



Laughlin Town Advisory Board

July 9, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members:	Gina Mackey – Chair Kathy Ochs – Vice Chair James Maniaci	Nile Smith Kathleen Whitehead
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Town Liaison:	Dr. Brian Paulson, (702) 298-0828 bkp@clarkcountynv.gov	

I. Call to Order by Gina Mackey, Invocation led by Pastor Doug Westly, Pledge of Allegiance by James Maniaci.

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

II. Public Comment:

III. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2019. (For possible action)

Moved by: James Maniaci

Action: 5-0

IV. Approval of agenda for July 9, 2019, and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Nile Smith moved to delete any item which requires use of the telecommunication equipment (teleconferencing) until such times the County can provide adequate equipment and called for a discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Smith said the County updated all the telecommunication equipment throughout the County with the exception of Laughlin. Laughlin was left out of the upgrade and the equipment is antiquated and no longer compatible with the new equipment. He said he believes the town manager, Dr. Paulson, is looking into getting new equipment. Dr. Paulson stated a decision has not been made on whether new equipment was going to be purchased since the cost is over \$20,000 and this would be an IT decision.

Mr. Smith moved to delete any items containing secrets printed in the local paper in which the LTAB is not allowed to talk about and called for a discussion, stating on May 21st, a member of this board received a directive from the County instructing the LTAB not to talk about the bridge project.

On the last planning agenda, Mr. Smith said a road to the bridge seemed a contradiction to this directive, whereby members of the board were to discuss and make recommendations regarding a new bridge and the unnamed road. It was asked by a TAB member if the bridge was going to be built, but no answer was given or could be provided.

Mr. Smith said the County Commissioner (Naft) needs to know this board is not appointed, but elected, and “will not be silenced by a directive from County administration, especially about a project where the LTAB members were left out and discussed with our sister city across the river. We are labeled as extortionists with the results of their efforts and told not to talk about it, that it’s not going to be on the agenda. The rule of the TAB is to disseminate information of interest to the public, to the residents of this town, and directing us (TAB) to be silent is contrary to the mandate.”

Moved by: Kathleen Whitehead
Action: Approved, 5- 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)

Lt. Hewes provided the June report. He said June was relatively quiet and calls for service were down compared to this time last year.

June 2019 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 388, down 8.92 percent from this time last year

Traffic Citations: 669

DUIs: 0

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 9

Bookings: 66

Juvenile Citations: 0

First half of the year there has not been any violent crimes or robberies. Casino Drive accounts for about 40 percent of all the calls received, Lt. Hewes said.

Kathleen Whitehead asked about the July 4th weekend. Lt. Hewes said it was quiet and the crowd on the Riverwalk was a little less than in previous years, but it was a good crowd with no major problems.

Ms. Whitehead asked why the Riverside Hotel and Casino generates the most calls for service. Lt. Hewes said it could be they have more security. Vice Chair Kathy Ochs stated it could be they have more ancillary entertainment which results in additional people on property.

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

Sgt. Wayne Dice provided the May and June reports.

Citations: 653

Arrest: 22

DUI: 6

Crashes: none

June report:

Citations: 574
Arrest: 10
DUI: 3
Crashes: none

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)

Fire Captain Guy Powell provided the June 2019 report and said there was a 12 percent decrease in calls compared to last year at this time.

Station 85 calls: 71
Station 76 calls: 146
Total Laughlin calls: 217
Total EMS calls: 147
Other: 14

There was a multi-agency hostile MCI drill which involved seven agencies.

No major incidents over the 4th of July other than a small brush fire across the river in Bullhead City in which the Laughlin Fire Department provided assisted.

James Maniaci requested a written report each month.

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

Greg Turner provided the June 2019 report.

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility (LWRF) had an average of 2.01 million gallons per day producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow decreased 150,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

June 2019 Statistics:

Sewer Service Complaints: None
Odor Complaints: None
Call Before You Dig tickets: 19

Kathleen Whitehead inquired about the south lift station. Mr. Turner said it was coming along fine and no issues with the recent earthquakes. The project should be completed in approximately 6 – 8 weeks.

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

Chair Mackey read the June 2019 report.

