

## MEETING MINUTES

### COALITION BOARD

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

September 17, 2009

**In attendance:**

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, VICE CHAIR, Clark County  
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County  
Councilwoman Anita Wood, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas  
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas  
Trustee Terri Janison, Clark County School District  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson

**Absent:**

Councilman Cam Walker, CHAIR, City of Boulder City  
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas  
Councilwoman Kathleen Boutin, City of Henderson

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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 Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Vice Chair, Clark County, at 4:07 p.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2009, in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the September 17, 2009, 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 Cam Walker, City of Boulder City, Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas, and Councilwoman Kathleen Boutin, City of Henderson. Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for September 17, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the September 17, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for July 16, 2009.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive a Report and Presentation on the 2009 Long-Term Population Forecast. Recommended action – Accept the 2009 Long-Term Population Forecast.**

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented the 2009 Long-Term Population Forecast for Clark County.

There was discussion by the Board about growth for 2009; tracking people moving in and out of the Valley; and comparing to short-term population expectations.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2009 Long-Term Population Forecast. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a Briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada. Recommended action – Accept a Briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada, and take any necessary action.**

Doug Lyon, Clark County, gave a final briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada; and he announced that all nine members of the newly formed Regional Housing Board had been appointed.

There was discussion by the Board about this effort being a model for future efforts; concerns regarding HUD's continued support and funding; and other consolidation efforts should be looked at in the Valley.

Direction was given for Mr. Lyon to continue negotiation and funding discussions with HUD and to continue working toward a final conclusion.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item. Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive an Update on the Southern Nevada Regional Policy Plan, Overall Process Improvements, and/or future direction of the SNRPC. Recommended action – Accept the Update; and take any appropriate action.**

Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, gave an update and presented a memorandum on the future direction of the SNRPC and proposed a joint facilitated strategic planning workshop in November, 2009, or early 2010, with Technical Committee and Coalition Board members, to discuss topics such as: legislative direction toward consolidation, the SNRPC mission and annual work plan, the Regional Policy Plan, existing issues [i.e. homelessness, youth, housing, etc.], and growth and development.

There was discussion by the Board about accomplishing goals on a regional level; continuing to incorporate valid regional issues such as homelessness; maintaining meaningful and focused discussions; youth issues and the Clark County School District should be higher priorities; pros and cons of waiting to hold a strategic planning session until after a special Legislative Session is held so impacts of potential Legislative direction can be evaluated; and ensuring that Board members aren't "talked at" but rather have an avenue for discussion.

Topics suggested by Coalition Board members for inclusion in the strategic planning workshop include: streamlining policies among jurisdictions for businesses and/or business licenses; parks and cultural arts; uses for vacant industrial/commercial properties; evaluating programs that already exist and building upon those; and working toward Legislature's mandate of consolidation and other potential directives.

A motion was made and seconded to approve holding a joint strategic planning session no later than the end of January, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a Presentation on a Proposed Plan for a Homeless Community (per a request from Dr. Joseph D'Angelo and approved by Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas).**

**Recommended action – Accept the Presentation; and take any necessary action.**

Dr. Joseph D'Angelo, Living Water Ministries, presented a proposal for "Joshua's Community, a Homeless Community of Southern Nevada". Dr. D'Angelo stated that, on September 8, 2009, he had submitted this proposal to the Secretary of Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as well as to other federal and state entities.

There was brief discussion by the Board about specifics of the modular units and proposed layout of the facility.

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, invited Dr. D'Angelo to coffee for future discussion; and Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, requested time for review and evaluation of the proposal.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 9. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Vice Chair, Clark County, stated that the next regular Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.**

Harry Batiste, homeless advocate, commented on the exploitation of the homeless; providing opportunities and chances for redevelopment; affordable housing; and many people were one paycheck away from becoming homeless and losing their homes. Mr. Batiste expressed concern that public individuals were excluded from agencies receiving public money and that agencies have too many restrictions and limitations and are unable to help.

Frances Cothiere, private citizen, spoke about his history and personal experiences with being homeless, and he commented on the surprising types of homeless people he'd met (i.e. former Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officer, many college degree holding people, etc.). Mr. Cothiere stated that two of the biggest barriers he'd faced were having no identification and poor image (i.e. not being able to regularly shower, shave or have clean clothes).

James (did not give last name), private citizen, spoke about his history and personal experiences with being homeless.

Roselynn Griggs, private citizen, spoke about her mobile oil change business with all proceeds going toward a homeless day shelter. She commented about the price limitations for rehabbing vacant homes, and she stated that purchasing the home was not the issue but many times rehab costs were astronomical and prohibitive.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, recommended researching stimulus fund availability and/or purchasing foreclosed houses.

Shawna (did not give last name) and Sharon (did not give last name), private citizens, spoke about how ShadeTree would not admit Sharon because, even with her medication, she has problems with seizures.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, directed staff to look at exclusionaries or barriers of the providers.

Don Coles, private citizen, spoke about difficulties facing the homeless with disabilities, and he commented on the facilities included in Dr. D'Angelo's proposal (i.e. medical assistance, dieticians, counseling, etc.).

**Agenda Item 11. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.