



## Laughlin Town Advisory Board

May 11, 2021

### MINUTES

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Board Members: Kathy Ochs – Chair  
Kathleen Hoss – Vice Chair  
Fred Doten  
Hermon Walker  
Pamela Walker

Secretary: Tammy Harris, (702) 298-0828 [tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:tammy.harris@clarkcountynv.gov)

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- I. Call to Order by Chair Kathy Ochs, Invocation by Pastor Westly, Pledge of Allegiance led by Pamela Walker.
- II. Public Comment:

*Madam Chair and Members of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board: My name is Patricia S. Fisher; I live at 3179 Quail Song Drive, and I am commenting on two items on your May 11, 2019 Agenda:*

***Item VII #2. Master Plan and Development Code***

*Concerning the development of the Mohave Generating Station site, I just wanted to verify that Clark County has assessed whether any environmental remediation steps are required of the utility-owners of the site (and purchasers, if any) either (a) pursuant to the settlement of litigation initiated by the Grand Canyon Trust, Tribal interests and the Sierra Club against the Mohave Generating Station, or (b) under federal, state or local environmental regulations. I believe the County should keep the LTAB informed of relevant information on ownership and sales efforts. [Personally, I'm in favor of development of this site, especially any development which provides quality jobs for our residents.]*

***Item VII #1 Motorsports Park and Events Center***

*My comment relates only to the proposed loan (no amount listed) from the Fort Mohave Development Fund ("FMDF") for a feasibility study for this exciting Project. While it may be obvious that this project IS the sort of development for which FMDF support should be made available, I nevertheless urge the LTAB to use this as an opportunity to establish a framework for approval of any loans or grants from the FMDF.*

*I believe the LTAB should consider the following for ANY future Loan/Grant from taxpayer's FMDF money:*

- 1. (a) Are there any personal financial conflicts of interest on the part of those proposing or voting on the Loan or Grant? (b) Are there any private parties who are expected to benefit from the Loan or Grant?*
- 2. What is the estimated total cost of the Project (construction and ongoing maintenance)? What portion of those costs will the FMDF be expected to fund in addition to the Loan Grant under consideration? Who has accepted responsibility for completing the Project?*
- 3. How will the project benefit our community?*

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4. Clark County should formally record any Loan (and accrued interest, if any). Will the Loan be forgiven if the Project does not move forward? Note: Periodically (every 2 years at least), I believe the LTAB should receive a report on the status of all outstanding Loans from the FMDf. I believe, for example, that, in connection with the South Casino Drive Special Improvement District Project, the previous LTAB approved a \$60,000 loan (8/13/2019) for appraisals, and a Loan of up to \$800,000 (5/14/2019) for GCW consulting engineering on the water and sewer portion of the South Casino Drive project. The stated expectation was that those Loans would be repaid through private landowners' SIDS at some point because of the benefit of the Project to that private property.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia S. Fisher

- III. Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2021. (For possible action)  
Approval of Minutes for April 27, 2021. (For possible action)

Moved by: Pamela Walker  
Action: Approved as written  
Vote: 5-0

- IV. Approval of agenda for May 11, 2021 and hold, combine or delete any items (For possible action)

Moved by: Fred Doten motioned to move VII. 1 to the beginning of the meeting  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 5-0

- V. Informational Items

VII. 1 Receive a presentation from the LVCVA and Dale Eeles, VP of Development for Las Vegas Events regarding a proposed Motorsports Park Event Center on public facility land owned by Clark County. Requesting the support of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for a long term lease with Clark County and approve a request for the use of Fort Mohave Development Funds as a loan to fund the feasibility study, to be repaid when bonds are sold for the project. (For possible action)

Jackie Wallin introduced Dale Eeles and said LVCVA was not part of this presentation. Dale Eeles with Las Vegas Events provided the presentation, starting with the development plan.

Mr. Eeles said Golden Entertainment and Matt Laughlin with Riverside Casino was in support and would like to move forward with this project. In addition the other Hotels have been in discussion for support. A study is being proposed to locate a site and secure a possible funding source. He is requesting the Laughlin Town Advisory Board support along with the Laughlin Community.

Executive Summary:

This plan is designed to provide a template by which Laughlin can develop and attract more special events.

Vision and Goals:

- To position Laughlin as a successful small-market event destination.
- Maximize event opportunities.

