

## MEETING MINUTES

### COALITION BOARD

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

**March 20, 2008**

**In attendance:**

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas  
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson  
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County  
Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, Alternate, Clark County

**Absent:**

Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County  
Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City  
Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District

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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 4:06 p.m., on Thursday, March 20, 2008, in the City Council Chambers, City of Las Vegas, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the March 20, 2008, 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 Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County, Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City and Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for March 20, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 20, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for January 17, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive Update reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update reports; and approve the Committee on Homelessness' membership and recommendations for AB 126 funding allocations.**

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, gave an update report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination

including: new Committee membership including alternates; AB 126 funding allocations for approval; Project Homeless Connect will be held at Cashman Field on April 10; the April 10 Committee on Homelessness meeting has been cancelled as a result of conflicting with Project Homeless Connect; and a summary of the Inclement Weather Shelter Program.

There was discussion by the Board about service providers turning away clients with past issues such as felonies; subsequent lapses in utility and rent payments by service providers and certain non-negotiable federal requirements; potential funding problems that may lead to cancellation of some services; employment of clients after transition; and federal housing restrictions.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, requested a listing of all federal programs with outstanding problems.

There was further discussion by the Board about the Continuum of Care (CoC) fund award total amount, disbursement plans and tracking and benchmarking needs.

Catherine Huang-Hera, Management Analyst, stated that information on Project Homeless Connect could be found at [www.helpopehome.org](http://www.helpopehome.org).

A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes to the Committee on Homelessness' membership and the recommendations for AB 126 funding allocations; and to send a letter, on behalf of the SNRPC Board, to HUD in recognition and thanks for the CoC funding award amount. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive an Update report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Accept the Update report; and approve the proposed 2008-2009 Committee on Youth Regional Budget.**

Darryl Martin, Clark County, gave an update report on the SNRPC Committee on Youth including: the effects of the state's budget cuts would be available at the next Board meeting and Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare were exempt, but agencies providing services to those departments would have cuts; and school violence via input from Clark County School District and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Mr. Martin asked to hold the Committee on Youth Regional Budget until the next Board meeting.

There was discussion by the Board about overall budget cuts in each jurisdiction then the Committee on Youth requesting a new position; the 2003 SNRPC resolution that was passed limiting SNRPC staff to only a regional planner and a secretary; no well developed job description or plan for housing or paying the proposed employee; and when the SNRPC Regional Planner was let go staff committed to working in-house among themselves regarding future work/duties.

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, stated he would not support any additional SNRPC staff positions, especially in light of the expected budget cuts.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the Committee on Youth budget approval until the next Coalition Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive the preliminary FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget. Recommended action – Approve the preliminary FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget.**

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, presented the preliminary FY 2008-2009 SNRPC Work Plan and

Budget as well as the “Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition – A Framework for Regional Sustainability in the Las Vegas Valley”.

There was discussion by the Board about “Other Programs as Assigned” in the Work Plan being a contingency; sustainability and several suggestions (i.e. solar rooftop incentives, monitoring existing tax rebates and incentives, etc.); clarification on the \$12,000 for the CBER/REMI partnership; and the costs associated with Census 2010.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item; but a recommendation was made to review the budget and decrease the overall amount wherever possible.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Status Report on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study. Recommended action – Accept the Update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study.**

Flinn Fagg, City of Las Vegas, gave an update on Phase II of the Regional Economic Study and stated that the SNRPC Technical Committee had approved holding a special consultant briefing with the Economic Development Directors on the final report on April 17.

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, stated that April 17 may not be a good meeting date after all; and Mr. Fagg responded that he would review the date and time with staff.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 9. Consider a proposed Veterans Health Complex Resolution. Recommended action – Adopt the proposed Veterans Health Complex Resolution.**

Flinn Fagg, City of Las Vegas, presented a proposed Veterans Health Complex Resolution.

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, read a revised Veterans Health Complex Resolution.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to adopt the revised Veterans Health Complex Resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2008, 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Henderson City Hall, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.**

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers at the City of Henderson City Hall, Henderson, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.**

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, submitted an article from the March 20, 2008, *Las Vegas Sun* titled “Doing the wrong thing – In a crass, thoughtless act, Pentagon decides to delay screening troops for head injuries” and an article from the March 20, 2008, *Las Vegas Review Journal* titled “Misconceptions cloud effort to aid traumatized veterans – Neighbors air objections to woman’s plans for group home.” Mr. Perna thanked the Board for their support of veterans because he doesn’t feel the federal government or the public support them. He said he “...appreciates when elected officials lead by example.” Mr. Perna concluded with comments regarding the importance of building domiciliaries on federal land so there would be less NIMBY’ism.

**Agenda Item 12. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.