

## MEETING MINUTES

### COALITION BOARD

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

**January 17, 2008**

**In attendance:**

Mayor Oscar Goodman, CHAIR (outgoing), City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, CHAIR (incoming), City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, VICE CHAIR (incoming), City of Boulder City  
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County  
Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District  
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson

**Absent:**

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson  
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas

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**Agenda Item 1. Call to order; notice of agenda conformance with the Open Meeting Law requirements.**

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Board was called to order by Mayor Oscar Goodman, Chair, City of Las Vegas, at 4:08 p.m., on Thursday, January 17, 2008, in the City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the January 17, 2008, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Roll Call.**

All members of the SNRPC Board, as listed above, were present except for Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County, and Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas. Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for January 17, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 17, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for November 29, 2007.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Elect the SNRPC Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2008 Calendar Year. Recommended action – City of North Las Vegas as Chair and City of Boulder City as Vice Chair.**

There was no discussion by the Board, and a motion was made and seconded to nominate Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, as (SNRPC Board) Chair, and Councilwoman Andrea Anderson,

City of Boulder City, as (SNRPC Board) Vice Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive Update reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update reports; and approve the Regional Homeless Budget, the Help Hope Home Implementation Schedule, and the Committee on Homelessness’ board and working group structures.**

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, recognized Darryl Martin, Clark County, for his leadership in chairing the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination including: the federal CoC award of an increased \$6.5 million by HUD (instead of the requested \$6 million); and the Inclement Weather Shelter Program (including the Emergency Shelter Program).

Ms. West presented the Committee on Homelessness (CoH) membership roster and CoH Technical Working Group roster, and she announced that Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, had been nominated CoH Chair and Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas, had been nominated CoH Vice Chair.

Ms. West also presented the proposed 2008-2009 Regional Homeless Budget and the Help Hope Home Implementation Schedule for approval.

Mayor Goodman commented on the CoC award and stated that receiving more than requested is unprecedented.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the update reports and approve the Regional Homeless Budget, the Help Hope Home Implementation Schedule and the Committee on Homelessness’ board and working group structures. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive an Update report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Accept the Update report.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth including: the Committee on Youth membership roster, meeting dates, times and location (Cambridge Recreation/Community Center); and what would be expected.

There was no discussion by the Board; and no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Proposed Interlocal Agreement for the Joint Selection of Federal Land to Improve the Federal Land Disposal Process. Recommended action – Approve the proposed interlocal agreement allowing the local governments of Clark County, the Cities of Henderson, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas and the Bureau of Land Management to jointly select parcels for sale or exchange and the parcels that will be set aside for public purposes.**

Andy Hall, City of Henderson, presented an updated interlocal agreement and a flowchart illustrating the joint selection process, and he explained the updated changes.

There was discussion by the Board about the nomination approval process; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the updated interlocal agreement allowing the local governments of Clark County, the Cities of Henderson, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas and the Bureau of Land Management to jointly select parcels for sale or exchange and the parcels that will be set aside for public purposes. The motion was

approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive a proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Charter. Recommended action – Approve the formation of an SNRPC Regional Open Space/Vias de Vegas Workgroup and the proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Charter.**

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, stated that the Regional Open Space Plan Implementation Strategies included forming a work group and including federal partners; and she presented the proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space/Vias de Vegas Workgroup Charter.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the formation of an SNRPC Regional Open Space/Vias de Vegas Workgroup and the proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Charter. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10. Receive a proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract. Recommended action – Approve the proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract.**

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, and Alan O’Neill, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, presented the proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract and summarized the services it included.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11. Receive the proposed 2008 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule. Recommended action – Accept and approve the proposed 2008 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule.**

Jennifer Olsen, Coalition Secretary, presented the proposed 2008 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2008 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 12. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Las Vegas City Hall, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for March 20, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers at the City of Las Vegas City Hall, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.**

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, submitted a letter addressed to the SNRPC Board as follows:

“Support our troops is a meaningless mantra if we do not support them when they leave the battlefield and become veterans.

The war in Iraq and Afghanistan is more intense and traumatic, than other wars, because our enemy is un-informed, willing to commit suicide and well equipped especially with IED powerful enough to penetrate armor in our tanks. TBI, traumatic brain injury, is the

signature illness of this war which is concussion that will affect the cognitive ability, in some cases, for the rest of a veteran's life. The ratio of fatalities to casualties in previous wars was 1:3. In these wars it is exceeding 1:10 with a higher rate of mental problems (TBI and PTSD) than ever.

Since our Vietnam and First Gulf War veterans are still suffering illnesses and being deprived of benefits we can be certain that Iraq-Afghanistan veterans will suffer worse unless innovative therapies, housing and in-patient services are provided. Domicilliaries are essential to provide programs to treat PTSD, TBI, alcohol and drug programs. Also the completion date for the V.A. Health Complex must be accelerated to be completed prior to 2011.

A resolution in support of these goals, by this Board, will demonstrate the support that Southern Nevada governments, through their elected officials, give to our Iraq-Afghanistan veterans, our homeless veterans and our 240,000 veterans."

Mr. Perna also submitted a letter dated January 9, 2008, addressed to the SNRPC Homeless Committee as follows:

"Since I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting I am submitting my concerns in writing.

If my 3<sup>rd</sup> request for an accurate and concise survey of services provided, to the homeless, in September 2001 and December 2007 is not provided at this meeting it will prove that citizens input is being ignored. My reason for this request is to finally prove if the City of Las Vegas is still carrying an unfair burden or if the regional cities, and the county, have made an honest attempt to treat homelessness as a regional problem and responsibility. Each nonprofit should list separate figures for calendar years 2001 through 2007 for emergency, transitional, program and affordable shelter and housing.

In your agenda the 10 year plan to address housing for the homeless will be discussed. Without this housing it is absurd to set a goal of addressing ending homelessness, without a robust program.

I have been advised by the SNRPC Executive Board, in public comment as veteran's representative of "Southern Nevada Advocates for Homeless People," that veteran health care is a federal issue and my efforts should be directed to our federal delegation. I have a 15 year history of advocating for veterans with federal, state and local politicians. The SNRPC Executive Board are not only politicians but they are citizens. As politicians they must be concerned about 1/8 of the population's healthcare, veterans, but as citizens they must advocate for our military which is engaged in the most traumatic combat for over 5 years.

We are all aware of our government's failure to fully address the wounds and emotional toil of our Vietnam and First Gulf War veterans, which have not been fully addressed to the present day. All veterans have suffered but in these two wars we have seen the neglect, recorded by the media.

Homelessness is an ethical and moral issue that is being treated as a political issue, which is especially true since the Veterans Administration Secretary has an executive cabinet post.

Our troops are suffering higher ratios of fatalities to casualties than any previous wars in suicide, PTSD, TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) a signature illness of this war and emotional

illnesses which will be reflected in the homeless population and social problems in the future.

Homelessness is a disgrace in our county but is especially odious in Southern Nevada, the richest area in the country.

We must appeal to citizens, in our PSA's, to volunteer to mentor our veterans, when they return physically and emotionally suffering. The V.A., DoD, Pentagon and all politicians and citizens have an obligation to ensure that they receive the healthcare and benefits they've earned and deserve."

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, requested that a resolution, supporting the accelerated completion date of the V.A. Health Complex and including veteran housing, be placed on the next Coalition Board agenda for approval.

Terry Lindemann, Family Promises, thanked the Board for their commitment and support; and she congratulated Darryl Martin and Shannon West for their progressive and positive leadership.

**Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.