

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

May 21, 2009

In attendance:

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, VICE CHAIR, Clark County
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County
Councilman Steve Wolfson, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District

Absent:

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
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 4:05 p.m., on Thursday, May 21, 2009, in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 21, 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 Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for May 21, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the May 21, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for March 19, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Final FY 2009-2010 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. 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, and Richard Wassmuth, 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 brief discussion by the Board about the expected deliverables.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2010 Census Outreach Coordinator Contract for Strategic Solutions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a Revised Interlocal Agreement for the Performance of a Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Social Survey (LVMASS). Recommended action – Approve the Revised Interlocal Agreement for LVMASS.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented a revised interlocal agreement authorizing the performance of a Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Social Survey (LVMASS).

There was discussion by the Board about the survey length and expected duration; content and possibly narrowing the scale of questions; number of people receiving the questionnaire versus the expected percentage of responses; potential validity discrepancies without an adequate response rate; and the importance of data being collected and shared.

A recommendation was made to modify the Scope of Services on page one of the interlocal agreement to include "...as designed in collaboration with the SNRPC Planning Directors and at the direction of Tom Perrigo, Deputy Director of Planning and Development at the City of Las Vegas, working on behalf of the SNRPC...".

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Revised Interlocal Agreement for LVMASS, with the recommended language change to the Scope of Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. 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.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, presented results from the 2009 Homeless Census via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Southern Nevada Homeless Census and Survey Study", and she presented the 2009-2010 Regional Homeless Budget.

There was discussion by the Board about receiving copies of the PowerPoint presentation and on the Homeless Census results presented; little visual progress being made to the number of homeless; conditions in the Foremaster area are unacceptable; and expectations may not include a cure but it should not be unreasonable to expect management.

Ms. West stated that regional homeless updates were given at every Coalition Board meeting because of prior direction from the Board, and she recommended that updates be presented less frequently (i.e. annually) or as

needed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the update report and approve the 2009-2010 Regional Homeless Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion on focus and future direction of the SNRPC (per request by Commissioner Susan Brager). Recommended action – Provide input and feedback; and take any necessary action.

Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County, requested that this agenda item be held until the next Coalition Board meeting (July) so new Board members would be present for discussion.

A recommendation was made to include the SNRPC originating NRS in the next Coalition Board agenda packets.

A second recommendation was made to direct staff to develop orientation material for new Coalition Board members to assist in familiarizing them with the SNRPC.

A motion was made and seconded to delay this agenda item until the July meeting but to develop and include orientation material for new Board members. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. 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.

Bruce Sillitoe, Clark County, presented the Las Vegas Valley Perimeter Open Space Plan Phase I Report.

There was discussion by the Board about whether additional financing would be required.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Las Vegas Valley Perimeter Open Space Plan Phase I Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Receive a Briefing 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.

Doug Lyon, Clark County, gave a briefing on the status of the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada. He stated that, if approved as expected, the assembly bill authorizing a regional housing authority would become law by July 1, 2009, and each jurisdiction would need to have their recommendation(s) for the newly formed regional board by January 1, 2010.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, stated that a new Executive Director would also need to be hired by January 1, 2010, and the position would follow an open and competitive hiring process.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 12. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2009, 4:00 p.m., in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, submitted an article from the May 20, 2009, issue of the *Las Vegas Sun* titled “The mental battlefield”; and he submitted a letter dated May 21, 2009, addressed to the SNRPC Board as follows:

“Southern Nevada has never had adequate health care for our veterans and although we will have the best care ever when the 2011 veterans administration health complex is finally finished at 215 and Pecos, but it will not be adequate.

It won't have domicilliaries (veterans homes) to provide essential therapy services for returning Iraq-Afghanistan inpatient veterans suffering unprecedented PTSD, TBI, alcoholism and legal and illegal drug addiction. It also will not have an essential pilot project to eventually provide 800 beds for our present 4000 homeless veterans, a mobile home park of 100 rehabilitated trailers to provide 200 beds.

Why do we have approximately 4000 homeless veterans, about half from Vietnam and the First Gulf War? Because we neglected them and their medical problems, physical and mental. Agent orange, PTSD and Gulf War Syndrome were subjects of endless discussion and successive Congress and administrations pontificated, prevaricated and applied band aids to gaping wounds, through Dept. of Defense and Dept. of Veterans Affairs facilities and benefit programs.

This Board did hear about the upcoming disaster and disgrace of the ills suffered by our Iraq-Afghanistan veterans in the debate and concerns which led to your adoption of the SNRPC March 20, 2008 resolution. Did you know that I was never able to capitalize on that resolution? I approached government bureaucrats on the federal, state and local level, the latter two who reminded me it was a federal issue. I then tried, again in vain, to reach out to veteran service organizations, influential because they are chartered by Congress, locally and nationally. I even wrote to President-Elect Obama and successive V.A. secretaries including the present V.A. Secretary retired General Eric Shinseki.

This morning I read “The Mental Battlefield” by Bob Herbert, in the *Las Vegas Sun*, and seeing the recounting of the travails of our Iraq-Afghanistan veterans, and troops in the field was sobering and it made me angry, knowing it was accurate and few would read it.

This is an open letter to government bureaucrats, VSO bureaucrats and other influential persons. You have the means and authority to make a difference but some of you put your career above those you serve, our troops and veterans. All citizens should and must insist that our troops and veterans are not abandoned, after they serve! If you want to know how many Iraq-Afghanistan veterans are seeking mental health or are in our homeless population ask the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs bureaucrats! Do you have concerns call the DOD hotline 703-428-0711.”

Joe Maviglia, H & E Training School, Inc. (private citizen), thanked the Board for not limiting the length of public comments, and he provided lengthy comments on the public lives day-to-day with problems; providing trade-based training is a way for dropouts to get back into mainstream society by learning a profession and earning an income; jobs are the answer and so is economic restructuring so people making \$5-10/hour can provide for themselves and afford to live; need to “work on what caused the problems so are not acting after the barn door is closed”; retrofitting mobile homes is another solution so people can rebuild equity and ownership as well as decrease the number of rentals; and important to concentrate on the low

paying jobs not the middle class. Mr. Maviglia also expressed appreciation to Councilman Steve Wolfson, City of Las Vegas, for “asking questions that need to be asked”.

Dr. Robert Fieldon, private citizen, spoke in support and in favor of the Open Space Report, and he expressed hope for continued implementation.

Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.