MINUTES

LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

February 10, 2015
1:30 P.M.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER
101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Doten, Chair
Pamela Walker, Vice Chair
David Brownlee
Kathleen Hoss
Kathy Ochs

MEMBERS ABSENT: 0

OTHERS PRESENT: Guests Signed In 21

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Fred Doten called the meeting to order.

   Please turn off all cell phones, pagers & other electronic devices.

   Please take all private conversations outside the room.

   A. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

   B. Invocation was led by Pastor Doug Westly and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pamela Walker

   C. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order.

   D. The Laughlin Town Advisory Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

   E. The Laughlin Town Advisory Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.
F. Announce 2015 Laughlin Citizen of the Year and present a plaque and Proclamation in recognition of community service.

   No Action

   LTAB Chair Fred Doten presented Kathleen Hoss the new 2015 Laughlin Citizen of the year with a plaque and read the proclamation.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

   A. Approval of the February 10, 2015 Agenda.

   For Possible Action

   Pamela Walker moved, David Brownlee seconded to approve the February 10, 2015 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0

   B. Approval of the January 13, 2015 Minutes

   For Possible Action

   Pamela Walker moved, Kathleen Hoss seconded to approve as presented the January 13, 2015 Laughlin Town Advisory Board minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

   C. Approval of the January 27, 2015 Minutes

   For Possible Action

   Pamela Walker moved David Brownlee seconded to approve as presented the January 27, 2015 Laughlin Town Advisory Board minutes. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

   D. Review a draft of the 2015-2016 Bylaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for possible adoption at the March 10, 2015 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, discuss and introduce recommended changes of the 2015-2016 Laughlin Town Advisory Board bylaws, and take any action deemed appropriate.

   For Possible Action

   The LTAB members had a brief discussion regarding changes the Social Service Committee. The committee is requesting to change the Purpose Statement which David Brownlee read. The next discussion for the Bylaws will be March 10 2015 at the LTAB meeting.

3. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:  This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on this agenda.  If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda.  Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.  Please step up to the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and spell your last name for the record.  If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.  The Board retains the discretion to take additional public comments during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions.  In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the Board for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the Board.
Jim Maniaci asked if amendments for the Bylaws can be done in March since the Community Development committee has not reviewed the Bylaws.

Jackie Brady stated if the amendments are introduced in March they would have to be adopted in April.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS

A. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report:  
   Lt. John Healy, Commander
   
   Sgt. Dakuginow reported on the January Metro activities
   
   January 2015 Statistics:
   
   Calls for Service: 403
   Traffic Citations: 525
   DUI’s: 2
   Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 6
   Bookings: 45
   Juvenile Citations: 1

   Pamela Walker asked the Sgt. What contributed to the increase of calls for service and the domestics battering.
   
   Sgt. Dakuginow said those situation fluctuates and there is nothing specific for the increase of calls.
   
   Pamela Walker also asked if there were any programs available from Las Vegas to make people more aware of domestic violence in this area. The Sgt. Stated this is something we don’t normally handle, if a person is arrested for domestic violence the courts will hand out specific punishments such as counseling.

B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report:  
   Sgt. Raymond Hubs
   
   Was not able to attend

C. Clark County Fire Department:  
   Was not able to attend

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

A. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report:  
   Jake Jacobson, Assistant Manager
   
   Laughlin Services

   Jake Jacobson provided the
   
   Statistics: January 2015 – LWRC treated an average of 2.07 MGD, producing clean water return to the Colorado River.
   
   Flow increase 550,000 gallons per day from this time last year
Sewer service complaints: None  
Odor Complaints: None  
Call Before you dig: 24 tickets received for January 2015

We received a notification from Big Bend Water District that we had an un-usually high water usage. This turned into an inquiry by the staff and we had an evaporator cooler flow that was stuck.

**Kathy Ochs** commented about the increase of water flow and **Jake Jacobson** said the water usage was high and it’s seasonal but would check into it.

**B. Big Bend Water District Report:**  
Bruno Bowles, Public Services

**Was not able to attend**

**C. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension:**  
Buddy Borden, Area Extension Specialist  
Community Economic Development

**Buddy Borden** reported on the community garden and said the fence it up now and this week the shed should be up. Fred Doten has been helping with the process. It’s been a slow process but beneficial. The High School special needs class has been coming out to help.

