

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 26, 2006

In attendance:

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, CHAIR (outgoing), Clark County School District
Councilman Steve Kirk, CHAIR (incoming), City of Henderson
Councilman Lawrence Weekly, VICE CHAIR, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson
Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County
Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County
Councilman Steve Wolfson, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas

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 Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Chair, Clark County School District, at 3:34 p.m., on Thursday, January 26, 2006, in the Pueblo Room, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the January 26, 2006, 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 Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without them.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for January 26, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 26, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for November 17, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 5. Elect the SNRPC Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2006 Calendar Year. Recommended action – City of Henderson as Chair and City of Las Vegas as Vice Chair.

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to nominate Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, as (SNRPC Board) Chair. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to nominate Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, as (SNRPC Board) Vice Chair. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the Fall 2006 BLM Land Sales Nominations and SNPLMA Round 7 Nominations. Recommended action – Receive the Report on the BLM land nominations and the Round 7 Parks, Trails and Natural areas nominations.

Misty Haehn, City of North Las Vegas, gave a report summarizing the Fall 2006 BLM Land Sales nominations, SNPLMA Round 7 Parks, Trails and Natural areas nominations, and the actions taken by the SNRPC Federal Lands Disposal Subcommittee at their meeting on November 28, 2005.

Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, asked when the next application was; and Ms. Haehn responded it would be called for after the Secretary of Interior signs Round 6.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report on the Fall 2006 BLM Land Sales Nominations and SNPLMA Round 7 Nominations. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on a Proposed Dangerous/Vicious Animal Ordinance. Recommended action – Accept the Report and direct staff to present the proposed ordinance (with jurisdictional changes) for consideration within the participating jurisdictions.

David March, Clark County, gave a report on a proposed comprehensive ordinance on dangerous/vicious animals, and he discussed several of the provisions it included.

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, asked if all the municipalities worked together to develop this ordinance; and Mr. March responded that the agencies did, and they all supported it.

Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, stated she appreciated the changes made, especially regarding expanding the definition of vicious to include behavior toward other animals as well as humans.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and direct staff to present it, with jurisdictional changes if needed, for consideration within the participating jurisdictions. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the Selected Vendor for Phase I of the Regional Economic Study. Recommended action – Accept and approve the vendor and contract for Phase I of the Regional Economic Study.

Margo Wheeler, City of Las Vegas, gave a report recommending the Theodore Roosevelt Institute as the consultant on Phase I of the Regional Economic Study, and she presented the contract for Phase I for approval and implementation.

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, asked if there would be an update at each SNRPC Board meeting; and Ms. Wheeler confirmed that a written and verbal presentation at each was part of the contract.

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, asked if approval required a Super Majority vote; and Ms. Wheeler confirmed it did.

Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, asked when it would commence; and Ms. Wheeler responded it would begin upon approval of the contract.

Councilman Kirk asked what was expected to be different from what had already been done; and Scott Adams, City of Las Vegas, responded that the high-level intent was to examine what was driving the regional economy. He added that the most recent analysis of the regional economic basis was done in 1993; and this study would look at what economic segments or clusters were driving the overall regional economy, aside from the obvious ones (i.e. gaming, entertainment, development and construction), as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the economy, how to diversify and projected land needs to accommodate and maintain diversification.

Councilman Kirk asked if the NDA already did this; and Mr. Adams responded this had not been done, and the NDA supported conducting the study.

Commissioner Williams expressed concern that with the increasing population and low unemployment rate there wouldn't be enough land to support the growth; and Mr. Adams responded that the ratio of residential and nonresidential land development, as well as the conversion between the two, was definitely a concern.

Commissioner Williams commented on the current crisis with affordable housing, and she recommended including discussion on ensuring housing for employees; and Mr. Adams agreed and added that businesses were also having problems with land prices not being competitive enough to bring in new companies.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and contract for Phase I of the Regional Economic Study. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 9. Receive the 2005 Consensus Population Estimates. Recommended action – Accept and approve the 2005 Consensus Population Estimates.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented the 2005 Consensus Population estimates for Clark County and its cities and towns.

Councilman Steve Wolfson, City of Las Vegas, asked if the figures shown under the column heading "Apartments" were people; and Mr. Wardlaw confirmed they were individual residents living in apartments.

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, asked about "Special Places and Groups"; and Mr. Wardlaw explained this included places like boarding schools, hospitals, prisons, group homes and communities, shelters, etc.

Councilman Weekly asked how families who moved here as a result of Hurricane Katrina, for example, were included; and Mr. Wardlaw responded they weren't included in these figures but were handled separately from other sources and agencies. Mr. Wardlaw added that hotel rooms weren't included here either.

Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, asked what "Other Outlying Areas" meant; and Mr. Wardlaw responded they included places like mining camps or other locations that weren't part of the recognized communities in unincorporated Clark County.

Mayor Ferraro asked how this has changed since the last census; and Mr. Wardlaw responded he didn't have a specific figure, but it had definitely increased. Mr. Wardlaw added that these figures differed from those of the Census Bureau because of varying polling methods.

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, commented on the methods for consensus showing numbers that were less than actual ones, especially in growing communities.

A motion was made and seconded to accept and approve the 2005 Consensus Population Estimates. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a presentation on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Appoint new committee members and approve the Committee on Homelessness' FY06/07 regional budget.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented the proposed SNRPC Committee on Homelessness' (CoH) FY2006/07 budget for approval and asked for acceptance of two new committee members to the CoH board. She also gave updates on the status of the Inclement Weather Shelter Program (including the Winter Shelter Program) RFP and the AB580 funded programs.

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, mentioned a possible tent city that had recently been brought to his attention; and Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas, added that there was an organization developing that planned on setting up tent cities in various cities nationwide, and Las Vegas had been specifically listed as a possible target.

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, asked if people were sent home if they wanted to go home; and Ms. West confirmed that they definitely were.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint the two recommended Committee on Homelessness members and accept and approve the Committee on Homelessness' FY2006/07 budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2006, 3:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City City Hall, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.

Councilman Steve Kirk, Chair, City of Henderson, stated that the next meeting was scheduled for March 23, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers in Boulder City.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.