Venue details:

- The semi-permanent facility would feature a closed track contained within the property lines.
- It is currently projected to hold a minimum of 11 events throughout the calendar year.

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- Estimated seating capacity is 5,000.

Potential events which would include:

- Short course Off-Road Racing Events
- Desert Off-Road Events
- Motocross
- BMX Racing
- Monster Trucks
- UTV Racing
- Mud Runs and Obstacle Course Racing
- Rock Crawling Events
- Rally cross

Next Steps:

- Gain approval for land use.
- Submit county approvals for permits
- Meet with business prospects to fund the project
- Finalize the building plans
- Issue press release with the announcement and timeline of venue
- Plan a strategic calendar of events

Chair Ochs inquired what other properties have been approached regarding this project. Mr. Eeles said he has spoken to Golden Entertainment and with Matt Laughlin multiple times and Jackie Wallin and the LTC has been in contact with the rest of the properties.

Chair Ochs stated she wanted to be clear and asked Mr. Eeles if he is a non-profit, privately funded, and the majority of the funding comes from the hotel room tax. She asked "What you're here for today is to seek the LTAB approval to identify public lands that are owned by Clark County that would be feasible for this project and to go forward to do a study and look into the feasibility of sites and overall scoop of the cost. Once the study is completed to take that to an investor." Ms. Ochs asked if an investor has been identified yet.

Mr. Eeles said the first step is to find a site and right now there is not an investor, but that would be the next step.

Chair Ochs asked what are some of the proposed sites have been looked at. Ms. Wallin said there is a parcel by Aha Macav, and looking north along SR 163 there is a site called Tortoise Run and another by the Land fill. She said finding a site that is located more north or south would be beneficial for Laughlin due to blowing dust at some of the events.

Vice Chair Hoss said she understands how this will benefit the hotels but how will this impact the members of this community and what are those benefits. Mr. Eeles said these events are great family entertainment, and jobs provided, and Ms. Wallin added, BMX competition for kids and providing new skills for children to learn.

Pamela Walker motioned to authorize up to \$50,000 from FMDF for a feasibility study. Chair Ochs said we have a motion to support the development of Laughlin Motor Sports Park to enter into a long term lease with Clark County, and approve the request for the use of up to \$50,000 from the Fort Mohave Development Fund as a loan to fund the feasibility study to be repaid when bonds are sold for the project.

Fred Doten Second the motion. Upon a voice vote, motion approved 5-0.

Please contact this office if you would like the complete copy of the proposed Motorsports Park.

1. Receive a report from Lt. Grant Rogers with Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past

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month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)

In Lt. Rogers absence, Chair Ochs read the following report.

April 2021 Statistics:

Calls for Service: 388, increased 102.08% from this time last year

Traffic Citations: 316

DUIs: 5

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 7

Bookings: 55

Juvenile Citations: 0

2. Receive a report from Clark County Fire Department regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

No report

3. Receive a report from Will Smith with Clark County Water Reclamation District regarding the status of the wastewater system. (For discussion only)

Statistics: April 2021

The Laughlin Water Reclamation Facility treated an average of 1.69 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River. Flow increase of 670,000 gallons per day from this time last year.

Sewer Service Complaints: None

Odor Complaints: None

Call Before You Dig: 15 C.B.Y.D. Laughlin tickets received for April 2021.

4. Receive a report from Jason Bailey with Big Bend Water District regarding the status of the water system and discuss water conservation for consumers. (For discussion only)

Jason Baily provide the April Report and information regarding water conservation for residents and businesses.

Diversions:

April 2021: 260 acre-feet

2021 YTD total diversions: 921 acre-feet

2020 YTD total diversions: 938 acre-feet

(2020 TOTAL diversions: 3,509 acre-feet)

2019 YTD total diversions: 1,015 acre-feet

(2019 TOTAL diversions: 3,638 acre-feet)

Jason Baily reported there was no major leaks or issues. He said he put some information on the back table regarding water conservation. There are several water conservation that Southern Nevada supports. The largest water conservation is Water Smart Landscaping initiative to remove turf with a rebate of up to \$3.00 a square foot, to replace with desert friendly landscaping.

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

In Hayley Maio absence Chair Ochs read the following report.