We currently have five 4-H clubs going on in the schools right now including the Elementary as well as the High school.

There will also be a horse club starting with the new horse concessionaire “Pot of Gold” and **Deborah Murray** has stepped up as the new leader along with **Diane Lee**.

We are working with the Laughlin Chamber and surveying small businesses now so we can develop workshops and classes to help small businesses and provide workshops to fit their needs.

**Deborah Murray** added the introductory meeting for the Horse Club will meet on February 12th at 3:15pm in the Bennett Elementary School gym, and there will be another introductory meeting on February 26th at the same place. There will be two meeting to find out how many kids are interested to go over some of the concept plans and to ask the students and parents what they would like to see in the program.

So there will be two meetings before the Horse club possibly starts in March.

**Kathy Ochs** asked about health cards for the high school students who want to work during the summer time and busy seasons.

**Kathy Ochs** also asked about the size of the community gardens. Buddy Borden said it was a quarter acre the County allocated and we just got done fencing that in. There are 20-25 4x6 ft. beds, 50 8x4 ft. beds and 6 12x4 ft. beds.

**Kathy Ochs** stated there is a Department of Agriculture grant that would be available once a year.
Buddy Borden said this is being considered.

D. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: Trey Smith, Recreation Specialist
Was not able to attend

E. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: Connie Davis, Executive Director
Connie Davis said the ribbon cutting for the new V.A. clinic is February 19th at 11:30 am NV time at the Laughlin Professional plaza.

The Chamber is holding the second annual Laughlin/Bullhead City 5K Cancer walk on March 21, 2015 at 9am. The Walk will be at the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trails and the cost is $20 on the day of the event, this includes a T-shirt. If you sign up in advance the cost is $15.

There will be a kick-off luncheon on February 26th at no cost. Get a team together or a few friends. All the money raised for this event stays in our Tri-State area and is donated to the River Fund Cancer Connection which will help folks with cancer.

The Chamber is sending out a survey regarding classes for small business owners asking for input as to what kind of assistance they would like to see. The Laughlin Chamber and the Cooperative Extension from the UNR, Buddy Borden and others will be conducting the classes and we feel this will be a great opportunity to grow your business.

The March annual meeting mixer will be held March 12 location and time will be sent out in the paper and our E-blast.

F. Laughlin Library: Tanya Brown-Wirth, Branch Manager
Was not able to attend due to staff shortages

G. Bennett Elementary School: Dawn Estes, Principal
Was not able to attend

H. Health Care Guidance Program Bridget Vanetti, RN, BSN, CCMC Operations Manager
Bridget Vanetti from Health Care Guidance program introduced herself and explained about the program and what they do.

Bridget Vanetti said we have just started coming down here to this area and we will be coming down twice a month. What we do is telephonically outreach based on cost and benefit program that is given to us by the state, and then when we can’t find a member we go door to door. We then enroll them in the program and into the system with their healthcare.

Kathy Ochs asked where they are located and Bridget Vanetti said they work out of their homes around the state.

Pamela Walker asked if this included the homeless population and Bridget said it does.
Kathy Ochs suggested having a contact point in Laughlin to send people who need their services.

6. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:

A. “Receive and discuss a report on the Consolidated Urban Land Use Policies” from Clark County Comprehensive Planning Michael Popp Sr. Management Analyst and Garrett TerBerg Principal Planner

   No Action

   Michael Popp and Garrett TerBerg joined the LTAB meeting by video Conference and provided updated information regarding changes to the Urban Land Use Policies.

   Michael Popp said in 2014 the Board of County Commissioners authorized staff to organize a work group from each of the Town Advisory Board and select a couple of members from each Board.

   Garrett TerBerg said they reviewed staff changes to the existing Land Use Plans and a number of new ideas including some new land use categories. We went from 1800 policies over the seven planning areas down to 131 now, this was an effort and we appreciate everyone's involvement in doing that.

   On January 21, 2015 the Board of County Commissioners received a report and was updated on the progress.

   The planning commission will be decided on March 3, 2015 and the Board of County Commissioners will hear it on April 8, 2015. In the meantime if you have any comments please send them to me (Garrett TerBerg) gtb@clarkcountynv.gov I would need that by February 27, 2015

   Michael Popp added the Board of County Commissioners are interested in simplifying the plan, right now there are about 22 categories that we would like to get down to 10-12.

   The next round for 2015 we want to work on the goals, we can't have policies without goals.

