The school has received close to \$40,000 for the playground. First phase will be laying asphalt in February.

Ms. Estes said Laughlin is unique as there is only one feeder school with 750 students K-12.

In December, there was a huge celebration. Mr. Bob Ellis, a Las Vegas philanthropist, donated shoes for all of the students in grades K-12, and each child K-6 also received a special toy. The Chinese-American Citizens Alliance also played an active role by providing every student with a Chinese Zodiac Christmas ornament. The next Chinese New Year will be the Year of the Pig, so each student received a pig ornament and some snacks to put in their pack backs to help them get through the holidays.

The main focus at both schools, both elementary and high school, is a new program called AVID. This is using best practices to help close achievement gaps for students.

The enrollment continues to increase as there are six new students.

James Maniaci asked what AVID stands for. Ms. Estes said Advancement via Individual Determination. The belief is, given an opportunity, it is what we choose to do with that opportunity using a positive mind set.

Nile Smith asked if there was any bullying in school. Ms. Estes said there is not so much bullying as there are student conflicts that occasionally result.

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

Tanya Brown-Wirth provided current events and programs.

12. Receive a written report by Mike Conner, Executive Director, River Fund, Inc.

Mike Conner was not in attendance. Report was not provided.

13. Receive a report by Dennis Harper, Vice President, 8 minute Energy Renewables, regarding solar development interest in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

Jason Moretz, Senior Director of Development, 8 minute Energy Renewables, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the company history with an overview of the Arida Solar Project.

For a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, contact the Laughlin Town Manager's Office.

Chair Mackey called for a 10-minute break at this time.

14. Discuss the short and long - range goals, priorities, projects, and programs for the town of Laughlin. (For discussion only)

The LTAB discussed various goals and priorities for Laughlin’s future. Each member provided his and her own top five goals.

Gina Mackey

Land lease / Southland
New River Park Development
Casino Drive SID Project
Medical
Flood Control

Kathleen Whitehead

Assisted Living
Fast Food Restaurant
Safe House in Laughlin
Help for the Veterans
Kids’ Activities

Nile Smith

Crosswalk @ Needles Hwy & Las Palmas
Casino Drive Project
New River Park Development
Southland Development
Emerald River Project

James Maniaci

Lagoon Park
SID – Lagoon maintenance
Casino Drive Improvements
Water to Southlands
Railroad Services

Kathy Ochs

Tourism
Land Sales
Economic Development
Medical
Workforce

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

Kathleen Whitehead advised that the community can watch a repeat of this meeting on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. on Channel 14.

VIII. Planning & Zoning:

1. **UC-18-0974-USA:**

USE PERMITS for the following: **1)** a communication tower; and **2)** increasing the height of a communication tower.

DESIGN REVIEW: for a communication tower on a portion of 307.1 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 1,235 feet east of US Hwy 95, 2,325 feet south of SR 163 within Laughlin To the PC 02/05/2019

Doug Rankin, representing GC Garcia, explained the lease by the BLM and the providers and what will be built at the location.

There was a brief discussion concerning the location and the height of the tower.

Kathy Ochs motioned for approval with staff recommendations. Upon a voice vote, motion was approved, 5-0.

IX. General Business:

1. Approve Bylaws for 2019-2020 (for possible action)

After a brief discussion to be able to amend the bylaws, Kathleen Whitehead moved to approve the bylaws as written with Kathy Ochs seconding the motion. Upon a voice vote, motion passed, 4-1. James Maniaci voted nay.

X. Public Comment:

Bob Bilbray, representing the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), provided an update regarding upcoming legislation in Carson City and what the LEDC has been working on.

Among the legislation will include a motor vehicle fuel tax with intent to equalize the state and local taxation on fuel with Arizona. He added that he owns one of the stations in Laughlin for at least 25 years.

Kathy Ochs commented on Real Property Management and to request a monthly report.

XI. Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

XII. Adjournment: 4:25 p.m.

These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 12, 2019 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 12, 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>