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#### UNCE Updates:

- The Community Based Instructor position is posted and ready for applicants; job posting available on UNR website and Indeed. For more information, email the hiring manager at [hmaio@unr.edu](mailto:hmaio@unr.edu)
  - The Laughlin Master Gardeners will be hosting a Home Garden Day at the Laughlin Library on May 19 at 10:30am
  - 4-H continues to bring programs to youth and looks forward to offering summer programming
6. Receive a report from Jackie Wallin with Laughlin Chamber of Commerce regarding current and upcoming business activities in Laughlin. (For discussion only)

#### **Chef's Food Fest: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 530pm Aquarius Casino Resort:**

Postponed by Resort Management due to a shortage of culinary Staff

#### **Ribbon Cuttings:**

We continue to schedule and perform grand openings, re-openings, and anniversary celebrations with limited attendance.

#### **Mixers:**

Joint Mixer at Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse June 22, 2021 430pm – 730pm

#### **Networking and Educating:**

ZOOM networking schedules are being created for the virtual education of our community and provide businesses in attendance to share their service or products to those in attendance. Our breakfast mixers and educational opportunities were limited by space in the past and now more people can attend with more convenience.

#### **Volunteers in Partnership (VIPs):**

General Meeting tonight at 5pm in the Laughlin Mall. Anyone interested in volunteering for the community and/or working town wide events are encouraged to attend and ask questions about volunteer opportunities.

Throw in the Towel for Someone in Need – After donating the leftover water from the water sales fund raising event at the Riverview Mall, the operators of the homeless shelter were asked what their biggest needs were, and they responded immediately with “gently used towels”. The VIPs have started a campaign for collecting towels and donations can be dropped off at the Laughlin Chamber office before July 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Membership:**

Services have increased with additional marketing opportunities, such as newsletters, email blasts, COVID focused resource guide by state, and enhanced social network postings. New members took advantage of the 30-day trial and discovered that our Membership Services Menu was a great value for their restricted budgets. Notary services, Registered Agent and Fishing License issuance are being added this quarter.

- Total Members – 301
- Laughlin – 29%

#### **Compliance Partnership:**

Much needed relationships are being cultivated to design an all-inclusive check off and contact list for the following (but not limited to), agencies. It is our hope that we replace the stress of completing and submitting

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forms with compliance confidence for the promoter, sponsor, and agency. Agency Packets, examples, guidelines, timelines, FAQ and who to call, are the priorities. No one should feel alone when we all have the same goal in mind. Anyone representing these agencies should contact me for inclusion.

BLM

NDOW

BOR

USCG

CC P&R

NCOT – Travel Nevada

CC large-gathering authorization

CCFD

Laughlin Tourism Commission

LVMPD

CC Government Center

Las Vegas Convention and Visitor's Authority

Las Vegas Events

### **COVID 19 Partnerships and Events:**

Staff and Volunteers in Partnership (VIPS) will be providing support for-

- NV Mobile Vaccination Unit Returning on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for second dose of Moderna and Pfizer and the one-shot J & J. Location TBD.
- To schedule an appointment for vaccinations <https://registration.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/covid-vaccine?id=601490975fb6f937fcb08c6>. Or call the chamber at 702-298-2214 to be placed on a list to call you back with updated information.

### **Second Round PPP:**

Application period has been extended and are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information on the COVID 19 Relief funds from the County, State, SBA and Federal Government – Sign up for our COVID 19 Weekly E-Blast that is now in its 54th edition at [www.LaughlinChamber.com](http://www.LaughlinChamber.com) and join the mailing list.

### **PBS Outdoor Nevada:**

Vegas PBS Outdoor Nevada Episodes filmed in Laughlin have or are being aired on the following dates.

Episode 10 June 9<sup>th</sup> 730pm      Heritage Park Trails  
BOR – Davis Dam

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

### **Rockets over the River**

Fireworks Display

July 4, 2021

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

### **Best in the Desert Legends UTV International Championships**

Off Road Races

September 9-12, 2021

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

### **Best in the Desert Laughlin Desert Classic**

Off Road Races

September 23-26, 2021

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

### **World's Toughest Mudder World Championships**

Replaces SPARTAN

<https://toughmudder.com/weekends/worlds-toughest-mudder/>

WTMC - November 13-14, 2021

TM – November 20-21, 2021

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**Run Laughlin**  
**December 5, 2021**  
<https://runlaughlin.com/>

