

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

July 17, 2008

In attendance:

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Trustee Mary Beth Scow, Alternate, Clark County School District
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson

Absent:

Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District
Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas

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 4:03 p.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2008, in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.

The agenda for the July 17, 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 Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District, Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, City of Boulder City, Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, and Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas. Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for July 17, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to withdraw agenda item 8 (Update on the SNRPC Committee on Youth) and to approve the revised agenda for the July 17, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for May 15, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a Presentation on the Final Report of Phase II of the Regional Economic Study. Recommended action – Approve the Final Report of Phase II of the Regional Economic Study, and take any other appropriate action.

Dr. Alan Schlottmann, Theodore Roosevelt Institute, gave a basic introduction including a summary of Phase I of the Regional Economic Report. He then began a PowerPoint presentation titled “Southern Nevada Regional Economic Study Phase II: Strategic Recommendations”.

Mike Majewski, City of North Las Vegas, discussed “Land Availability for Targeted Economic Development”.

There was discussion by the Board about how loss of escrow and failed bids would potentially be handled.

Bob Cooper, City of Henderson, discussed “Inland Port and Regional Goods Movement”.

There was discussion by the Board about what legislative changes might be needed; deed restrictions; and potential land and rail requirements.

Scott Adams, City of Las Vegas, discussed “Intensified Development of Current Regional Best Practices”.

There was discussion by the Board about where mass transit fit in; and there was a suggestion that green technologies might be another niche to explore.

Lesa Coder, Clark County, discussed “Workforce Housing as a Determinant of Successful Cluster Development”.

There was discussion by the Board about consolidating the Valley’s housing authorities; and Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, requested a future Coalition Board agenda item on further discussion related to this.

Andrew Powell, City of Henderson, summarized via “Cooperation and Coordination:SNRPC as Southern Nevada’s Unified Voice”.

There was discussion by the Board about forming an official SNRPC subcommittee or working group between the jurisdictions’ Economic Development directors and Planning Directors to discuss and coordinate regional land use issues and other regional concerns.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Final Report of Phase II of the Regional Economic Study and to approve the formation of a working group or subcommittee regarding regional land use concerns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a Presentation on the Southern Nevada Jobs Housing Balance Study. Recommended action – Approve the Southern Nevada Jobs Housing Balance Study.

John Restrepo, Restrepo Consulting Group, gave a presentation on the Jobs Housing Balance Study via a PowerPoint presentation titled “So. Nevada Jobs Housing Balance Study – Major Study Findings”; and the Southern Nevada Jobs Housing Balance Study was also presented.

There was discussion by the Board about a down-payment assistance program; whether corporations who are not offering any incentives might be willing to work with mixed-use properties; impacts of the current economic downturn; transportation assistance programs; using this slow-growth period to evaluate and begin planning more effectively; and alternative incentives (i.e. rental assistance, bus passes, Park-n-Rides, etc.).

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. 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 update reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination including: the day shelter program began on June 11 and there have been no deaths to-date; an update on the cooling centers; this will be the first year the Inclement Weather Shelter Program is available year-round with no “down time” between summer and winter periods; and a Committee on Homelessness priority setting workshop was held on July 10 with the following three primary focus areas decided on: 1. Preventing homelessness with a focus on families; 2. Refine veterans services; and 3. Increase marketing by decreasing the stigma associated with homelessness and increasing trust fund and faith based community contributions.

Greg Abernathy, Southern Nevada VA Healthcare System, gave an update report on the Veterans Stand Down that was held between May 14 and 16. He also presented Board members with invitations to a Challenge Luncheon benefiting homeless veterans to be held on August 14 at Nevada Partners.

There was discussion by the Board about whether there were any veterans seeking housing who were denied it; and Mr. Abernathy stated that while there is not enough housing available for all homeless people, there is enough housing for all homeless people wanting it.

A suggestion was made by the Board to merge the Veterans Stand Down with Project Homeless Connect to increase participation and collaboration; but no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. – This agenda item was withdrawn.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an Update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Workgroup. Recommended action – Accept the Update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Workgroup.

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas, and Alan O’Neill, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, gave an update on the Regional Open Space and Trails Workgroup via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Open Space and Trails Workgroup Progress Update – July 17, 2008”.

A suggestion was made by the Board to color code the mile markers by jurisdiction; but no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2008, 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers at the City North Las Vegas’ City Hall, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.