

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

May 15, 2008

In attendance:

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County
Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District (via telephone)

Absent:

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County

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, Vice Chair, City of Boulder City, at 4:10 p.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2008, in the City Council Chambers, City of Henderson, 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 15, 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 Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, and Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for May 15, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to move agenda items 9 (Final FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget) and 11 (Interlocal Agreement for Regional Population Forecasts) before item 5 (Virtual Las Vegas Technology) and to approve the revised agenda for the May 15, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for March 20, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive the Final FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget. Recommended action – Approve the Final FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget.

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, presented the final FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget

as well as the “Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition – A Framework for Regional Sustainability in the Las Vegas Valley”.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Final FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Receive an Interlocal Agreement for Regional Population Forecasts. Recommended action – Approve the Interlocal Agreement for Regional Population Forecasts.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented an Interlocal Agreement for Regional Population Forecasts.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Regional Population Forecasts. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a Presentation on Virtual Las Vegas Technology. Recommended action – Accept the Presentation on Virtual Las Vegas Technology, and take any appropriate action.

Stuart Martin, Holman’s of Nevada, gave a presentation on Virtual Las Vegas Technology.

There was discussion by the Board about costs and a cost benefit analysis; time involved in integrating existing structures throughout the Valley; and potential involvement with local hotels/casinos.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination including: a priority workshop session will be held in July and the expected focus is on housing and benchmarking; and AB 126, now 629, has been allocated totaling \$600,000.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Southern Nevada Project Homeless Connect 2008”.

There was discussion by the Board about comparisons between last year’s event and this one; and future partnerships with the Veterans Administration to increase their participation in the next Project Homeless Connect.

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, requested an update on the Veterans Administration’s Homeless Stand Down.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Committee on Youth.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth including: why the Committee on Youth was created and approved by the Coalition Board; the membership structure of the Committee and its three current working groups; and identified grant money and coordination efforts between jurisdictions would supply the funds requested in the previously submitted Committee on Youth budget.

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

Agenda Item 8. Receive a Presentation on ACE Transit. Recommended action – Accept the Presentation on ACE Transit, and take any appropriate action.

Jacob Snow, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ACE Transit system and other transportation models.

There was discussion by the Board about previous light rail discussions and recommendations by the RTC Advisory Committee; monorail has lack of support by public and business community; current image of bus system is poor although may be improving; mass transit needs to go where people need it most, and it needs to be reliable and dependable; and further discussions need to occur between various elected officials about mass transit options including light rail.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10. Receive an Update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study. Recommended action – Accept the Update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study.

Andy Hall, City of Henderson, gave an update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study and stated that the SNRPC Technical Committee had approved holding a special consultant briefing with the Economic Development Directors on the final report on June 19 since the previously approved date of April 17 did not work out.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study. 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 July 17, 2008, 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City City Hall, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for July 17, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers at the City of Boulder City City Hall, Boulder City, Nevada.

Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, submitted an article from the May, 2008, *Forgotten Voice* titled “SNRPC Adopts Resolution” and a news release from the U.S. Department of Housing titled “HUD and VA to Provide Permanent Housing for an Estimated 10,000 Homeless Veterans.” Mr. Perna also submitted a letter addressed to the SNRPC Board dated May 15, 2008, as follows:

“Again, I want to thank you for the March 20, 2008 resolution in support of a more comprehensive, with the addition of domicilliaries to provide inpatient care, veteran health care system with an accelerated completion date.

If the media had reported this excellent example of government response to citizen activism it could have served to prove to citizens that one voice counts. Instead I spent a month and a half getting frustrated and want to let those who ignored my activism know that they did not help one veteran by their actions.

There was a news release from HUD #08-052 on April 16, 2008, that also went unreported. It announced a cooperative effort between Dept. of Veterans Affairs Secretary James B. Peake and U.S. HUD Deputy Secretary Roy A. Bernard in which \$15,000,000 will be provided to provide permanent supportive housing for 10,000 homeless veterans nationwide. I've included copies along with my letter and I am requesting that each of you publicize the news release with an emphasis on the local V.A. contact, Marcia Evans 636-4077 and HUD contact Patrick Russell 366-2140. This cooperative agreement will serve to unify veterans organizations and nonprofits with the V.A. and HUD which will benefit our community. Citizen activists must also be invited into the process to inform the public about the impending crisis facing our Iraqi-Afghanistan veterans.

On May 8, 2008, at the SNRPC Homeless Committee meeting, 4 other activists and I also gave constructive criticism in public comment that should be given consideration. Our comments should influence future agenda items. Public service announcements, to raise public awareness, will be more effective if citizens know their voice is being heard and will influence future policy."

Ivo Plecka, private citizen, discussed his housing solution for the homeless, and he submitted a letter addressed to the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness dated May 15, 2008, as follows:

"Recipients of this letter are kindly advised and encouraged to visit daily our web site at: www.piters.org.

All relevant information on SmartPitersHome and PitersPark projects, will be published and updated regularly on our web site. The City of Las Vegas was already kindly requested to include our project with their May 15, 2008 submittal for HUD funding.

I welcome anybody to contact me in person, if any additional information is required, why SmartPitersHome is an unique solution, from Slovenian perspective, on how to resolve housing problems at an affordable price which poor, working poor, low-income and homeless population of the United States of America, will actually afford.

We are making efforts to put on permanent exposition on SmartPitersHome unit, and invite interested parties to join us. At present, negotiations are in progress to make an arrangement for licensed manufacturing of SmartPitersHome units, with Mobile Mini, Inc., to meet future demand of the above mentioned population in an effective, serious, and long-term approach in permanent housing alternative of affordable housing.

Hope to hear from everybody, who do take care to help homeless to have a home, SmartPitersHome, one day to move in, and even become proud owners someday, to make it a permanent housing opportunity come true, and live the American dream."

Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.