

MEETING MINUTES SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 27, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Outgoing Chair, Clark County
Trustee Denise Brodsky, Incoming Chair, Clark County School District
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas

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

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Chair, called the meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition to order at 3:40 p.m., Thursday, January 27, 2005, at the East Las Vegas Community and Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.

The agenda for the January 27, 2005, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for January 27, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes for December 9, 2004 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Sharon Buck to be noted that she abstained from Agenda Item #8 on the December 9, 2004 meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Election of SNRPC Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

A motion was made and seconded for nominations for new Board Chair and Vice-Chair. The nominations were made for Denise Brodsky as Chair and Steve Kirk for Vice-Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Consent Agenda Items 5a thru 5f.

Item 5a. Authorize the replacement of the SNRPC Coalition Secretary and authorize Clark County to provide employee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the replacement of the SNRPC Coalition Secretary. The motion was approved.

Item 5b. Receive a request authorizing the Regional Planner to attend the National APA Conference with its related expenses.

Item 5c. Receive a report on the Regional Homeless Trust Fund, and authorize the SNRPC Chair to execute final documents.

Item 5d. Receive a Preliminary Budget for the SNRPC FY 2005-06.

Item 5e. Approve the process for evaluating the SNRPC Regional Open Space Plan request for proposals.

Item 5f. Receive a report on the Regional Fixed Guideway Steering Committee from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada.

Agenda Item 6. Performance Evaluations.

The motion was made to hold this item to till the end of the meeting. The motioned was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Performance Evaluations.

The motion was made to hold this item to till the end of the meeting. The motioned was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the Land Use Forecast.

Edward James, Regional Planner SNRPC, gave report on the Land Use Forecast from the RTCSN and SNRPC. This work group for the last six months has put together a record from all entities up to the year 2030. They now have an estimate that can be used for the RTC and for projections.

A motion was made to accept the report on the Land Use Forecast. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update on Yucca Mountain from Clark County .

Irene Navis, Comprehensive Planning, Planning Manager of Nuclear Waste Division, gave an update on the Yucca Mountain from Clark County regarding implementation of a monitoring program to track socioeconomic and environmental impacts of Yucca Mountain. A slide show program was given to committee members, including a website overview. Access to the website is www.monitoringprogram.com

A brief description was given, and the website is about 90% where they would like it to be at. Information about fiscal and economy is available. Index chart and tables are update able to be updated monthly, quarterly and annually. There is an archives page also available with methodology and definitions. Website is specific to Clark County, however statehood data is available.

A motion was made to accept the update on the Yucca Mountain from Clark County. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Receive an update from Clark County regarding the impact of the Yucca Mountain Project.

Irene Navis, Comprehensive Planning, Planning Manager of Nuclear Waste Division, gave an update on the Yucca Mountain Project. Applied Analysis workshops being made available to all respected jurisdictions. The workshop is about an hour long. A formal report will be available to the commissioners in the next two weeks so that information about the workshops is understood. Yucca Mountain at the federal level, there has been action with new leadership at the energy level, this may effect the time line and progress. A newspaper article posted yesterday predicts layoffs and cutting off of the Science department and the deadline for submitting the license being December 2005, a whole year later than expected. Focus will be on license and technology. Another impact at state and city level is the Draft Environmental Impact State, this involves major work over the next year with highways and railways. Irene just wanted to bring a few items that they are looking over and keeping an eye on, such as Public safety and assessment that is in progress as well as the Federal audits.

Yucca Mountain Advisory Committee discussions and ideas are dealing with disclosures or disclaimers. They are looking at planning documents to transportation plans that has been talked about in a public hearing.

Earliest completion of project is proposed for 2010. More information as it be comes available will be available on the website and or made available on Channel 4, which is made on video or turned into a fact sheet.

A motion was made to approve the update regarding the impact of the Yucca Mountain Project. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Receive a report on Clark County's Mix Use Ordinance.

Chuck Pulsipher, Planning Manager Clark County, gave report on Clark County's Mix Use Ordinance. Summarization report has already been given to committee member prior. Mr. Pulsipher stated they are working on solutions on concerns regarding air quality and public transportation.

A motion was made to approve the report on Clark County's Mix Use Ordinance. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 12. Receive a report on the City of Las Vegas's Mix Use Ordinance..

A brief report was given on the City of Las Vegas Mix Use Ordinance. This is the first ordinance since 1999. A new ordinance will be available early next month. A slide shoe presentation was briefly viewed and the ordinance will be a on a case by case basis, with the exception of the downtown area.

A motion was made to approve the report on the City of Las Vegas's Mix Use Ordinance. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 13. Receive a report on Legislative Action in the 2005 Session.

Dave Musgrove gave a very brief report on the Legislative Action in the 2005 Session. There are 76 bills on the list for discussion.

No motion was necessary on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 14. Receive draft resolutions regarding proposed Property Tax Caps.

Many issues concerning the Property Tax Caps were discussed. The most important concern was the education of the public of the tax cap issues and being pro active on awareness. A proposal was introduced for the 6% Cap by Mr. Schofield. Mr. Schofield stated that to be brutally honest he did not care who takes credit for the 6% Cap as long as it was considered because time is of the essence and anything below a 6% cap will only hurt us. Mayor Goodman and Mryna Williams both addressed concerns regarding the cap in regards to families who may need to sell their homes, renters, age restricted areas, state of the school district and economic hardships. All committee members are in agreement that we must go to the city with a plan and a proposal. Main obligations that were covered were 1) to protect and 2) to make sure we have a cap to provide service. A discussion of city managers and all entities getting together and having a meeting and making a possible final decision is in the works. Mr. Schofield states that again he will be more than happy to attend the meeting and provide resources and again will remove his name if needed from the proposed 6% Cap.

A motion was made for a special meeting to be scheduled as soon as possible to finalize proposal of 6% Cap. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously for all city managers and entities to attend a special meeting of the 6% Cap proposal.

Agenda Item 15. The next date and location for the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2005, at 3 PM, City of Boulder City.

Agenda Item 16. Public Comment.

At 5:43 PM the motion was made to call the meeting to recess with a discussion regarding the ability to deliberate or take action without a quorum. Legal counsel advised that without a quorum, item cannot be discussed. A closed session will be held until the next Coalition meeting and the motion was also noted that not so many items be on the next agenda.

Agenda Item 17. Adjournment.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.