   Deborah Murray added much of what we just finished doing was paring down a lot of the redundancies. For Laughlin we worked on all the consolidation but not any of the goals at this point for Laughlin.

B. Receive a report from Town Manager Jackie Brady for 2014

   Jackie Brady provided updated information concerning the Town Board, the Town Manager's Office, and the second Bridge. No Action
C. Approve appointments to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board standing committees of Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Public Works, and Social Services for 2015, and take any other action deemed appropriate.

For Possible Action

Pamela Walker motioned to appoint all nominees on the list David Brownlee seconded the motion, motion passed 5-0

Community Development Committee – Kathleen Hoss
  Trish Bleich
  Sharon Davie
  Mary Ann Gallentine
  Jim Maniaci
  C.W. Marvin
  Rick Simmons

Park and Recreation – Pamela Walker
  Kathy Atkins
  Cheryl Crow

Public Safety Committee – Kathy Ochs
  William Condray
  Joe Lowery
  Tom Bartlemy

Public Works – Fred Doten
  James DeWoody
  Jim Bodley
  Steve Collins
  Jon L. Escarzaga
  John Pantages
  Martin Knauss

Social Services – David Brownlee
  Victoria Conely
  Cheryl Seipke
  Pat Gutierrez
  Roger Burtraw
  Jack Barley
  Lance Ross
7. **ZONING:**

A. **PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:**

1. **UC-1014-14 – TROPICANA EXPRESS, LLC: USE PERMIT** for deviations as shown per plans on file.

   **DEVIATIONS** for the following: 1) allow roof signs; 2) increase the number of directional signs; 3) increase the number of hanging signs; 4) reduce the height of hanging signs from grade; 5) allow temporary signs for a permanent time period; 6) reduce the setback for temporary signs from a right-of-way (Casino Drive); and 7) all other deviations as depicted per plans on file.

   **WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** to reduce the setback from a right-of-way (Casino Drive).

   **DESIGN REVIEW** for a comprehensive sign package in conjunction with an existing resort hotel (Tropicana Express) on 27.8 acres in an H-1 (Limited Resort and Apartment) Zone in the MUD-1 Overlay District. Generally located on the west side of Casino Drive, 1,000 feet south of Bruce Woodbury Drive within Laughlin.

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   No final action at the time of posting

   **Previous Zoning Actions.** (For additional information see Clark County web site on the Internet at: http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/public_communications/Pages/Agendas.aspx then go to NOFA (Notice of Final Action) on the month and date the item was heard and look for the item number (i.e. UC-0000-11). To hear the audio minutes go to the Clark County Website at: http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/admin_services/laughlin/Pages/LaughlinTownAdvisoryBoard.aspx

B. **CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:** None

**Zoning Appeal Process:** Planning Commission and Board of County Commission meetings are both held at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1841. Planning Commission Meetings are scheduled on the first & third Tuesdays of each month and the following Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Board of County Commissioners Zoning Meetings is scheduled on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM following the first & third Tuesdays of each month. **If you appeal a Planning Commission action, you must be present at the Board of County Commissioners meeting to present your appeal.** Appeals are made by filling out a “Filing an Appeal” form, available from the Department of Comprehensive Planning. Current Planning Division. You may call Current Planning at (702) 455-4314 to request the form. Once in the automated phone system, press Option #2, listen closely to the options and press Option #2 again. This will connect you to a person who can help you with the appeal form. Once you have filled out the appeal form, fax it to (702) 455-3271, then call (702) 455-4314 to verify the appeal form was received and ask when it will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners. **Appeals must be done within five (5) judicial (business) days from the time the item was heard by the Planning Commission.**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Development: Kathleen Hoss, Co-Chair
   Kathleen Hoss reported the committee continued to discuss the Nevada Energy Boxes. We are researching as to who will do the painting of these boxes. We will have something submitted to finally move forward on this project.

B. Parks & Recreation: Pamela Walker, Co-Chair
   Pamela Walker reported the committee is looking for new members. The Flyers for the senior games are on the back table if interested. The Parks and Recreation is taking application for lifeguards at the public Pool this summer and a part time outside maintenance person. The plans this year is to take projects from the Parks & Recreation that is a priority when they come up and help make them happen. And once we get an item finished we will move on to the next. So we should help make some things happen this year at the Parks & Recreation.