Diversions: June 2019: 356 acre feet
2019 total diversion: 1,689 acre feet
2018 total diversion: 1,761 acre feet

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

Will Douglas provided the report which included the following highlights:

- A 2-day minicamp on gardening was in Searchlight. A raised garden bed was built by the kids and they did a great job. He is working on getting the approvals needed to set up the garden bed. Mr. Douglas said it's very possible that the 4-H program could blossom in Searchlight with the same type of programs currently being offered in Laughlin.
 - Camp will be July 22nd through the 26th. After camp, Mr. Douglas said he is going to take some time off.
 - In September, Mr. Douglas said he would like to do a PowerPoint presentation which will include photos and a couple youth participating from camp.
 - On Saturday, August 17th, at the Library from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., M.L. Robinson with the Horticulture Department in Las Vegas will facilitate a gardening seminar.
 - The Fort Mohave Indian Tribe is interested in partnering with the 4-H.
7. Receive a report from Jackie Mazzeo with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming business activities in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

Events:

Freedom of Expression “Whiskey and Wood” will be held at Gold Diggers inside the Golden Nugget on Thursday, July 25th, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes food, beverage sampling, and art supplies. This event benefits the Colorado River Region school art programs that promote expression in schools. Maximum participants is 125. Tickets are available for sale now by calling (702) 298-2214.

The Fourth Annual Tri-State Regional Mega Mixer will be held at the Aquarius Casino Resort Pavilion on Friday, September 6th, at 5:30 p.m. Mixer entry is \$10 which includes a buffet dinner. Reservations can be made by calling (702) 298-2214.

The 22nd Annual Community Achievement Awards will be held at the Aquarius Casino Resort Pavilion on Saturday, October 26th, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 per table. Nominations are being accepted at www.laughlinchamber.com.

Ms. Mazzeo said 34 percent of its 258 active members are from Laughlin. She reported one new Laughlin member.

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

Events:

“Rockets over the River 2019” was held on Saturday, June 29th and July 4th. First responders and veterans were treated to vessel rides to watch the show from the water with cookies and water provided.

In October, the Best in the Desert Laughlin Desert Classic will be held.

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

Richard deClercq provided the June report.

June 2019 Statistics:

41 programs
673 participants
2,387 visits

Upcoming Special Events:

A South County Showdown OTL Tournament with food and beer tasting will be held September 20-22 to be sponsored by Bilbray Industries in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club. (Tentative)

An Adult Cornhole League will begin September 5th (tentative). Cost is \$30 per team of two. The 10-week league will include games played indoor at Gnat’s Landing on Thursday night from 6-9:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Summer Programming at the Senior Center:

- Senior Survivor (two days a week for 8 weeks)
- Indoor Bocce Ball
- Indoor Ladder Ball
- Indoor Cornhole

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

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

Tanya Brown Wirth provided current programs and events being held at the Library, including:

- Library Luau on Wednesday, July 10th at 2:00 p.m. with all ages welcome for a luau-themed party;
- Hampstead Stage Company will be presenting “Stories in the Stars” on Thursday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m. with all ages welcome. The Hampstead Stage Company brings classic literature to life through live theatre.

- Tech Time will be held during the last two weeks of July with the Library offering computer and device classes. Classes are offered to adults and are free to the public.

Crafternoon:

- ◆ July 10th – Color Glassware
- ◆ August 12th – Coconut Sugar Scrubs
- ◆ August 14th – Photo Transfers

Device charging lockers are now available. You set your own code and it's a secure way to charge your device if you don't have a cord.

11. Receive a report from Mike Jackson with Southern Nevada Transit Coalition regarding the status of the Silver Rider Bus System. (For discussion only)

Mike Jackson, Executive Director, provided updates.

Ridership is up 1,379 from the last quarter.

Ridership

Month	Year	Fixed Route	Paratransit	Las Vegas	Monthly Total
April	2019	24,166	868	298	25,332
May	2019	22,857	922	295	24,074
June	2019	20,128	842	248	21,218
		67,151	2,632	841	70,624
Total for the Quarter					

The River Run went well with no incidents to report.

The new 14-passenger bus has been ordered and is currently being built. Delivery is expected in approximately 90 days. Once the bus is delivered, a camera system, GPS, and logos will be installed. Upon completion, the bus will go into service for para-transit.

NDOT has released an invitation to bid in June for a new 40-foot hybrid electric bus. Silver Rider is currently in the Q & A stage with a bid opening on August 6, 2019.

