

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

March 23, 2006

In attendance:

Councilman Lawrence Weekly (via teleconference), VICE CHAIR, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson
Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County
Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Clark County School District

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 Councilman Lawrence Weekly, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas, via teleconference, at 3:34 p.m., on Thursday, March 23, 2006, in the City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City City Hall, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.

The agenda for the March 23, 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 Councilman Steve Kirk, Chair, City of Henderson, and Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, and Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without them.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for March 23, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 23, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, and Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for January 26, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, and Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Report.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave a report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination including the Inclement Weather Shelter Plan, the AB580 and Transition From Homelessness

programs, and the Continuum of Care (CoC) competition process.

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, asked if the CoC money was the \$5.3 million based on an application prepared by the County; and Ms. West responded it was and would be prepared by (Clark County) Social Services on behalf of the Valley.

Mayor Goodman stated, “I have spoken to...the President’s Representative on Homelessness, and he indicated to me that we should ask for more money next year. He thinks that we’re doing such a fine job here that more money would come to us if we asked for more.”

Mayor Goodman also stated that he’d spoken to Monsignor Leary with Catholic Charities and asked if anyone had been turned away through the Inclement Weather Shelter Program; and Ms. West responded that no one had been turned away for lack of shelter.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, and Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an Update on the Southern Nevada Affordable and Attainable Housing Study. Recommended action – Receive the Update and direct staff to take any appropriate action.

Lesa Coder, Clark County, and John Restrepo and Martin Boyette, both with Restrepo Consulting Group LLC, discussed the Southern Nevada Affordable and Attainable Housing Study, presented the “Southern Nevada Workforce Housing Study” and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled the same.

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Clark County School District, asked about building smaller homes and discussed changing mindsets and expectations toward more affordable, entry-level homes of less than 1300 square feet.

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, recommended taking stock of what already exists jurisdictionally; and Ms. Coder responded that the SNRPC Technical Committee had suggested a second phase of the study to include evaluating the current distribution of housing Valley-wide to ensure all types of housing would be equally spread out.

There was brief discussion by Ms. Coder and Mr. Restrepo on market self-correction and other potential resource adjustments.

There was discussion by the Board on: the possibility of working off of a false premise of everybody being entitled to a new home; income dependency and realistic expectations by the Community; possible rehabilitation of existing condemned and boarded-up homes; the need in the Community for workforce housing when “...what’s coming down is workforce housing and what is going up is definitely high-end housing”; mobile home park closures; and no new apartment or rental construction or development.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Southern Nevada Workforce Housing Study Report with a proposed second phase of the study, dependant on cost estimates and funding, to include the following recommendations: researching the availability of vacant and/or abandoned homes for rehabilitation; taking further stock of what is currently available Valley-wide by jurisdiction; and looking into building homes smaller than 1300 square feet. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an Update on actions by the governmental agencies to initiate a Due Diligence Study/Implementation Planning relating to the Possible Consolidation of Program Functions and/or Agencies of the Community's three Public Housing Authorities. Recommended action – Consider the Proposed Study and direct staff to take any appropriate action.

Doug Bell, Clark County, discussed a proposed Due Diligence Study/Implementation Plan related to the possible consolidation of program functions and/or agencies of the community's three Housing Authorities. He stated that it is anticipated to be broken into two phases where Phase I would include investigating the costs, potential savings and feasibilities of merging and, upon policy approval of Phase I, Phase II would involve implementation.

Mr. Bell concluded by summarizing the actions taken by the SNRPC Technical Committee at their March 9, 2006, meeting with the City of Las Vegas heading the study and their recommended funding of the estimated \$150,000 total cost using the standard CDBG percentage allotment formula (City of Henderson 8%, City of Las Vegas 36%, City of North Las Vegas 11%, and Clark County 45%).

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, asked if the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would provide any money to defray any costs; and Mr. Bell responded that recent conversations he's had with Ken Lobene, HUD, have indicated they have no money in their budget to contribute, but CDBG funds could be used.

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, asked whether there have been any conversations with the various housing authority boards to get their feedback on this possible action; and Mr. Bell responded that all three (Clark County, City of Las Vegas and City of North Las Vegas) had approved as long as no preconceived decisions on the final outcome were made.

A motion was made and seconded to accept staff recommendations and moved forward with initiating a Due Diligence Study/Implementation Plan related to the possible consolidation of the community's three Housing Authorities. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an Update and Preliminary TRI Report on the Regional Economic Study. Recommended action – Accept the Report.

Alan Schlottmann, UNLV, presented a preliminary TRI Report "Regional Trends for Clustering Analysis and Policy" and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "Regional Economic Study".

There was discussion between Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, and Mr. Schlottmann on the Nevada Development Authority's white paper on clustering.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Preliminary TRI Report on the Regional Economic Study. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Receive the Preliminary SNRPC FY2006-07 Budget. Recommended action – Accept and approve the Preliminary SNRPC FY2006-07 Budget.

Sean Robertson, City of Henderson, presented the Preliminary SNRPC FY2006-07 Budget totaling \$135,136.86 (City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson and Clark County each \$27,136.86 and City of Boulder City and Clark County School District each \$13,568.43).

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Preliminary SNRPC FY2006-07 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive Annual Coalition Secretary Performance Review. Recommended action – Accept and approve the SNRPC Technical Committee recommendation for a merit increase.

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, had to disconnect the conference call and leave the meeting. Quorum was still met, and Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, presided as Chair for the conclusion of the meeting.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented the SNRPC Technical Committee's recommendation that Jennifer Olsen, Coalition Secretary, receive a merit increase in salary as a result of a favorable annual performance review.

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to approve the merit increase in salary. 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 May 25, 2006, 3:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, stated that the next meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers in North Las Vegas.

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 4:48 p.m.