

## MEETING MINUTES

### COALITION BOARD

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

**May 24, 2007**

**In attendance:**

Mayor Oscar Goodman, CHAIR, City of Las Vegas  
Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District  
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County  
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County  
Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson  
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson

**Absent:**

None

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**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 Mayor Oscar Goodman, Chair, City of Las Vegas, at 3:31 p.m., on Thursday, May 24, 2007, in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 24, 2007, 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. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for May 24, 2007.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the May 24, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for March 22, 2007.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive the Proposed FY2007-2008 Committee on Homelessness Budget, Recommendations for Contractors for Inclement Weather Shelter Services and HMIS Administration and Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Approve the proposed FY2007-2008 regional Committee on Homelessness Budget, approve recommended contractor(s) for Inclement Weather Shelter Services, approve recommended contractor for HMIS Administration and accept update reports.**

Darryl Martin, Clark County, presented the FY2007-2008 SNRPC Committee on Homelessness Budget for approval.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the FY2007-2008 SNRPC Committee on Homelessness Budget. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

Mr. Martin continued with a discussion on the FY2007-2008 Inclement Weather Shelter Program and proposed providers.

There was discussion by the Board on this program providing shelter to any person requiring it; and a motion was made and seconded to approve contract negotiations with the recommended service providers for the FY2007-2008 Inclement Weather Shelter Program. The motion was approved unanimously except for Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, who abstained since she sits on the board of Catholic Charities.

Mr. Martin presented a recommendation that Bit Focus, Inc. be approved as the contractor for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Administration.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to approve Bit Focus, Inc. as the contractor for HMIS Administration. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Martin concluded with a general update on regional homeless coordination efforts including: the Mayor's Conference in Carson City that occurred in May; Assembly Bill 126; the continued need for affordable housing; and the mobile shower unit has been purchased and is available for a tour in the parking lot after the meeting.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, presented results of the 2007 Winter Homeless Census via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Southern Nevada Homeless Census Survey and Panhandling Study – Applied Survey Research, May 17, 2007."

There was discussion by the Board on specific findings and results of the census, especially involving foster care, validity of self-reporting, panhandling, and children and pets.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a Presentation on Faith Based Initiatives to address homelessness in Clark County. Recommended action – Accept the Presentation on Faith Based Initiatives to address homelessness.**

Maria Castillo Couch and Pastor Troy Martinez gave a presentation on faith based initiatives to address homelessness in Clark County.

There was discussion by the Board on whether there was a duplication of efforts between organizations, consolidation of services, and what was needed in order to begin formally committing to and providing actual assistance.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report on faith based initiatives to address homelessness. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive the Final SNRPC FY2007-2008 Work Plan and Budget. Recommended action – Approve the Final SNRPC FY2007-2008 Work Plan and Budget.**

Flinn Fagg, City of Las Vegas, presented the Final SNRPC FY2007-2008 Work Plan and Budget.

There was discussion by the Board about co-location of public facilities and including discussion on the joint use of city and county parks and school facilities.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Final SNRPC FY2007-2008 Work Plan and Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Status Report on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study. Recommended action – Accept the Update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study.**

Dr. Alan Schlottmann, Theodore Roosevelt Institute (TRI), gave an update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study.

There was discussion by the Board on trade skills development and apprenticeships within the School District and the importance of diversity.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, was not present for this vote.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive a Presentation on Seismic Mapping Opportunities. Recommended action – Accept the Presentation on Seismic Mapping Opportunities, and direct staff accordingly.**

Phil Rosenquist, Clark County, requested that this agenda item be tabled for a future meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to abey this agenda item. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, was not present for this vote.

**Agenda Item 10. Receive a Presentation on a Proposed Regional Public Safety Complex. Recommended action – Accept the Presentation on the Proposed Regional Public Safety Complex, and direct the SNRPC Technical Committee to oversee continued project development.**

Dr. Sheila Conway, Urban Environmental Research, presented a feasibility study and business plan on a proposed Regional Public Safety Complex via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Feasibility Study & Business Plan – Regional Public Safety Complex”, and she submitted a document titled “Regional Public Safety Complex Business Plan – April 15, 2007.”

There was discussion by the Board on the inclusion of FUSION, training including possible consolidation, leveraging resources, and the award of federal homeland security dollars.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, requested a discussion on consolidation of detention facilities on the next Coalition Board agenda.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the presentation on the Proposed Regional Public Safety

Complex. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, was not present for this vote.

**Agenda Item 11. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for July 26, 2007, 3:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City City Hall, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.**

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, announced that as a result of the retirement of Mayor Bob Ferraro, City of Boulder City, this would be his final meeting with the Coalition Board.

Mayor Goodman stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for July 26, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City City Hall, in Boulder City, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.**

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, commented on the unrecognized resource value of the Faith Based and Community Initiative Office in the White House, and he submitted previous meeting minute transcripts from SNRPC Committee on Homelessness meetings from 2004 and 2005 showing where he had suggested contacting them in the past. He recommended that the local faith based religious coalition contact the federal office to ask for assistance and apply for grant money. Mr. Perna also stated that homeless advocates are not being adequately taken advantage of, and their suggestions are ignored. He spoke about the faultiness of V.A. healthcare and the improper closure of the clinic on Vegas Drive and Martin Luther King Boulevard. He concluded with comments and statistics on returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Joe Maviglia, H and E Training School, commented on learning a trade, employment and economic restructuring, and the need for affordable housing in the range of less than \$300. He discussed that welfare is not a solution; but one possible solution could involve rebuilding old mobile homes which would provide job training and economic restructuring through no down-payment mortgages. Mr. Maviglia added that creating mobile home cities in the suburbs, with shuttle buses to and from common workplaces, could help replace some of the old, condemned apartment complexes such as the Moulin Rouge. He concluded with comments on the importance of providing a means for the low income wage earner to live.

Igo Pagekow, public citizen, spoke about the similarities of homelessness in Nevada as compared to rising homeless issues in Slovenia. He stated he would be preparing a report detailing this within the next month before his return to Slovenia, and he hoped he could get comments on it before he left.

**Agenda Item 13. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.