Bus Shelter rehabs have started. The rehabs will include canopy shading, new paint, new plexi-glass for ads, new LED lighting or solar lighting, new trash cans where needed.

Backpacks for Kids meetings are underway. Sue Bishop from SNTC is helping with the plans. Currently, SNTC will be providing two 40-foot buses and one 20-passenger bus to transport kids from Laughlin to the event.

James Maniaci asked what is going to happen to the old 14-foot passenger bus. Mr. Jackson said normally he would look to see if the state of Nevada or other grantees may need it. If none express need, then it will likely be donated to a non-profit or other government entity. Rather than sell, busses are donated with the most recent donation being made to Praise Chapel in Bullhead City. The next batch most likely will be donated to Pahrump.

12. Receive an update from Southwest Gas regarding proposed natural gas pipeline from Laughlin to Henderson, Nevada. (For discussion only)

Oliver Montenegro, Engineering Supervisor, provided a project overview:

- History of existing pipelines;
- Purpose and scope; and
- Pipeline alignment for Laughlin and Searchlight

This project will be conducted in phases with Laughlin not seeing any impact for about six years. The first phase will be south of Searchlight and continue to the Eldorado Valley, south of Las Vegas.

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

James Maniaci spoke about the Capital Improvement Plan recently adopted by the BCC. Vice Chair Kathy Ochs suggested the information be agendaized since it would be of interest to everyone and lengthy in content.

Dr. Paulson provided an update on Thomas Edison Road. The road will be re-bid later this month or August with construction likely starting near the calendar year.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

1. **CP-19-900180:** That the Laughlin Town Advisory Board consider proposed changes to the Transportation Element of the Clark County Comprehensive Master Plan, and after conducting a public hearing, take appropriate action. (For possible action) To the PC 06/04/2019

Adopted As Amended – Forwarded To The 07/17/19 BCC Meeting.

2. **AR-19-400054 (UC-18-0293)-HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN, LLC:**
USE PERMIT FIRST APPLICATION FOR REVIEW for deviations as shown per plans on file.
DEVIATIONS for the following: **1)** allow temporary outdoor commercial events for longer than 10 days; **2)** allow live entertainment associated with temporary outdoor commercial events to be conducted beyond daytime hours; **3)** allow accessory uses, including outside dining and drinking, to have primary means of access not from the interior of the resort hotel; and **4)** all other deviations as depicted per plans on file.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** temporary outdoor commercial events; and **2)** miscellaneous accessory structures in conjunction with an existing resort hotel (Harrah's) on 34.6 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the east side of Casino Drive, 200 feet south of Thomas Edison Drive within Laughlin. (For possible action) To the BCC 06/05/2019

APPROVED -Current Planning remove the time limit.

VII. General Business: None

VIII. Public Comment:

Robert Bilbray, Strategic Development Advisor, Laughlin Economic Development Corporation, stated he wanted to talk about Southland and requested to be exempt from the three-minute time limit. His request was granted by the board.

Mr. Bilbray spoke about the solar lease for the 4,200 acres and how the project bidding was held up by potential unexploded ordnance. Mr. Bilbray said he met with Assistant County Manager Randy Tarr and asked what the time frame would be. Mr. Tarr informed him that the land will need to be reappraised before going out to lease. Mr. Bilbray said this same statement was also made to 8minute energy and LADWP. Mr. Bilbray also stated the last appraisal came in just a little over \$36 million with monthly lease payments of about \$130,000. This delay is costing the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund over a million dollars. Mr. Bilbray stated that 42 percent of Boulder City's income comes from solar leases.

James McEwen spoke about tax cuts and job act and the opportunity zones. These zones benefit businesses and employers in receiving tax breaks. Mr. McEwen said the Laughlin area was not in the zone and said Mr. Bilbray could get these tax benefits.

Mr. McEwen voiced his concern about not having a cross walk and light at the intersection of Las Palmas Drive and Needles Highway. He also has a concern about the lack of lighting at the intersection of Cougar Drive and Bruce Woodbury Drive.

IX. Next Meeting Date: August 13, 2019

X. Adjournment: 3:17 p.m.

***These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the August 13, 2019 meeting.
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the September 10, 2019, meeting.***

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<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/laughlin/Pages/LaughlinTownAdvisoryBoard.aspx>