

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

March 19, 2009

In attendance:

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, VICE CHAIR, Clark County
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, 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 Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, Chair, City of Boulder City, at 4:03 p.m., on Thursday, March 19, 2009, in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the March 19, 2009, 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, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for March 19, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 19, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for January 15, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 5. Receive the proposed FY 2009-2010 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget. Recommended action – Approve the proposed FY 2009-2010 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget.

Brok Armantrout, City of Boulder City, presented the proposed FY 2009-2010 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget.

There was discussion by the Board about the Regional Open Space Plan (ROSP) and Sustainability budget amounts; impacts to either program with fund reductions; the possibility of potential stimulus funds being applied to part of the budget; whether the Sustainability program can continue progress and/or finish anticipated projects with less funding than last year; and the possibility of identifying alternate funding sources for some programs (i.e. ROSP and/or Sustainability).

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed FY 2009-2010 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget, with a reduction to the Regional Open Space Plan of \$50,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a Briefing and a proposed Resolution on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada. Recommended action – Accept a briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada and take any necessary action; and Approve a Resolution To Support the Development of a Governance Model and Plan in Regionalizing The Public Housing Authorities.

Doug Lyon, Clark County, presented a “Resolution to Support the Development of a Governance Model and Plan in Regionalizing the Public Housing Authorities” and gave a briefing on the status of the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada.

There was discussion by the Board about positive progress and opportunities for everyone, both clients and employees.

Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, cautioned that regionalization not create such a large bureaucracy that it becomes unmanageable for clients.

Mr. Lyon asked for direction on presenting and addressing this issue as it comes up; and the Board recommended that Mr. Lyon continue to represent all the entities and handle things as he has been doing.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and adopt the Resolution to Support the Development of a Governance Model and Plan in Regionalizing the Public Housing Authorities. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination; and Approve the 2009-2010 Regional Homeless Budget.

Tara Ulmer, City of Las Vegas, stated that the 2009 Homeless Census results would be available at May’s Coalition Board meeting, and she presented the 2009-2010 Regional Homeless Budget.

There was discussion by the Board about little progress made, and the overall epidemic not being solved; chronic, mentally ill homeless refusing offered services; serious health concerns to the community; impacts to surrounding businesses; how many people are assisted by this annual budget amount; specific funding available to assist the mentally ill; targeting the homeless at Foremaster; and how to provide help if help is not accepted.

There was discussion by the Board specifically directed to the funds allocated to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and the Board requested a more detailed breakdown of funding to include how many people are helped, approximate cost per person, how many clients were in the HMIS system, and what portions were federally mandated with no funding assistance.

There was also discussion by the Board about what would happen with no approval of the budget at this time.

A recommendation was made to research bringing the maintenance of HMIS in-house to decrease the amount spent as well as whether the HMIS contract renewal could be renegotiated or put out for a new bid.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed Committee on Homelessness budget be forwarded to the individual jurisdictions without the recommendation of the Coalition Board with specific direction to work on decreasing the final budget amount. The motion passed by Super Majority (7 votes) with approval by all members present except for Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, who voted against it.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a Contract Approving Strategic Solutions for the 2010 Census Outreach Coordinator Program. Recommended action – Approve the 2010 Census Outreach Coordinator Contract for Strategic Solutions.

Steve Swanton, City of Las Vegas, presented a contract to hire Strategic Solutions for the performance of coordination services for the 2010 Census Outreach Program.

There was discussion by the Board about the process from the last census; whether costs associated with this were reasonable; whether any portions of the contract could be done in-house to decrease the amount spent; and whether a decision was required at this time or could be postponed.

A recommendation was made to provide justification of funding as well as a specific breakdown of savings (i.e. staff time, overtime, etc.).

Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District, stated that an employee of Strategic Solutions assisted in her election campaign, and she asked if she needed to abstain from voting on this item; and Robert Warhola, SNRPC Attorney, responded that she would not have to abstain from voting.

A motion was made and seconded to hold approval of this item until the next Coalition Board meeting (May) so the Board can review the additional information requested. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an Update Report from the Sustainability Work Group and Approve Registration in ICLEI. Recommended action – Accept the Report and approve ICLEI registration.

Tom Perrigo, City of Las Vegas, presented an update from the Sustainability Work Group via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition – Progress Report-Sustainability Subcommittee”; and he asked for approval for membership registration for each of the cities and the county into ICLEI.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the update report and approve up to \$15,000 for ICLEI registration. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Receive an Interlocal Agreement for the Performance of a Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Social Survey (LVMASS). Recommended action – Approve the Interlocal Agreement for LVMASS.

Tom Perrigo, City of Las Vegas, and Robert Futrell, UNLV, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Social Survey (LVMASS)” and presented an interlocal agreement authorizing the performance of the survey.

There was discussion by the Board about the goal of the survey; the survey length; expected outcomes;

whether other sustainability programs in the budget would be impacted without approval of this item; the importance of sharing the collected information to prevent future duplication; the timeliness and potential importance of collected data; anticipated response rate; and if the “Do Not Call” list would apply.

A recommendation was made to shorten the questionnaire and provide a more detailed cost justification.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement for a Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Social Survey (LVMASS). The motion was not passed as Super Majority was required, and there was only approval by 6 members (Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County, Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, and Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District). Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, voted against it; and Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, had left early (after the Board vote on agenda item 9) and was no longer present.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, requested bringing this item back to the next Coalition Board meeting (May) so the Board could review the additional information requested.

Agenda Item 11. Receive a Presentation and Report on Health Impact Assessments. Recommended action – Accept the Presentation and Report on Health Impact Assessments, and take any necessary action.

Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, and Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District, had to leave so quorum was lost. Rob Warhola, SNRPC Attorney, stated that agenda item 11 could be presented as no motion or action would be required on it.

Deb Williams, Southern Nevada Health District, and Flinn Fagg, City of Las Vegas, gave a report on Health Impact Assessments via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Building Healthy Communities – The Role of Health Impact Assessments”.

There was discussion by the Board about developing cities up instead of out; impacts because of a shrinking economy; challenges to walkable communities in hot climates; comparisons of Southern Nevada to other communities may not be equitable; and ordinances related to land use and reallocations in urban core landfill.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 12. Receive the Las Vegas Valley Perimeter Open Space Plan Phase I Report. Recommended action – Approve the Las Vegas Valley Perimeter Open Space Plan Phase I Report.

This agenda item was held until the next Coalition Board meeting (May) because quorum was lost, and approval by a Majority (6 members) is required.

Agenda Item 13. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2009, 4:00 p.m., in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County, requested a discussion at the next Coalition Board meeting on goals, progress and focus of the SNRPC.

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center,

Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 14. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 15. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.