

# MEETING MINUTES

## COALITION BOARD

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

**January 15, 2009**

**In attendance:**

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, CHAIR (outgoing), City of North Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, CHAIR (incoming), City of Boulder City  
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, VICE CHAIR (incoming), Clark County  
Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas  
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County  
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

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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, Chair, City of North Las Vegas, at 4:08 p.m., on Thursday, January 15, 2009, in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the January 15, 2009, 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, and Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for January 15, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 15, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for November 20, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Elect the SNRPC Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2009 Calendar Year. Recommended action – City of Boulder City as Chair and Clark County as Vice Chair.**

There was no discussion by the Board, and a motion was made and seconded to nominate Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, as (SNRPC Board) Chair, and Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, as (SNRPC Board) Vice Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a Report from Sustainability Partners on the Latest Issues and Trends related to Global Sustainability Initiatives. Recommended action – Approve the Report on Sustainability Initiatives, and take any necessary action.**

Dr. Brian Nattrass, Sustainability Partners, gave a presentation on some of the latest issues and trends related to global sustainability via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Sustainability:Issues and Trends – A Global and National Imperative – A Comprehensive Planning Framework for Regional Development”; and he presented each member of the Board with a book titled *Dancing With the Tiger – Learning Sustainability Step by Natural Step*.

There was discussion by the Board about the SNRPC being a leader by joining the Valley in eco-initiatives.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the presentation; and the Board directed staff to develop specific directives as part of the 2009-2010 SNRPC Work Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive an SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract Renewal. Recommended action – Approve the SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract Renewal.**

Alan O’Neill, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, gave an update on the Regional Open Space Workgroup via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Open Space & Trails Workgroup – Progress Update January 15, 2009”; and he introduced the “Neon To Nature” branding effort that had been created.

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, presented a contract renewal for Outside Las Vegas Foundation to continue with their facilitation efforts with the workgroup.

There was discussion by the Board about lighting and safety concerns along the trails; connectivity of the various trails; working with emergency personnel regarding the mile marker system; and amount/distance of trails completed versus planned and funded.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the SNRPC Regional Open Space Workgroup Facilitation Services Contract Renewal. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Report on the Roles and Responsibilities for the Implementation of Section 4 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) of 1998. Recommended action – Approve the Report on the Roles and Responsibilities for the Implementation of Section 4 of SNPLMA.**

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, gave an update on the Federal Lands Disposal Subcommittee’s ad-hoc working group progress and implementation of SNPLMA.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report on the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of Section 4 of SNPLMA. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination via a PowerPoint presentation titled “2009 Southern Nevada Homeless Census and Survey – Committee on Homelessness – January 8, 2009.”

There was discussion by the Board about the telephone survey and when the final results were expected.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the update report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10. Receive an Update Report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Accept the Update Report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, and Captain Patrick Neville, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, gave an update on the SNRPC Committee on Youth's School/Community Safety Workgroup via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Regional Approach for Youth."

There was discussion by the Board about peer mediation programs; eventual inclusion of elementary schools; lack of mental health support to students and their families; programs available for families and parents as well as students; and neighborhood improvement programs.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the update report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11. Receive a Professional Services Contract for a Regional Master Street Address Database. Recommended action – Approve the Regional Master Street Address Database Contract.**

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented a professional services contract for a regional master street address database.

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, asked whether this would be for a countywide database; and Mr. Wardlaw responded that it would be.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Regional Master Street Address Database Contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 12. Receive a Briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada. Recommended action – Accept a Briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada, and take any necessary action.**

Doug Lyon, Clark County, gave a briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada.

There was discussion by the Board about the SNRPC being a model of how a regional board can be successful; consolidation will make the Valley more competitive for funding; maintaining consensus as a goal; the importance of standardizing policies, procedures and databases of availability; and allowing people to live throughout the Valley not just in certain areas of the city.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 13. Receive the Southern Nevada Infrastructure Projects List. Recommended action – Approve the Southern Nevada Infrastructure Projects List, and take any necessary action.**

Virginia Valentine, Clark County, presented the Southern Nevada Infrastructure Projects List that was to be submitted for consideration under the bill proposed by President-Elect Obama.

Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District, asked about inclusion of projects by the School District.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the existing Southern Nevada Infrastructure Projects List but to allow Clark County School District to include schools needing to be rebuilt, modernized and/or rehabilitated. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 14. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2009, 4:00 p.m., in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 15. Public Comment.**

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, submitted a letter dated January 15, 2009, addressed to the SNRPC Board as follows:

“It was welcome news to hear that the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority would join with the SNRPC Homeless Committee which would facilitate donations from the casinos and hotels to the homeless.

There is a lack of communication and coordination in the nonprofit community, the veterans administration, veterans service organizations and veterans state and federal agencies that points up the need for a veterans ombudsman to aid advocates and families and friends of veteran patients. Patients and friends of veterans should be encouraged to accompany veterans on their healthcare visits and disability appointments. My suggestion to the local V.A. administrative office to put public service announcements on Channel 2 and 4 and Cox Cable has fallen on deaf ears. The V.A. must approve of these PSAs. If they won't I want to take this opportunity to volunteer.

Your advocacy can make this happen. We all have a responsibility to make certain our troops and veterans receive all benefits they have earned and deserve.”

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, asked Mr. Perna about veteran's advocacy; and Mr. Perna responded about family involvement with treatment within the V.A.

**Agenda Item 16. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.