

MEETING MINUTES SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

MARCH 25, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Chair, Clark County
Trustee Denise Brodsky, Vice Chair, Clark County School District
Commissioner Mark James, Clark County
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson

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

Commissioner Myrna Williams, vice Chair, called the meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition to order at 3:06 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the Clark County School District, 2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

The agenda for the March 25, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. After roll call it was determined that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for March 25, 2004.

Commissioner Williams suggested moving agenda items 7 and 10 to be heard first on the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and to address agenda items 7 and 10 first. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 29, 2004, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a presentation by the Southern Nevada Water Authority on their recently commissioned report: The Impact of a Growth Interruption in Southern Nevada; direct staff accordingly.

Each member received a copy of the Executive Summary of The Impact of a Growth Interruption in Southern Nevada (Exhibit A). Dick Wimmer, representing the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), stated that last year the SNWA commissioned a report on the impacts of an

interruption in growth to the economy in Southern Nevada. A similar report was commissioned in the early 1990's when there were significant challenges in terms of water resources. The same reason remains for the new report. Usually the first reflex suggestion when there is a water drought or serious challenges regarding water resources is to stop growth. Mr. Wimmer stated that there are two issues: 1) Using water to control growth has not been successful when this was applied in other states, and 2) the SNWA is not charged with the responsibility of making growth related decisions for the rest of the community. However, the SNWA commissioned the report to learn of the effects of a growth interruption and to also provide important information for discussion to the entities of the community.

Jeremy Aguero, representing Applied Analysis, presented an outline of their findings, an overview of the project, and an introduction to the analysis undertaken. Topics covered in their presentation included the following: 1) General Economic Overview which included population, employment and unemployment, income and earnings, gross regional product and output, and development; 2) Literature Review which included Southern Nevada and a normal growth curve, the nature of growth, the impact of rapid decline and the impact of growth limitations; 3) Comparative Analysis: Slow-growing vs. Fast-growing Regions; 4) Baseline Impact Considerations which included economic impacts, fiscal impacts, and social impact considerations; and 5) Conditional Impact Assessment which included findings in summary, analyzing the impact of growth interruption, and other conditional considerations.

After the presentation, the consultants answered questions stating that the estimates were generated by the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) Center for Business and Economic Research and are generated using a general equilibrium model by the name of REMI, which always comes back to the national average. In addition, all of the interruptions, as presented, have been understated. After discussion, the consultants were directed to explore initiatives on what the community can do now to better the impact of a growth interruption i.e.; "make the fall softer" and to establish specific suggestions that could become part of the SNRPC's work plan. Lastly, the consultants were encouraged to meet with the local Director of Homeland Security to discuss a "Plan B" if the community experienced a terrorist attack.

Agenda Item 10. Approve the SNRPC Draft Budget for FY 2004-2005; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the proposed SNRPC Budget for FY 2004-2005 (Exhibit B). Edward James, SNRPC Regional Planner, gave an overview of the proposed budget, stating that the normal budget items such as staff and operations are listed; however, the salary for the regional planner was carried over for approximately seven months until he was hired in February of this year. There are three work tasks that require funding: the majority of the funding would go toward an open space plan which is budgeted at \$150,000; Phase 2 of the Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality (LUTAQ) project is budgeted for \$25,000; and \$10,000 is budgeted for updating the Website. Mr. James requested approval for the budget. The members requested that all future budget proposals be itemized. In answering a question, Mr. James informed the members that hospitality cost is proposed for next year's fiscal budget.

After discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Regarding agenda item 7, a motion was made to direct staff to work with the consultants and establish community initiatives and options on how to have a “softer fall.” In addition, staff was directed to add the Impact of a Growth Interruption in Southern Nevada report to the Growth Summit study.

The members received agenda items 4, 5, and 6 together. Mr. James informed the members that the recommended motion for agenda item 4 is to approve the proposed name change of the Technical Committee on Homelessness. The recommended motion for agenda item 5 is to approve the proposed regional agreements and the 2004 Continuum of Care Work Plan, and the recommended motion for agenda item 6 is to approve the Work Plan for developing a Comprehensive Plan for Regional Homelessness.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a report and approve the request to change the name of the Technical Committee on Homelessness; take any necessary action.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report and approve the Interim Plan for Regional Homelessness; take any necessary action.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report and approve the Work Plan for developing a Comprehensive Plan for Regional Homelessness; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the Regional Homeless Services Funding Needs (Exhibit C); the 2004 Continuum of Care Process and Regulatory Requirements (Exhibit D); Nominees for the Regional Committee on Housing and Human Services and Committee Policies and Procedures (Exhibit E); and the 2004 Southern Nevada Process for the Federal Continuum of Care Competition Applicant Preference Point Self-Scoring Sheet (Exhibit F). Paula Haynes-Green, Clark County, stated that in an effort not to confuse the various SNRPC Technical Committees, it is recommended that the name of the Technical Committee on Homelessness’ name be changed to the Committee on Homelessness.