C. Public Safety: Kathy Ochs, Co-Chair
   Kathy Ochs reported there was not a January meeting and the committee is looking for new members who would like to be involved in public safety. We are going to reconsider the meeting dates and times. The plans this year is getting an emergency management program for Laughlin.

D. Public Works: Fred Doten, Co-Chair
   Fred Doten reported the program where the committee canvases the town is going very well, and we report anything to “In the Works” that needs attention or repair. Fred Doten said they do a good job of taking care of any problems.

E. Social Services: David Brownlee, Co-Chair
   David Brownlee thanked Ms. Vanetti for coming down and opening up a whole avenue of outreach for Laughlin.

9. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman or the Board by majority vote. When speaking during a specific item or during the Public Comments sessions, please step up to the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address – please spell your name for the record – and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.

   Jim Maniaci Laughlin, NV asked if any County officials submitted anything to the Land Management by the dead line for comments.

   Deborah Murray said yes she has submitted comments and the deadline was changed to March 9, 2015. When the comments come out Deborah Murray submitted them under her name.
Pete Gorrie, Laughlin, NV commented on the domestic violence in the Laughlin area and made some suggestions on making people more aware of the problem.

C.W. Marvin, Laughlin, NV also commented on the domestic violence and advised Stacey Stutsman from West Care was the person who handles this issue in Laughlin.

Bobbie Boland, Portofino HOA, Laughlin, NV had a complaint regarding the local cable company and what could be done about it.

Kathy Ochs provided some suggestions what the HOA could do at their next meeting.

Jackie Brady commented that this has been a problem for over a year and suggested finding out whom in the State that can be contacted for complaints.

Kathy Ochs suggested that Sudden Link join the Laughlin Chamber but Connie Davis said she has contacted John Sullivan at Sudden Link and was told they cannot join the Chamber until they are officially here in Laughlin. Connie also said John Sullivan could not give her a definite time when they would make the transition.

Trish Bleich, Laughlin, NV commented she is retired now and still living in Laughlin and loves it here. She also mentioned Patricia Hayde also retired from SNHD. She thanked the LTAB and committees.

Julie Fairman, Laughlin, NV also had a complaint concerning the cable company. She said John Sullivan gave her a contact for a person higher up with Sudden Link and yes they took over in October but New Wave is still taking the money. Julie said she was watching the news and lost signal so she took a video and sent it to the person John Sullivan gave her with Sudden Link. So far no response from Sudden Link. The County Website has a complaint form that you can fill out.

Lance Ross, Director of Community Relations with Valley View Medical Center and Live Oak Family medicine in Laughlin. Lance Ross thanked the LTAB for appointing him to the Social Services committee as an Ex-officio member. Mr. Ross said he has been attending Social Service committee meeting on and off since 2006 so it’s nice to know I am an official member of the committee.

Lance Ross provided updated information of the Family Practice in Laughlin. The physician left last fall and it was questioned if the practice was still open. The Practice is very much still operating with family practitioner Crystal Voigt. In most states a Family Nurse Practitioner can do most everything a physician can do in a family practice office. But that is not always the case with insurance companies so we have a Valley View physician who is coming over to Laughlin one or two days a week.

10. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible scheduled meeting date is **February 24, 2015** the next regular scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than February 11, 2015 and February 26, 2015 respectively.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**  Pamela Walker motioned to adjourn David Brownlee seconded the motion, motion passed 5-0 to adjourn at 3:42pm

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II. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS, ANY PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT USED IN ANY PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN MANAGER’S OFFICE. IF MATERIALS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD, PLEASE PROVIDE SEVEN (7) COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD (FIVE COPIES), AND THE LAUGHLIN STAFF TABLE (TWO COPIES).

III. THE TOWN HALL IS ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

IV. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: A PERIOD DEVOTED TO COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE BOARD’S JURISDICTION WILL BE HELD. NO VOTE MAY BE TAKEN ON A MATTER NOT LISTED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES. PLEASE STEP UP TO THE SPEAKER’S PODIUM, CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND PLEASE SPELL YOUR LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD. IF ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD WISHES TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF A PRESENTATION, THIS WILL BE DONE BY THE CHAIRMAN OR BY THE BOARD BY A MAJORITY VOTE. ALL COMMENTS BY SPEAKERS SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO BOARD ACTION AND JURISDICTION.

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 11, 2015 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting.*