

MEETING MINUTES SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

JULY 22, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Chair, Clark County
Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Mayor Robert Ferraro, Boulder City
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson
Trustee Denise Brodsky, Vice Chair, Clark County School District

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 3:07 p.m., Thursday, July 22, 2004, at the Clark County Government Center, Training Room #3, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

A roll call was taken and the above members were present.

The agenda for the July 22, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for July 22, 2004.

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

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2004, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a presentation on local/regional law enforcement issues; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of a letter from Commissioner Boggs McDonald (Exhibit A), and a matrix of the Law Enforcement Agencies Information (Exhibit B). Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald stated that there are no preconceived outcomes that are hoped to be accomplished by having this item on the agenda. The purpose for the item is to have an opportunity to understand the jurisdictional responsibilities, limitations, and ways that may be able to enhance cooperation among the police agencies that operate within Clark County. Mayor Goodman made comments regarding Southern Nevada consolidation and suggested the other law enforcement agencies from other jurisdiction be present if this item is heard again.

The members received four presentations and were given in the following order. Chief Elliott Phelps, representing the Clark County School District Police; Chief Rick Bishop, representing the Clark County Park Police; Lieutenant Karen Coyne, representing the Las Vegas Deputy Marshall Unit; and Executive Director Stan Olsen, representing the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The members received backup material regarding each agency (Exhibit C). Each presenter presented on the following topics: General Organizational Structure; Basic Functions and Responsibilities; Geographical Responsibilities or Limitations; Scope of Authority; Types of Crimes and Calls Handled; Training Methods and Requirements; Coordination and Communication between Agencies; Greatest Challenges or Constraints to your Agency; and Suggestions for more Efficient Operations. A request was made to do a study to explore the potential for merging law enforcement agencies in Southern Nevada and to review areas of duplication. The members were informed that the request would have to be placed as an agenda item on a future agenda.

After discussions, no action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 5. Discuss and consider a funding formula for funds to be allocated from participating local government entities and others for the operation of the Community Triage Center; direct staff accordingly.

Each member received a copy of an outline of the operations of WestCare Nevada (Exhibit D). Dan Musgrove, Clark County, stated that in 2002 the SNRPC recognized that the problems associated with emergency room overcrowding, detention facility overcrowding and the divert situation caused by the significant number of chronic inebriates and mentally ill persons who were being held in emergency rooms and jail cells because there was insufficient mental health services and mental health beds available is a regional problem. The idea of a Community Triage Center to assess, treat and stabilize these chronic inebriates outside of the jail, and emergency room environment was formed and WestCare of Nevada was contracted through an interlocal agreement to be the service provider. The interlocal agreement from all of the local jurisdictions for the funding lapsed June 20, 2004. The City of Las Vegas and Clark County along with the other partner's such as the local hospitals and the state, contributed funding in order to keep the program going for an additional two months. However, a new funding formula is needed. The program has demonstrated its value to the community by serving, therefore, staff is requesting to be allowed to continue working on a new funding formula and a new interlocal agreement so that the program can remain. Staff would present it to each of the various councils and boards to determine if they wish to continue funding the Community Triage Center. Commissioner

Williams stated that the local governments must keep lobbying the State regarding the issue of mental health.

After discussion, a motion was made to follow staff recommendation. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update on the Yucca Mountain Project; take any necessary action.

Mayor Goodman was excused from the meeting at this point. Each member received information regarding licensing proceedings for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain (Exhibit E), and information on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Exhibit F). Irene Navis, Clark County, informed the members that a court decision was made on July 9 by the United States District Court of Appeal, which gave some very important items in favor of the State of Nevada and other items that were a part of six court cases that were consolidated were not in the State's favor. Items that were not in the State's favor were a U.S. Constitutional Challenge and challenges to procedural issues related to the selection of the site and a vote the recommendation of the Secretary of Energy, the President of the United States and the vote of Congress. The State's legal team is meeting to discuss appeals. There will be an appeal regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's standards. Ms. Navis stated that what has to be done is to keep up with the process and moving toward license application. The ruling on the Environmental Impact Statement was that any party who had an interest in the Environmental Impact Statement on Yucca Mountain could challenge the Environmental Impact Statement at anytime during the license process.

(Due to equipment failure, the meeting was not recorded from this point in the meeting.)

After discussion, no action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report regarding the Federal Lands Subcommittee meeting held on June 10, 2004; take any necessary action.

Each member received a copy of the report of the nominations from Clark County, City of Henderson and North Las Vegas (Exhibit G). Ron Gregory, Clark County, informed the members that the Clark County was nominating a total of 143.75 acres for the 2005 sale; the City of Henderson is nominating 2096 in the 2005 sale, of which 27 parcels are being nominated for the 2004 sale; and North Las Vegas is nominating one parcel consisting of 601.32 acres in the 2005 sale.

No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item 8. The next date and location for the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2004, 3:00 p.m. in the City of Henderson.

The members accepted the next date, time and location as stated above. Councilwoman Smith requested that the meeting time for future Coalition Board meeting be changed to 3:30 p.m. This item is to be placed on the next agenda for action.

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Frank Perna, private citizen, made comment regarding the State's responsibility to take care of the mentally ill and also regarding the need for a homelessness trust fund. The HUD Homeless Summit that took place in September 2001; however, very little has been done in the course of 3 years on the issue of homelessness. There still remain over 2500 veterans on the street. Veterans have put their lives on the line for this Country. Mr. Perna concluded with comments regarding the treatment of the homeless.

Knight Allen, private citizen, made comment regarding consolidation stating that the Coalition Board consists of six agencies and works best when there are multiple agencies working together instead of one Czar. Mr. Knight asked if there would be any discussion regarding a 6% cap on property tax. He was informed that an item would be placed on the next agenda regarding this issue.

Private resident, Tom McGowan's, comments are attached.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.