A motion was made to follow staff’s recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Haynes-Green continued, stating that the interlocal agreement to pay for the regional homelessness coordination was completed and all payments were made. The winter emergency shelter agreement has also been approved and the majority of the payments have been made; however, the agreement expires on April 20, 2004. Clark County has agreed to fund the homeless street and shelter count; nevertheless, two items remain that require agreements. First is the Community Assistance Center, which requires an interlocal agreement and the prorated share allocated to each entity, which will be an annual operating expense of approximately the same amount each year. Secondly is the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The amount outlined on Exhibit C is for start-up cost; however, the ongoing cost will probably be approximately the same amount. Ms. Haynes-Green requested an approval for both items. Ms. Haynes-Green informed the members that the HMIS system is part of the reason that the threshold requirements were not met for the Continuum of Care grant.

A motion was made to approve the proposed regional agreements and the 2004 Continuum of Care Work Plan. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. In addition, a motion was made to approve the Work Plan for developing a Comprehensive Plan for Regional Homelessness. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Hold discussion regarding the coordination of the Clark County Community Growth Management Initiative and the SNRPC; direct staff accordingly.

Rick Holmes, Assistant County Manager, stated that this item is a coordination item. The Clark County Commissioners have placed high importance on integration and coordination with the SNRPC regarding growth. The Clark County Community Growth Management Initiative has attempted to include all members of the SNRPC Coalition in the meetings and provided opportunities for policy-level discussions. Today's effort is to establish the best way to integrate the processes. The Growth Management Initiative has a 17 member Task Force and it will also have a Technical Committee consisting of service providers and agency representatives. The Task Force will give direction and request information from the Technical Committee. One suggestion is to coordinate the Growth Management Task Force's meetings with the SNRPC's Technical Committee by holding their meetings on the same day of the SNRPC Technical Committee; however, at an earlier time. Thus, discussion and information from the Growth Management Task Force meeting could be presented to the SNRPC Technical Committee and forwarded to the Coalition Board. These coordination efforts would be done in order to, on a regular basis, inform the SNRPC and to also get direction on how the SNRPC and the Growth Management Initiative's work should be combined. Mayor Goodman stated that the issue of growth should be seated with the SNRPC and it should be the Coalition's responsibility to address growth issues and arrive at a formal resolution. Councilman Cyphers agreed with Mayor Goodman, stating that she received her faxed invitation to the "Roll Out" meeting one hour and fifteen minutes before the meeting was scheduled to begin and has not received any communication, whatsoever, since. Councilman Cyphers continued, stating that she does not feel that she is being asked to be a participant in the growth initiative process, but rather a member of the audience. When it comes to regional issues, the planning should be done through the SNRPC where all of the elected officials sit equally. Mr. Holmes apologized on behalf of the staff coordination work in regards to the timeliness of the invitations. The policy forum meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. Councilwoman Smith stated that the growth management initiative planning will not have any effect unless the other entities adopt an interlocal agreement to give the plans authority. Using infill issues as an example, Mr. Holmes stated Clark County cannot affect the way in which other entities deal with urban infill; however, Clark County can take a look at their own policies, codes, etc. and, if they come up with good ideas they would like to share their findings with the other entities. There is no intent to try to impose any of the outcomes or findings on other jurisdictions. Commissioner James stated that he respected the comments from the SNRPC members and as a member of the Clark County Commission would state that it is not the intention of the Commission to usurp the authority of the SNRPC. The Clark County would like to work both cooperatively as part of the Growth Task Force and also accomplish as much as possible through the SNRPC. Commissioner James stated that the Commission is sensitive to the concerns of the other entities.

After discussion, Mayor Goodman made a motion to make the process that has been started by Clark County to be made part of the SNRPC's process and to have the committees that have been established make their presentations and studies to the Coalition Board, with the Coalition Board making the ultimate decisions. The motion was seconded and approved by a 6-1 vote with Commissioner James voting against the motion.

Agenda Item 9. Approve the proposed SNRPC Work Plan for FY 2004-2005; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the Proposed FY 2004-2005 SNRPC Work Plan (Exhibit G). Mr. James stated that the Work Plan implements many of the goals and policies of the adopted Regional Policy Plan of the SNRPC. There are fourteen different tasks identified for next year. Some are continuing tasks, such as the LUTAQ program. Mr. James stated that it is his intent to establish a reporting process to the Coalition on a regular basis based upon the Work Plan tasks. The recommended motion is to approve.

Councilman Cyphers recommended adding an economic diversification strategy, a regional action agenda Bureau of Land Management (BLM) review process, a statement of common principles, which are more detailed than the guiding principles that the Coalition currently has, and a concurrent consideration of land use, transportation, and air quality. Therefore, Councilman Cyphers suggested expanding the SNRPC Technical Committee to include the SNWA, RTC, and AQD, specifically Jacob Snow, Patricia Mulroy, and Christine Robinson. It was suggested that the Clark County Health District also be included.

A motion was made to approve the SNRPC Work Plan for FY 2004-2005, with a request to add the four additional entities to the SNRPC Technical Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Approve the 2003 population estimates for Clark County and its Cities and towns; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the Clark County, Nevada 2003 Population Estimates by Place (Exhibit H). Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, stated that this is a hold-over item from the last Coalition meeting. The recommendation is to accept and approve the population estimates that staff from all of the participating jurisdictions coordinated. The 2003 population estimate for all of Clark County was 1.6 million people.

A motion was made to accept and approve the 2003 Population Estimate. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 12. The next date and location for the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2004, 3:00 p.m. in Boulder City.

The members accepted the next date, time and location as stated above.

Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.

A motion was made and accepted for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.