

# MEETING MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

November 5, 2009

**In attendance:**

Vicki Mayes, CHAIR, City of Boulder City  
Bruce Turner, Alternate, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada  
Tom Minwegen, Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Phil Rosenquist, Alternate, Clark County  
James Nichols, Alternate, City of Las Vegas (temporary)  
Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas  
Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas  
Bristol Ellington, Alternate, City of Henderson  
Paul Gerner, Clark County School District  
Lewis Wallenmeyer, DAQEM

**Absent:**

Jacob Snow, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada  
Virginia Valentine, VICE CHAIR, Clark County  
Mark Calhoun, City of Henderson

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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 Technical Committee was called to order by Vicki Mayes, Chair, City of Boulder City, at 4:07 p.m., on Thursday, November 5, 2009, in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the November 5, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the agenda for November 5, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the November 5, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas, and Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without them.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the minutes for the September 3, 2009, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas, and Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for the Special October 1, 2009, meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the special October 1, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas, and Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Consent Items (a – 2010 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule; b – SNRPC Biennial Report on Land Use, Transportation and Air Quality; c – 2009 Consensus Population Estimate; d – Regional Urban Forestry Work Group Report; e – HomeFree Nevada Energy Audit Program Update). Recommended action – Accept and approve all consent items; and forward them to the Coalition Board.**

Jennifer Olsen, SNRPC Secretary, asked where the 2010 SNRPC Technical Committee meetings should be held. The consensus of the Committee was to hold the 2010 SNRPC Technical Committee meetings in either Commission Chambers or in the Pueblo Room at the Clark County Government Center.

There was no further discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to approve all consent agenda items (as listed above) and forward them to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously. Paul Gerner, Clark County School District, Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas, and Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive an Update on the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) from 1998 to 2008. Recommended action – Accept the update on SNPLMA from 1998 to 2008; and forward it to the Coalition Board.**

Steve Tyron, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), gave an update on the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) from 1998 to 2008 via a PowerPoint presentation printout titled “Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act – Round 11 Presentation.” He also submitted the “SNPLMA 1998-2008: Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act: 10-Year Report to Congress”.

There was brief discussion by the Committee about the timing of prior project submittals to the BLM and about the reduced amount of funding available overall.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the update on SNPLMA from 1998 to 2008 and forward it to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously. Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, had arrived but had not replaced James Nichols, Alternate, yet.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive an Update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Work Group. Recommended action – Accept the update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Work Group; and forward it to the Coalition Board.**

Alan O’Neill, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, gave an update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Work Group via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Open Space & Trails Workgroup Progress Report”.

There was brief discussion by the Committee about educational efforts to the public, especially regarding motorized vehicles not being permitted on trails.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Work Group and forward it to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Report on a Study of Possible Alternatives to Self-Insurance for Workers’ Compensation Claims as per a request from Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas. Recommended action – Accept the report; and take any necessary action.**

Victoria Robinson, City of Las Vegas, gave a report on possible alternatives to self-insurance for workers’ compensation claims via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Alternative Financing for Workers’ Compensation

Claims and Excess Insurance Premiums”.

There was discussion by the Committee about federal relief available for private businesses but not for local government; potential state lobbying efforts to remove the requirement to carry excess coverage insurance; whether premiums are high because of economic conditions in the Valley; whether insurance companies are not providing premium breaks because of presumed risks; shopping around and working with brokers is next to impossible; unfunded liabilities are much higher and will ultimately affect bond ratings; and cost savings and potential legislative initiative for more affordability should be explored.

A motion was made and seconded to direct finance and risk management staff to form a work group to explore options and form specific recommendations to be presented to the Technical Committee within the next three to four months. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive an Update on Facilitation Services for the January 21, 2010, Joint Strategic Planning Workshop. Recommended action – Accept the update, take any necessary action; and forward it to the Coalition Board.**

Tom Perrigo, City of Las Vegas, gave an update on facilitation services for the January 21, 2010, Joint Strategic Planning Workshop, and he presented two facilitation options as follows:

The first is a no-cost option involving a team of in-house staff from Clark County (Irene Navis), the Clark County School District (Dale Erquiaga) and the City of Henderson (Candace Somers).