**SNORE**  
**December 10-13, 2021**  
<https://www.snoreracing.net>

**LAUGHLIN AIRSHOW**  
April 2022 – research and planning has begun

**Town Wide Concerts:**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>	<b>Year</b>
Little River Band Concert (E-Center)		31-Jul	2021
Little Joe Y La Familia Concert (Fiesta Showroom)		31-Jul	2021
America Concert (E-Center)		21-Aug	2021
Miranda Lambert Concert (Laughlin Events Center)		4-Sep	2021
Martina McBride Concert (Rio Vista Outdoor Amphitheater)		11-Sep	2021
Lynyrd Skynyrd Concert (Laughlin Events Center)		2-Oct	2021
Toby Keith Concert (Laughlin Events Center)		23-Oct	2021
Justin Moore Concert (Rio Vista Amphitheater)		6-Nov	2021
Darci Lynne Farmer Concert (E-Center)		27-Nov	2021
<b><i>Dates subject to change and/or cancellation</i></b>			

8. Receive a report from Parks & Recreation regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities and discuss a possible entrance gate for Mountain View Park. (For discussion only)

Report provided by Shelly Gulotta, Parks and Recreation Supervisor.

**Statistics:** April 2021- 9 programs, monthly visits- 170

**Updates:**

- Senior Center Programming –Seniors who would like to participate in programming no longer need to show proof of vaccination. Masks and temperature checks will remain in place. You must be registered for each class prior to coming into the senior center.
- Las Vegas Culinary Academy Pop-Up Pantry had 60 participants.

Herm Walker inquired about a possible gate installed to block vehicle entering the park after hours. He stated additional measures need to be in place to reduce the vandalism. Fred Doten inquired about the trash over flow at the Greenway Heritage Park and Trails. Shelly Gulotta said she will find out and will provide a follow-up.

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

9. Receive a report from Community Outreach Specialist Maria Jensen with Help of Southern Nevada regarding the weatherization program. (For discussion only)

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Maria Jenson with HELP provided gift bags and information along with applications to help residents apply for home weatherization.

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)

In Tanya Brown-Wirth absence Chair Ochs read the following report.

- The branch is open with full services at 80% total occupancy.
- Face coverings are required per SNHD guidelines.
- All stacks are fully open for browsing.
- Copiers, scanners, and fax services are available for a fee.
- We are offering free access to Computers and Wi-Fi throughout the building.
- Wi-Fi is also available after hours in our parking lot.
- We have two study rooms open, both with a time limit of two hours.
- At this time, there are no late charges or fees for overdue items.
- Magazine and Newspaper browsing is now available.
- We are offering crafts in a bag to patrons for free. Each week we have different crafts to take, so pop in to see the latest.
- Curbside services are available. Call ahead to schedule.
- The One Stop Career Center will be re-opening on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays starting Monday, May 17.
- Toys are not yet available, but kids and families can pick up crafts to-go.
- The summer reading program for kids and teens starts on May 15.

Interested patrons are encouraged to call if they have any questions. eBooks and digital collections are available 24/7 on the library website [www.lvcld.org](http://www.lvcld.org). The Library looks forward to serving our friend and families in Laughlin!

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

None

VI. Planning & Zoning: None

VII. General Business:

1. *This item moved to the beginning of the informational items.* Receive a presentation from the LVCVA and Dale Eeles, VP of Development for Las Vegas Events regarding a proposed Motorsports Park Event Center on public facility land owned by Clark County. Requesting the support of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board

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for a long term lease with Clark County and approve a request for the use of Fort Mohave Development Funds as a loan to fund the feasibility study, to be repaid when bonds are sold for the project. (For possible action)

2. Discuss the proposed suggestion for the Master Plan & Development Code rewrite and take any other action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

After a brief discussion among the LTAB Pamela Walker motioned to approve their suggestions for re-write. Motion passed upon a voice vote 5-0.

#### VIII. Public Comment:

Karen Kirshner commented about the signage on interstate 11 and suggested a new sign be erected to include Laughlin in addition to Searchlight and Needles when exiting onto SR 95.

#### IX. Next Meeting Date: June 8, 2021

#### X. Adjournment: 3:07 pm

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the June 8, 2021 meeting.  
Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting.*

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

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