

# MEETING MINUTES

## COALITION BOARD

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

**July 28, 2005**

**In attendance:**

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, CHAIR, Clark County School District  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Steve Wolfson, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City  
Councilman Steve Kirk, VICE CHAIR, City of Henderson  
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson  
Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County  
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas

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**Sec. 1. OPENING ITEMS AND STAFF EVALUATIONS**

**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 Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Chair, Clark County School District, at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 28, 2005, in School Board Chambers, Clark County School District, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the July 28, 2005, 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, Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas and Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County. Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, and Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without them.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for July 28, 2005.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the July 28, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, and Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for May 26, 2005.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilman Steve Wolfson, City of Las Vegas, and Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Clark County School District, abstaining. Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, and Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Consent Agenda. Recommended action – Receive and approve the consent items.**

- 5(a). Receive the FY 2004-05 Expense Report.
- 5(b). Receive the Report and approve the amendments to the SNRPC FY 2005-06 Budget (revised 7-18-05) and credit any over assessment to the FY 2006-07 Budget. (Needs a Super Majority)
- 5(c). Receive the 2005 SNRPC Awards Report and authorize the Chair to select a Board member to make the presentation.
- 5(d). Receive the Proposal for a Workshop meeting with the RTCSN and authorize the Regional Planner to discuss with the Planning Directors appropriate topics for Board participation during 2006.
- 5(e). Receive the Report and authorize staff to study and prepare a report as per ASB #231 requirements.
- 5(f). Receive the Report and approve the SNRPC Records Retention Policy and authorize the Regional Planner to discard files as described in NRS and the proposed SNRPC Records Retention Policy.

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, asked whether the budget adjustments brought up in previous meetings (i.e. salary increase versus leaving the amount status quo and the Regional Economic Study) were reflected in this amended budget (consent agenda item 5[b]); and Edward James, Regional Planner, responded that those two items had been added as separate line items and were unchanged from the previously approved Budget. He stated the reason the amended Budget was being presented was because final expenses had been submitted by the City of Las Vegas, and one more was expected to be presented once the final expenses were submitted by Clark County.

Councilwoman Smith asked whether this was the final budget for last year or if it was the proposed budget for this year; and Mr. James responded that it was the Budget that had been approved in May with corrections that had been made.

Councilwoman Smith asked where the “set-asides” were located on the Budget; and Mr. James responded there was an item called Salary Contingency under Staff, and under Work Program and Professional Services there was an item called Work Program Contingency.

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, asked for a discussion on consent agenda item 5(d); and Mr. James responded that the Board voted to meet every month, and the “off” months would be devoted to a special workshop, study session or some other purpose. He stated he was proposing a workshop with the Regional Transportation Commission to talk about strategies on transportation facilities and implementing land use that supports regional transportation, and it would be facilitated by an RTC on-staff facilitator.

Commissioner Williams asked if it would involve any fiscal impact; and Mr. James responded it would not as it was only for discussion on strategies.

Commissioner Williams asked if those strategies would come back before the SNRPC Board; and Mr. James responded it would depend on what was developed at the workshop, and if new strategies were developed they would come before this Board and the RTC Board.

A motion was made and seconded to approve all consent agenda items, 5(a) through 5(f). The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 6. Performance Evaluations - Continued.**

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting at 3:39 p.m. and discuss, in a closed door session, the performance evaluations of Edward Probyn James, SNRPC Regional Planner and Jennifer Olsen, Coalition Secretary. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**(Please note that this portion of the meeting was not recorded, although notes were taken.)**

A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting at 4:36 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Sec. 2. REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**Agenda Item 7. Performance Evaluations. Recommended action – Take appropriate action.**

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, stated that through no failure of Edward Probyn James, rather he felt it was a failure on the Board's part *to* Mr. James, the Board had decided to disband the position of SNRPC Regional Planner.

A motion was made and seconded to eliminate the position of Regional Planner, effective immediately, and give a four month severance package to Edward Probyn James. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded not to evaluate Jennifer Olsen, Coalition Secretary, at this meeting, but that she should get daily direction from the Technical Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

**(Please note that recording began at this point in the meeting.)**

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Receive and approve the proposed revised SNRHH, utilization of AB 520 funding, reprogramming of existing resources to coordinate the implementation of the SNRHH and the development and launching of a marketing campaign for the Southern Nevada Regional Homeless Trust (Homeless Trust).**

Thom Reilly, Clark County, gave a report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination, and he specified the four areas of the plan including: (1) Approve and adopt the 10-Point Plan presented at the Homelessness Workshop on June 16, 2005; (2) Approve the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness redirecting funding to meet the 10 priorities; (3) Approve the allocation of the \$4 million awarded by the State and solicitation by RFP for crisis intervention and case management programs; and (4) Approve establishing a marketing campaign that will be developed by Brown & Associates.

Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, asked about the time schedule for the program; and Mr. Reilly responded that the timeline included with the proposed RFP began today, continued through the issuance of the RFP on August 2 and concluded with bringing it back before the Coalition Board on September 22 for approval and implementation. Mr. Reilly also stated that upon approval of the 10-Point Plan, it would become the Plan of Southern Nevada, and the Marketing Plan would become effective immediately as well.

Mayor Ferraro asked how often updates would be brought before the Board; and Mr. Reilly responded that they could be provided every other month during the regularly scheduled meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the four areas of the Plan and have a follow-up report provided at the Board meetings every other month.

Councilman Steve Wolfson, City of Las Vegas, requested that the vote on the motion be held off and asked about the marketing plan. Mr. Reilly responded that it was a two-fold plan involving marketing populations (i.e. children, veterans, elderly, etc.) and marketing outcomes (i.e. specific gaps, Walk-of-Stars, etc.).