The other option is contracting with an outside facilitator who would be hired based on the ranking of three RFP's that were received during an open bid process (Richard Bowers was ranked first and would cost \$8,000 plus travel costs as he is located outside of Nevada; Ruth Urban was ranked second and would cost \$7,500; or Deborah Campbell and Associates was ranked third and would cost \$7,500).

The Planning Directors recommended contracting with Richard Bowers because he is a former city manager, has extensive facilitation experience and is not affiliated with any of the entities making up the SNRPC.

There was lengthy discussion by the Committee about whether the in-house staff recommendations had facilitation experience; where Deborah Campbell and Ruth Urban were located (locally in the Valley); expected support from elected officials on the Coalition Board to contracting with a local facilitator; whether the money to hire a facilitator is in the existing budget; potential effectiveness and neutrality of in-house staff when interviewing Board members; how much previous SNRPC facilitation contracts have cost; and hiring a local facilitator would increase flexibility when coordinating interviews with no additional travel costs.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend a Joint Strategic Planning Workshop Facilitator Services Contract with Ruth Urban that would be administered by the City of Las Vegas. The motion was approved unanimously.

A recommendation was made for Mr. Perrigo to negotiate a lower contract amount with Ruth Urban if possible and to include a staff report in the Coalition Board agenda packet justifying the expense of hiring an outside facilitator.

**Agenda Item 10. Discussion on Regional Coordination of Efforts to Address Health and Safety Issues related to Stagnant Swimming Pools as per a request from Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson. Recommended action – Discuss, take any necessary action; and forward it to the Coalition Board.**

Ned Thomas, City of Henderson, and Tom Setman, local (outside) contractor, gave an update on current regional coordination efforts to address health and safety issues related to stagnant swimming pools.

There was discussion by the Committee about potential cost savings to consolidating efforts; what the current process taken by contractors entailed; and what the current involvement was by owners and banks with foreclosed properties.

A motion was made and seconded to direct code enforcement staff to form a work group to explore options and form specific recommendations to be presented to the Technical Committee at a future meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11. Receive an Update from the Ad-Hoc Work Group on Fiscal Impacts Pertaining to Regional Partnerships Through Formal Agreements and/or Interlocals (from the 9/3/09 Technical Committee meeting). Recommended action – Discuss and take any necessary action.**

Kenny Young, City of North Las Vegas, gave an update from the ad-hoc work group on fiscal impacts pertaining to regional partnerships through formal agreements and/or interlocals. He stated that reducing the Committee on Homelessness' (CoH) budget for FY2010-2011 by any more than the 5% that has already been applied for FY2009-2010 would involve cutting staff and direct services and would ultimately impact the future ability to apply for any federal funding.

There was discussion by the Committee about ongoing WestCare contract negotiations; finalizing next year's CoH budget now so the situation is resolved early; renegotiating the jurisdictions' CoH funding distributions equitably; and ongoing discussions on determining specific outcomes and expectations.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 5% reductions in the FY2009-2010 Committee on Homelessness (CoH) budget and WestCare contract; to direct the ad-hoc work group members to continue negotiations with WestCare and on the CoH budget distribution amounts for FY2010-2011; and to report back at the March, 2010, Technical Committee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 12. Set the Coalition Board agenda for the November 19, 2009, SNRPC Board Meeting.**

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to forward items 5 (Consent Items [a – 2010 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule; b – SNRPC Biennial Report on Land Use, Transportation and Air Quality; c – 2009 Consensus Population Estimate; d – Regional Urban Forestry Work Group Report; e – HomeFree Nevada Energy Audit Program Update]), 6 (Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act [SNPLMA] from 1998 to 2008), 7 (Regional Open Space and Trails Work Group) and 9 (Facilitation Services for the January 21, 2010, Joint Strategic Planning Workshop) to the Coalition Board at their November 19, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 13. Set the next date and location of the SNRPC Technical Committee meeting.**

Vicki Mayes, Chair, City of Boulder City, stated that the next regular Technical Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., in a location to be determined (TBD).

Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, stated that there would not be a representative from the City of Las Vegas at the January 7, 2010, Technical Committee meeting.

**Agenda Item 14. Public Comment.**

Irene Navis, Clark County, stated that the Annual Yucca Mountain Community Survey Availability Announcement was available for distribution on the Clark County website or via CD by request.

**Agenda Item 15. Adjournment.**

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