

**MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION
FEDERAL LANDS DISPOSAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

August 28, 2001

In Attendance: Mayor Michael L. Montandon, Chair, City of North Las Vegas
Mayor Jim Gibson, City of Henderson
Commissioner Dario Herrera, Clark County
Mike Dwyer, Bureau of Land Management
Mark Morse, Bureau of Land Management
Colonel Delwyn Eulberg, Nellis Air Force Base

Agenda Item I. Call to order, notice of agenda in conformance with Open Meeting Law.

The meeting of the SNRPC Federal Lands Disposal Subcommittee was called to order by the City of North Las Vegas Mayor, Michael L. Montandon, Chairman at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2001, in the City Manager's Conference Room, at the City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

The agenda for the August 28, 2001, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item II. Approval of the Agenda.

A motion was made to approve the August 28, 2001, agenda. This motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2001, meeting.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2001, meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item IV. Receive presentations on local government nominations fo the BLM special allocation fund; take any necessary action.

Misty Haehn, City of North Las Vegas, made presentation on behalf of the City of North Las Vegas for one project, a Multi-Use Western Tributary of the Las Vegas Wash Regional Trail for \$2.45 million. The trail is approximately 9 miles long and is part of the original trail system being proposed throughout Clark County. The first phase of this project will include \$1.7 million in SNPLMA funding for design and construction of the trail. This additional funding will be used to purchase rights-of-way, construction of pedestrian crossings, and construction of trail.

Mayor Gibson asked about the status of trail connecting to City of Las Vegas trail. That phase of project has not been funded and the City of Las Vegas is waiting for North Las Vegas to see what the design will be. He also inquired if there was any priority integrated among the trail systems to complete major route in phase one. Ms. Haehn said this is the beginning phase of the project and each jurisdiction has different priorities they are working on.

Don Schmeiser made presentation on behalf of the City of Las Vegas. Four projects submitted for

funding. Projects submitted included Lone Mountain Trail \$3.2 million, Las Vegas Wash Trail \$1.92 million (Las Vegas portion of trail), Centennial Hills multi-use trail segments \$740,000, and Equestrian Park east of Floyd Lamb State Park \$500,000.

Mayor Montandon asked about the proximity of Equestrian Park to shooting range. Mr. Schmeiser assured Mayor that there would be at least a ½ mile buffer.

Mayor Gibson asked why City of Las Vegas was waiting for City of North Las Vegas to finish their portion of trail before completing the City of Las Vegas Trail. City of North Las Vegas is beginning Las Vegas Wash trail several years out. City of Las Vegas' priority is to begin trails that can be completed immediately.

Stephanie Garcia made presentation on behalf of the City of Henderson. Three projects were submitted for approval. Boulder Highway Trail (Major Avenue to Wagonwheel) \$500,000 and development of Open Space Plan \$150,000, and St. Rose Parkway Trail and Landscaping \$1,511,792. The St. Rose Parkway Trail and Landscaping is seeking funding for Phase 1 - project proposed is three phases.

Mike Dwyer stated that entities requesting reprioritization can be considered per Secretary Norton.

Ron Gregory made presentation on behalf of Clark County. Two projects proposed - Flamingo Wash Trail \$2.85 million (trail from UNLV to wetlands park) and Phase II of Nature Preserve for \$2.9 million. Phase I is under construction. Flamingo Wash Trail will be expensive because of twelve overpasses requested.

Mayor Montandon explained that in the last go-around of requests for funding projects, every entity put their items on a list without priority order (discussion related to Agenda Item V). The SNRPC Federal Lands Subcommittee (FLSC) then approved list and approved amount of funding available. The FLSC approved list of nearly \$30 million worth of projects and BLM approved \$8 million in funding. All items then are just out there waiting for funding. This was not the original intent of the FLSC. The intent was to be able to do complete projects BLM funded and then come back in the next round and start over again and knock uncompleted projects off the list and reprioritize. Mayor Gibson questioned if this was really the original intent of the program and does not know if that was the way he understood the program. Mayor Montandon stated that this is just what happened and was not planned or a stated policy. If everyone would have known what was going to happen, everyone's presentation may have been different on the last submittal. Mayor Gibson felt that the projects not funded would be funded on the next go-around. Mayor Montandon then asked if the projects were not funded, would each entity want to revisit their priorities and resubmit.

Alan Pinkerton from Clark County Comprehensive Planning reminded members that lists of projects proposed by various entities are prioritized at a sub-committee which has representatives from Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson as well as the federal agencies. That group takes lists of projects proposed and sets the priorities. That list then goes to an executive committee, and

then on to the Secretary of Interior for approval. So the initial list submitted is each entity's priority items. There is a second list of submittals that did not make original list. Mr. Pinkerton asked group if this is the list Mayor Montandon is speaking of.

Mayor Montandon asked that if items are approved at this committee level when subcommittee comes in, do they have the right to reprioritize (mix the projects) with the projects approved last time or let projects submitted today fall below priority of previously submitted projects. Mayor Montandon wanted to make sure everyone understands the process before the items are sent on to the subcommittee.

Motion made to approve nominations as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item V. Discuss submitting a recommendation to the BLM to amend the Federal Partner's Implementation Agreement to provide more flexibility for the units of local government to amend each year's Parks, Trails, and Natural Area nominations, independent of the previous year's submittals.

Mayor Montandon asked committee if there was a motion to amend agreement so there is reprioritization at subcommittee level. Mike Dwyer from BLM stated that the work which goes into committees and subcommittees ends up on Secretary Norton's desk in the end and he is the decision maker. The committees recommend list of projects. The subcommittee puts together a recommended budget (was \$8 million last time). He stated that priority is very important since top projects get funded first. As new submissions come in, they are added to bottom of list. If entities want to reprioritize projects, that information will be included with submission document. Mayor Montandon stated he felt the entities wanted the flexibility to reprioritize as the funding becomes available. Mayor Gibson asked how frequently items are sent to Secretary Norton. Mike Dwyer said once a year because the process takes a complete year. Secretary Norton approved round two in June and the nominations were open for round three in July. It will be next May or June when these current submissions are approved. Mayor Gibson asked what is known about available funds and Mike Dwyer provided handout to members that track the dollars received and allocations for expenditures. Approximately \$40 million is due to the account in November from sale of 1900 acres in North Las Vegas. When account receives funds, many more items will be able to proceed. The land sales is not only funding source. Secretary Norton approved budget of 70% for Land Sales, 14% Capital Improvement, 16% Parks and Trails. As new funds are received, they are allocated to various budgets.

Motion made to approve recommendation to amend Federal Partner's Implementation Agreement to provide flexibility to amend each year's nomination and allow subcommittee to reprioritize. Motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item VI.

Mayor Montandon's office staff will coordinate calendars with other entities.

Agenda Item VII. Public comments.

Mike Dwyer has received funding requests from other bodies including the Regional Transportation Commission. The law does not allow anyone other than Clark County, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, and Henderson from making submissions. Requests will be returned and Mr. Dwyer will encourage them to submit requests via Clark County, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, and City of Henderson.

Agenda Item VIII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.