Councilman Wolfson asked if it was primarily fundraising; and Mr. Reilly responded that a trust fund had been established approximately six months ago, and it was a matter of “getting the private sector to assist in funding homeless activities” and utilizing those funds to help fill in the gaps of the 10-Point Plan.

Councilman Wolfson asked for clarification on giving direction to how the money is spent; and Mr. Reilly responded that it was “direction to us over the next year to redirect where we’re spending our money right now to meet the 10-Point Plan...and funding criteria.”

Councilman Wolfson asked what factors were to be looked at in determining where the money is spent in the individual jurisdictions (i.e. City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Clark County, etc.); and Mr. Reilly responded that there was an established breakdown, not only by the individual points of the 10-Point Plan but by entity, that had been identified and developed.

Councilman Wolfson asked for clarification that it wasn’t a division of funds based on an equal number of entities; and Mr. Reilly responded that the 10-Point Plan was based on two issues (1. That it be a regional approach to respond to the homeless where they are and 2. That it be focused on getting individuals into sustainable housing), and since it was regional the funding isn’t broken out per entity, except for specific issues like the Inclement Weather Shelter Plan or the Regional Homeless Coordinator position.

Councilman Wolfson asked whether, based on the number of factors that go into this, if one entity has a greater majority of homeless would a greater portion of the money get spent in that local; and Mr. Reilly responded that the focus was on the Region, for example a greater emphasis on the Shelter Program and getting individuals out of shelters and into hotels and more stable housing.

The motion to adopt the four areas of the Plan and have follow-up reports provided at the Coalition Board meetings held every other month was reiterated. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive a presentation on the Regional Open Space Plan – Deliverable 1-Open Space Definition. Recommended action – Receive the Presentation and approve the Definition of Regional Open Space-Deliverable #1.**

Bob Searns, Greenways, Inc. consultant, gave a presentation on the Regional Open Space Plan and spent time on the Open Space definition, functions of open space including “alternative functions” (i.e. keeping space for water to filter back into an aquifer, trails for recreation and preservation, etc.) and language of open space (seven points: Open Space Reserve; Recreational Access; Urban Transitional; Cultural and Historic; Infrastructure; View Preservation; and Trails and Connecting Corridors).

Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, complimented that it was an excellent and very thorough report.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and presentation and approve the definition of Open Space. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10. Receive a proposed revised Scope of Services and SNRPC Workgroup Roster for a Regional Economic Study (RES). Recommended action – Receive the proposed Scope of Work for a Regional Economic Study (RES) and authorize staff to forward the Scope of Work to selected consultants, evaluate the proposals and submit recommended proposals to the Board.**

Edward James, Regional Planner, discussed that at the May Coalition Board meeting, there were questions about whether the Scope of Work for the Regional Economic Study was a duplication of existing data. Mr. James stated that Somer Hollingsworth, NDA, and Dr. Keith Schwer, UNLV, had both reviewed the Scope of Work and supported the validity of the study being conducted.

A motion was made and seconded to receive and approve the Scope of Work and move forward with the recommendation to staff. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11. Receive a presentation on the Workforce Housing Committee. Recommended action – Adopt the SNRPC Workforce Housing Committee and attached structure and call for Manager appointees to initiate formation of the Subcommittee.**

Lesa Coder, Clark County, and Doug Bell, Clark County, gave a brief presentation on the 10-member list making up the Workforce Housing Subcommittee, as well as the list of individuals and their organizations making up the Advisory Group. Ms. Coder also recommended that the Executive Director of the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association be added to the Subcommittee.

A motion was made and seconded to add Irene Porter (Southern Nevada Homebuilders) to the Subcommittee and to move forward with the list. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 12. Receive a Report on Day Laborers in Clark County. Recommended action – Receive the report, provide input and feedback and take any necessary action.**

Don Burnette, Clark County, gave a presentation and report on Day Laborers in Clark County and other jurisdictions and exploring the establishment of Day Labor Centers in Southern Nevada.

A motion was made to direct individual staff to form a working group to start studying the problem of day laborers and work on a solution.

Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City, asked when results could be expected; and Mr. Burnette responded that an update could be provided within 60 days. The motion was amended to include having an update provided to the Board within 60 days. The amended motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 13. Regional Planner's Report.**

There was no Regional Planner's Report.

**Agenda Item 14. The next date and location for the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for August 25, 2005, 3:30 p.m., at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Chair, Clark County School District, stated that the next meeting was scheduled for August 25, 2005, at 3:30 p.m., at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 15. Public Comment.**

Gary Peck, ACLU of Nevada, stated that he wanted to commend the County for taking the initiative to move forward on the day laborer issue. He said he knew it was a complex one, and he was heartened at the fact that the County begins from the premise that day laborers have a right to be out there while also recognizing that the County and other stakeholders have legitimate concerns about what's going on. He concluded by saying "We've spent some time working with folks from the County and the City on the issue and pledge to continue to do so; and I think what is most important is that the County recognizes that it's important to get the input of all the relevant stakeholders including...the day laborers themselves."

Frank Perna, Southern Nevada Advocates for Homeless People, said "Ed James is one of the most knowledgeable and conscientious persons you could have in government. I found him to be compassionate and accessible. Your mistake wasn't in hiring him, it was in your actions today." He then stated "Homelessness is a humanitarian issue that unfortunately has been politicized beyond the norm"; and he commented on emergency shelters including that there was no mention, in the \$4 million received from the State, of a \$350,000 allocation for restrooms and showers in the Las Vegas Rescue Mission or for housing. Mr. Perna stated that changes made in April 2004 to the 1998 Land Management Act giving a developer in conjunction with the government a 95% discount on appraised value of property used for the homeless is an answer for homeless affordable housing.

**Agenda Item 16. Adjournment.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.