

## MEETING MINUTES

### COALITION BOARD

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

September 27, 2007

**In attendance:**

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, VICE CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas  
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County  
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County  
Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson  
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson

**Absent:**

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City

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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 Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, Vice Chair, City of North Las Vegas, at 3:40 p.m., on Thursday, September 27, 2007, in HR Training Room #4, City of Las Vegas City Hall, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the September 27, 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 except for Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, and Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City. Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without him.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for September 27, 2007.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the September 27, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for July 26, 2007.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an Update and Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update and Reports, and approve the replacement nomination to the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness.**

Darryl Martin, Clark County, and Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, presented updates on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination including: summarizing the Community Interfaith Luncheon that occurred on September 25; the Board of County Commissioners accepted the HelpHopeHome business plan and approved using it as a basis for County social services programming; and Project Homeless Connect, formerly the Homeless Stand Down, is scheduled for November 6 at Cashman Center.

There was discussion by the Board on anticipated participation and representation at Project Homeless Connect, especially by the veteran population.

Peter Connery, Applied Survey Research, presented results from the summer Southern Nevada Homeless Census via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Southern Nevada Summer Homeless Census and Panhandling Study – Applied Survey Research September 27, 2007."

There was discussion by the Board about comparisons between the winter and summer counts; the panhandling portion of the study as well as on the youth portion of the homeless count. There was also discussion on the Homeless Trust Fund and donations to it versus directly to panhandlers.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the updates on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination and to approve John Bright as the new veterans representative on the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a presentation on a proposed SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Create an SNRPC Committee on Youth, with proposed membership and structure, and approve its alignment with the Ready for Life initiative.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed SNRPC Committee on Youth titled "A Proposal for the Creation of the: Committee on Youth;" and Hillary Robison, Nevada Public Education Foundation, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "Ready for Life – A Community Collaborative." Ms. West then discussed the proposed membership list for the Committee on Youth.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, recommended including representatives from the Teacher's Association and the State Board of Education.

There was discussion by the Board about outcome benchmarks and measurements of success; including parents and family involvement; leveraging and possibly consolidating existing groups and service providers; avoiding duplication of services; linking with Clark County School District; and including trade schools as well as outside groups like scouts and the local chambers of commerce.

A motion was made and seconded to approve creating an SNRPC Committee on Youth incorporating the recommendations by Board members. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. 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 including the expected completion of the final report which will include specific and functional recommendations and implementation strategies.

There was discussion by the Board on technical and career schools; potential careers in green building and solar and wind energies; industrial and regional land uses; and next steps.

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 8. Receive an Update on the Southern Nevada Regional Open Space and Trails Summit. Recommended action – Accept the Update on the Southern Nevada Regional Open Space and Trails Summit.**

Alan O’Neill, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, gave an update on the Southern Nevada Regional Open Space and Trails Summit that would be taking place on October 18 at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the update on the Southern Nevada Regional Open Space and Trails Summit. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive a Report on the Consolidation of Detention Facilities in the Las Vegas Valley. Recommended action – Accept the Report on the Consolidation of Detention Facilities.**

Captain John Donahue and Lieutenant Michael See, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, presented a report on the consolidation of detention facilities in the Las Vegas Valley via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Detention Facility.”

There was discussion by the Board on whether a regional detention facility would replace or increase the total number of beds needed; regional and community cooperation; and anticipated land use and cost divisions by jurisdiction.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report on the consolidation of detention facilities. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10. Receive an Update on SNRPC Efforts to Craft Federal SNPLMA Workforce Housing Legislation. Recommended action – Discuss and take any appropriate action.**

Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson, presented an update on SNRPC efforts to craft federal SNPLMA Workforce Housing legislation including: history and brief background; progress by the workgroup; and advice given by the Congressional Delegation. He then presented the proposed amendment language titled “7 Principles of Change – Action Taken by SNHBA to Proposed SNPLMA (7B) Amendments.”

There was discussion by the Board on item 2 (Make the acquisition process more amenable to developers and allow for direct sale to them); including affordable housing in addition to workforce housing; and continuing negotiations with the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association on item 6 (SNPLMA Section 7b ties land sales to specific legal parcel descriptions...).

A motion was made and seconded to accept the federal SNPLMA Workforce Housing Legislation (“7 Principles of Change – Action Taken by SNHBA to Proposed SNPLMA (7B) Amendments”), with recommendations, and forward it to the Congressional Delegation. 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 November 29, 2007, 3:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City City Hall, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.**

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for November 29, 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.**

Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Clark County School District, requested that a discussion of possibly moving future Coalition Board meeting dates and times to the first or third Thursdays be added to the next agenda.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, presented an article from the September 26 issue of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* titled "16 years later, vets still ailing." He also submitted a letter addressed to Mayor Goodman and SNRPC Board members as follows:

"16 years later, vets still ailing" Report criticizes Pentagon, V.A. for 'tragic record of failure.' 9/26 Pg. 7A. 175,000 Gulf War veterans sick.

On July 26<sup>th</sup> I submitted an article "V.A. failing our troops, lawsuit says" from two veterans groups; Veterans for Common Sense and Veterans United for Truth which outlined failure of the V.A. to provide disability payments to between 400,000-600,000 veterans, budget shortfall and awarding of 3.8 billion dollar bonuses despite deficiencies. Vietnam War veterans were denied retroactive benefits for agent orange and leukemia 1967-1973.

How can veterans have confidence that our Iraqi-Afghanistan veterans will be given care, for their physical and emotional injuries, given the neglect of the Gulf War and Vietnam War veterans?

Southern Nevada V.A. healthcare has deteriorated since the unwarranted closure of the V.A. Guy Ambulatory Clinic in 2003 whereby the V.A. healthcare system was spread valley wide making accessibility difficult or impossible for poor and homeless veterans. Millions of dollars have been wasted and many veterans have been forced to travel out of state for complex procedures or operations denying them the support of friends and relatives.

Please support the acceleration of the construction of the new V.A. Health Complex to 2009 and the domicilliaries to provide therapy and housing for homeless veterans and Iraqi-Afghanistan veterans."

**Agenda Item 13. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.