

MEETING MINUTES

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

September 8, 2005

In attendance:

Paul Gerner, CHAIR, Clark County School District
Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas
Brok Armantrout, City of Boulder City
Jacob Snow, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Thom Reilly, Clark County
Mary Kay Peck, City of Henderson
Tom Minwegen, Las Vegas Valley Water District
Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas

(Please note that the first 10 minutes of this meeting were not recorded, although notes were taken.)

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 Technical Committee was called to order by Paul Gerner, Chair, Clark County School District, at 4:10 p.m., on Thursday, September 8, 2005, in Mead Rooms 1 and 2, Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 S. Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the September 8, 2005, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the agenda for September 8, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the minutes for the June 16, 2005, Joint Homelessness Workshop.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2005, Joint Homelessness Workshop. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2005, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on Safe Walking Routes for Schools. Recommended action – Receive the Report, provide input and feedback as necessary and appoint a working group of appropriate staff to coordinate and report back at the next SNRPC Technical Committee meeting.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, gave a report on a Safe Walking Routes Near Schools Study required by the

State of Nevada (AB 231).

After discussion by Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, and other Committee members, it was recommended that a working group be established on meeting the guidelines required for the Study; and the working group should be made up of: Dan Musgrove, Ted Olivas, Terri Barber, Kimberly McDonald and Craig Kadlub. Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas, stated that the RTC should be part of the group; and Jacob Snow, RTCSN, recommended Jerry Duke specifically.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve a staff working group, including a representative from RTC, to provide information, input and feedback as necessary on the Safe Walking Routes Near Schools Study and report back to the SNRPC Technical Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on Animal Control Ordinances. Recommended action – Receive the Report, provide input and feedback as necessary and refer it to a working group of appropriate staff to coordinate and report back at the next SNRPC Technical Committee meeting.

Thom Reilly, Clark County, gave a report on multi-jurisdictional animal control ordinances, especially as related to animal shelters and impacts to citizens Valley-wide.

Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, asked if it was for standardization; and Mr. Reilly responded it was “more for information sharing so we have a formal mechanism to know some of these issues on tethering animals or vicious dogs or breeding issues...truly will only be effective if we all look at them together.”

Mary Kay Peck, City of Henderson, asked if there were currently substantive differences between animal control ordinances in the various jurisdictions; and Mr. Reilly responded that there weren't, but some of the proposals being introduced would make substantial differences in some of them.

Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas, stated he thought “it would be good if we could either have a uniform ordinance or an ordinance that is very similar...(because it) is a Valley-wide issue, it's not just one jurisdiction that has this concern.”

There was discussion by Mr. Reilly and Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas, on how best to move forward and proceed; and Mr. Rose suggested “establishing a staff working group from each jurisdiction that is pursuing changes in the ordinances...(and) talk about the needs for each jurisdiction and then decide if they are similar.”

After further discussion by the Committee on having the working group report back to the Technical Committee, a motion was made and seconded to establish a working group to bring back to the Technical Committee recommendations relative to an ordinance on animal control. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on the SNRPC Workforce Housing Subcommittee. Recommended action – Approve a motion to include Nevada Housing Division on the Workforce Housing Subcommittee.

Doug Bell, Clark County, gave a brief report on the SNRPC Workforce Housing Subcommittee and asked to add the State of Nevada Housing Division to the Subcommittee.

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to have a representative of the State of

Nevada Housing Division added to the Workforce Housing Subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on LUTAQ Contract Date Revision. Recommended action – Receive and approve the Report and forward the item to the Coalition Board.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, asked for an extension on the time certain date for the LUTAQ contract so that the final product is acceptable to the Regional Planning Coalition Board and all other parties involved. Mr. Wardlaw also stated that the staff working group recommended that a report be created with policy alternatives, similar to other planning reports, noting that attendance at the workshop was not high so it has been difficult to train the elected officials using the model.

Mary Kay Peck, City of Henderson, recommended adding a short, hands-on LUTAQ model presentation to one of the regularly scheduled (Coalition) Board meeting agendas, so Board members would get the opportunity to see some of the impacts regarding transportation, density and land use within the model.

Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas, asked if this would be ok with the RTC; and Jacob Snow, RTC, responded that it was, and he agreed with Ms. Peck's suggestion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the extension of time on the LUTAQ contract, and a mini-presentation and short, hands-on demonstration of the model be included at a future RPC meeting on November 17, 2005. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a report and update on Day Laborers. Recommended action – Receive the Report, provide input and feedback as necessary and forward the item to the Coalition Board.

Jim Spinello, Clark County, gave a report on a staff working group that had met on August 31, 2005, and developed and agreed to a number of policy statements regarding the operation of one or more Day Laborer Centers within the Region. The working group also recommended creating a stakeholder group that met for the first time on September 6, 2005.

Thom Reilly, Clark County, asked if the next working group meeting would occur before the next Coalition Board meeting; and Mr. Spinello replied that it would, on September 21, 2005 (Coalition Board meeting scheduled for September 22, 2005).

Doug Selby, City of Las Vegas, asked whether the statement expected by the President on border security and undocumented workers would affect the principles discussed by the working group; and Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, asked whether any of the entities were preparing for a broad voter backlash against this idea.

Mary Kay Peck, City of Henderson, asked if that had occurred in other places; and Mr. Gerner responded that some of the other localities that have tried to do this have experienced accusations such as "you want to use tax payer money to support what essentially is an illegal transaction...promoting the connection of an undocumented illegal worker with an employer who's, by law, not supposed to be employing them."

Mr. Reilly commented that the program visited in California works well, and "it depends on how you approach the topic...it's a public safety issue for local governments...that's where we get most of our complaints and concerns about...day laborers all aren't undocumented...some jurisdictions that have tried it and decided not to, there's others that operate and operate well like the group in California."

Mr. Gerner stated that "it certainly does seem like it lends itself to a regional solution, if there is to be a

solution...it's certainly a regional problem.”

A motion was made and seconded to incorporate the Day Laborers working group meeting on September 21 into the report that will be given to the elected officials (on September 22). The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Set the Coalition Board agenda for the September 22, 2005, SNRPC Board Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to forward items 7 (SNRPC Workforce Housing Subcommittee), 8 (LUTAQ) and 9 (Day Laborers) to the Coalition Board at their September 22, 2005, meeting. The motion also included having a short closed door session to consider the completion of the performance evaluation of the Coalition Secretary, as well as having a report given by Clark County on the status of relief efforts for the hurricane victims in the Valley. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Set the next date and location of the SNRPC Technical Committee meeting.

Paul Gerner, Chair, Clark County School District, stated that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 3, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., in Mead Rooms 1 & 2, Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 S. Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.