

MEETING MINUTES SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustee Denise Brodsky, Vice Chair, Clark County School District
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Mayor Robert Ferraro, Boulder City
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson

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

School Board Trustee Denise Brodsky, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition to order at 3:06 p.m., Thursday, September 23, 2004, at the City of Henderson's Convention Center, Grand Ballroom D, 200 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada 89015.

The agenda for the September 23, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for September 23, 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 July 22, 2004, meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Brodsky recommended hearing the public comment after this item. The members agreed.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a presentation on proposed property tax issues by Clark County Assessor, Mark W. Schofield; receive the presentation and take appropriate action.

Each member received a proposal packet (Exhibit A). Edward James, SNRPC Regional Planner, introduced Mark Schofield, Clark County Assessor, to give the report on this item. Mr. Schofield gave a detailed presentation on the background and impact of property tax issue, indicating that there will be a significant increase in property assessment next year and that citizen initiatives may be presented to the State Legislature limiting property taxing authority. He suggested a proactive alternative by requesting the Legislature to adopt a "6%" Property Tax Cap.

(Due to equipment failure this meeting is not available on tape)

After Mr. Schofield's presentation, public comment was made by Knight Allen, private citizen, urging support for the 6% cap. Mr. Knight's opinion on the issue is attached. (Exhibit B).

Mayor Goodman requested information on what effect Proposition 13 would have on businesses. Mr. Schofield stated that it would roll back taxes to 2001/2002 then capitalize on increased tax rate and value. It would eliminate equality.

After discussion, a motion was made to direct the Regional Planner to work with the SNRPC Technical Committee to formulate the SNRPC's position for the Legislature and report back to the Coalition Board at their November 18th meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. James informed the members that agenda items 5, 6, and 7 could be addressed concurrently.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a presentation from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada on the FY 2003 Annual Report.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a presentation from the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management on the FY 2003 Annual Report.

Agenda Item 7. Receive the proposed bi-annual Report to the State of Nevada, in compliance with NRS 278.0258 and 4445B.595; approve and authorize the SNRPC Chair to sign and forward the report to the appropriate agencies.

Each member received a copy of the FY 2003 Annual Report from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (Exhibit C), a copy of the FY 2003 Annual Report from the Clark County Department of Air Quality Management (Exhibit D), and a proposed bi-annual report regarding land use, air quality, and transportation (Exhibit E). Mr. James informed the members that the bi-annual letter from the SNRPC to the State of Nevada addressing Land Use, Transportation and Air Quality programs during the past two years is due on October 1, 2004. The activities of the SNRPC, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), and the Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) are to be included in the letter. This year, it is proposed that the Annual Reports from RTC and DAQEM be attached to the letter and serve as the body of information from those entities. The Annual Report is presented as an informational item that would be attached to the State of Nevada letter.

A motion was made to receive the 2003 Annual reports and to approve and authorize the Chair of the SNRPC to sign and forward the reports to the appropriate agencies. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the Joint Selection nominations for BLM land sales.

Each member received a summary of the BLM Land Sales Nominations and the nominations for Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (Exhibit F).

A motion was made to receive the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a report on the local government's nominations for Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas from the Round 6 SNPLMA Special Account.

Information outlined in Exhibit F addressed this item. Mr. James informed the members that the local governments' nominations for funding from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act special Account for Round 6 total \$875,717,000. Clark County is sponsoring nominations for Boulder City and the Regional Transportation Commission.

A motion was made to receive the report. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a SNRPC FY 2003-2004 Expenditure Report.

Each member received a copy of the SNRPC Expenditure Report (Exhibit G). Mr. James stated that in conformance with the adopted Work Plan requiring the Regional Planner to make reports to the Coalition Board, expenditures for FY 2003-04 are outlined in the Exhibit. As indicated on the report, funds have carried over from 2003 and 2004. Mayor Goodman requested that a follow up report be presented at the next Coalition Board meeting.

A motion was made to accept the report and direct Mr. James to give a follow up report at the next Coalition Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Establishment of a process to produce press releases for important milestones and accomplishments by the SNRPC; direct staff accordingly.

Mr. Wadlaw informed the members that the SNRPC could use press releases as a method of getting the word out on the major accomplishments and activities of the organization. The Planning Directors believe that it could be an effective tool for the SNRPC to use. Staff is seeking direction on a process for the review and authorization of press releases for the organization. The process would consist of the Public Information Officers from each jurisdiction working together to generate press releases and Mr. James would coordinate with the PIO's to release items that have been approved by the SNRPC Chair.

A motion was made to accept the process. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 12. Establishment of a process for the review of SNRPC employee performance; direct staff accordingly.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, stated that the SNRPC now funds two employees, the Regional Planner and the Coalition Secretary. Although they are technically employed by the City of Las Vegas and Clark County, respectively, input from the SNRPC for their performance evaluations is needed. Each employee should receive an evaluation at least once per year based on their date of hire or as established by the rules of the employing entity. The purpose of the employee appraisal is to inform the employee about areas of needed improvement and to identify areas where he or she meets or exceeds job performance requirements.

After discussion, a motion was made to hold the employee evaluations one hour prior to the regularly scheduled Coalition meeting on November 18th. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 13. Consider changing the time of the Coalition Board meetings; take appropriate action.

The members held discussion regarding changing the meeting time to 3:30 p.m. Mr. Wardlaw stated that the topic has arisen in the past and after looking at different dates and times, it was determined that the 4th Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. was the best date and time for the Coalition Board meetings.

A motion was made to keep the established date and time for the Coalition Board meetings. This motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 14. The next date and location for the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2004, 3:00 p.m. in the City of North Las Vegas.

In order to perform employee evaluations, the November 18 meeting was approved to at 2:00 p.m. A closed evaluation would be performed and the regular scheduled meeting would resume at 3:00 p.m., at the City of North Las Vegas.

Councilman Cyphers directed staff to place an item on the November 18th agenda regarding the Coalition Board meeting on a monthly bases beginning January 2005, during the Legislative session.

Agenda Item 15. Public Comment.

Public comments from Knight Allen are attached.

Agenda Item 16. Adjournment.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.