

**MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
JULY 8, 2004**

**In attendance:**

Thom Reilly, Chair, Clark County  
Doug Selby, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas  
Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas  
Fred Smith, Clark County School District  
Mark Calhoun, Alternate, City of Henderson  
Jacob Snow, Clark County Regional Transportation Commission  
Christine Robinson, Clark County Air Quality Department

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**Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda conformance with the Open Meeting Law.**

Thom Reilly called to order the meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Technical Committee at 4:04 p.m., on Thursday, July 8, 2004, in the Pueblo Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

The Agenda for the July 8, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for July 8, 2004.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the July 8, 2004, meeting. Mr. Reilly stated that The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) has requested to postpone agenda item 5 until a later date. The motion was approved unanimously with the requested change.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 13, 2004, meeting.**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Discuss local/regional law enforcement issues; take any necessary action.**

Each member received a copy of a letter from Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald (Exhibit A). Mr. Reilly stated that this issue was at the request of Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald to explore the issues of the type of law enforcement in the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, Clark County School District, Clark County Parks, and the Las Vegas City Marshall Unit. Three presentations were given. Chief Elliott Phelps presented from the Clark County School District Police; Chief Rick Bishop presented from the Clark County Park Police; and Lieutenant Karen Coyne and Chief Mike Sheldon presented from the Las Vegas Deputy Marshall Unit. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) was unable to attend; however, will be available to present to the Coalition Board at the July 22, 2004, meeting. Each member received a copy of the presentation from the Clark County School District Police Department (Exhibit B), and the Clark County Park Police (Exhibit C). The presentation topics from the Clark County School District Police Department were: General Organizational Structure; Primary Functions; Responsibilities; Jurisdictional Limitations; Gun Incident on November 15, 2003; Geographical Responsibilities; Geographical Limitations; Scope of Authority; Types of Crimes; Budget; Calls for Service; Training Requirements; Training Methods; Interagency Communication; Interagency Relations; Greatest Challenges; Greatest Constraints; and Efficient Operations Suggestions. The presentation topics from the Clark County Park Police and the Las Vegas Deputy Marshall Unit were: General

Organizational Structure; Basic Function and Responsibilities; Geographical Responsibilities and Limitations; Scope of Authority; Crimes and Calls Handled; Training Methods and Requirements; Coordination and Communication Between Agencies; Greatest Challenges or Constraints; and Suggestions for more Efficient Operations.

After the presentations, a motion was made to direct staff to use the topics listed in Exhibit A to create a matrix for the July 22nd Coalition Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive a Design Workshop report and briefing on the Landscape and Aesthetics Program for the I-15 Corridor by Mr. Ron Blakemore, NDOT; take any necessary action.**

This item was approved to be postponed until the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 6. Consider the adoption of an interlocal agreement that would provide for funds to be allocated from participating local government entities for the operation of the Community Triage Center to be operated by WestCare of Nevada; direct staff accordingly.**

Each member received a copy of the WestCare Work Plan and Budget (Exhibit D), and the draft Interlocal Agreement to provide funds for the Community Triage Center (Exhibit E). Dan Musgrove, Clark County, gave the report. Since the year 2000, the SNRPC has recognized that the problems associated with emergency room overcrowding, detention facility overcrowding and the divert situation caused by the significant number of chronic inebriates and mentally ill persons who were being held in emergency rooms and jail cells because there was insufficient mental health services and mental health beds available is a regional problem. The idea of a Community Triage Center to assess, treat and stabilize these chronic inebriates outside of the jail and emergency room environment, was formed and WestCare of Nevada was contracted through an interlocal agreement to be the service provider. This program has been funded through a combination of state, local government, and area hospital participation. However, during the 2003 Legislative session the State did not fund their portion. The original interlocal that was entered into by and among the City of Boulder City, City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, and Clark County on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002, to provide for the local government portion of the funding plan has since terminated as of June 30, 2004. Mr. Musgrove stated that another Interlocal Agreement needs to be adopted to fund the State's portion of WestCare's budget through June of 2005. It is hoped that at the next session of the legislature, a commitment can be received from the State to either fund their portion or a greater portion of the budget to continue the Community Triage Center. WestCare has expressed a willingness to continue to provide for the operation of the Community Triage Center and has submitted a proposal to the SNRPC for its review and consideration. Mr. Steinberg, WestCare, stated that the Community Triage Center system is working, and has become a national model for other cities. On a monthly basis, the project serves approximately 750 persons suffering from mental health and/or substance abuse crises. Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, stated that some type of benefit analysis should be completed at some point regarding this issue. Dividing up the funding by one-third may have been the best way to look at funding two years ago; however, the benefit is not equal.

After discussion, a motion was made to proceed with the Interlocal Agreement (Exhibit E), and to meet with all of the participants involved in an effort to craft another funding formula for the Community Triage Center for next year to include a long-term legislative strategy regarding this issue. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. Set the agenda for the July 22, 2004, SNRPC Board Meeting.**

The members agreed that the agenda for the July 22, 2004, SNRPC Board meeting would include Agenda Item 4 including the matrix summary, and Agenda Item 6.

**Agenda Item 8. The next date and location for the Technical Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2004, 4:00 p.m., at Clark County.**

A motion was made to accept the Technical Committee meeting date, time, and location for their next meeting. The motion was approved accordingly.

**Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.**

Frank Perna, private citizen, made comment regarding an article in the Las Vegas Sun newspaper about the homelessness. He stated that the article talks about the opposite of what the Technical Committee talked about during the meeting. He stated that comments made by the City Attorney and Police Chief Young are that they have had quite enough of the homeless people accruing warrants for such things as J-walking, and sleeping on bus benches. Mr. Perna made further comment regarding the treatment of the homeless by Metro as being crude. He also made comments regarding the State of Nevada and their being irresponsible regarding this issue. Mr. Perna concluded stating that the only way that any of the committees can help the homeless is to get rid of their bias attitudes against the homeless.

**Agenda Item 10. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.