

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

## COALITION BOARD

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

August 24, 2006

**In attendance:**

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, VICE CHAIR, City of Las Vegas  
Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Clark County School District  
Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City  
Councilman Steve Wolfson, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson  
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas  
Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County  
Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County

**Absent:**

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson  
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas

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

The special meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Board was called to order by Councilman Lawrence Weekly, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas, at 3:31 p.m., on Thursday, August 24, 2006, in the City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the August 24, 2006, special 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 Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson; Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas; and Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for August 24, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the August 24, 2006, special meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Receive newly designated members to the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness from Clark County, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition; and appoint a Chair. Recommended action – Accept the new SNRPC Committee on Homelessness members and appoint the Chair.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented newly designated members to the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness for approval as follows: Darryl Martin representing Clark County, Mark Stetz representing Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and Kathleen Boutin representing the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition. She also recommended that Darryl Martin be appointed chair of the Committee.

Mr. Martin introduced himself and briefly commented on the Committee on Homelessness and his background and history.

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, instructed Tom McGowan, private citizen, to hold his comments until the Public Comments agenda item. Mr. McGowan disagreed with this procedure but complied.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Darryl Martin, Mark Stetz and Kathleen Boutin as members of the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness and to appoint Mr. Martin as chair of the Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, commented on Mr. Martin's extensive background in the fields of homelessness and mental health.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an Update on the Homeless/In Shelter Count and Panhandling Study RFP. Recommended action – Allow the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness to award the contract for the Homeless/In Shelter Count and Panhandling Study at their September 21, 2006, meeting.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, discussed the history and timeline of the Homeless/In Shelter Count mandated by HUD and the proposed addition of a special panhandling study, similar to the one conducted by Denver, to the required count.

There was no discussion; and a motion was made and seconded to allow the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness to award the contract for the Homeless/In Shelter Count and Panhandling Study at their September 21, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2006, 3:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of Boulder City, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.**

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of Boulder City, 401 California Street, Boulder City, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.**

Tom McGowan, private citizen and homeless advocate, commented on the apparent lack of public interest and participation, especially with not letting the public make comments and provide input before motions are acted upon and passed. He recommended that public officials review the history of America and other countries to see what the cause and contributing factors of homelessness may be. Mr. McGowan read and submitted the following letter to the Board:

“More than five (5) years ago, and repeatedly since, you were advised that there IS a cure for ‘homelessness’, completely and permanently, in Southern Nevada, as well as elsewhere nationally and worldwide, at NO net cost to local public entities, but at a substantial profit in terms of both tangible and intangible socioeconomic benefits accrued and accruing to both local governments and to ‘homeless’ individuals and families, henceforth in perpetuity.

But you ignored my proposal, and millions of dollars have been wasted with no significant positive results.”

Mr. McGowan then proposed a 30-day deadline to cure the problem of homelessness in Southern Nevada, and he offered his approval of Darryl Martin.

Ted Russell, private citizen, thanked the Board members for their compassion and sincerity, especially for this passionate issue.

**Agenda Item 8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.