

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

November 17, 2005

In attendance:

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, CHAIR, Clark County School District
Mayor Robert Ferraro, City of Boulder City
Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson
Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County
Councilman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, 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 Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Chair, Clark County School District, at 3:35 p.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the November 17, 2005, 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, and Commissioner Lynette Boggs McDonald, Clark County. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, arrived after Roll Call, although quorum was met without her.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for November 17, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the November 17, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for September 22, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2005, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on Day Laborers. Recommended action – Receive the Update, provide input and feedback and take any necessary action.

James Spinello, Clark County, gave an update on Day Laborers and discussed staff, stakeholders and stakeholder additions listed on the provided handout as well as a template of Proposed Framework and Operational Recommendations and Recommended Operational Practices for Day Labor Centers.

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, asked whether there was a nonprofit recommended for delegation at this time; and Mr. Spinello responded that several were discussed at the stakeholder meeting but no specific

one was recommended at this time.

Mayor Goodman asked if there had been any identification of where day laborers are concentrating; and Mr. Spinello responded that each jurisdiction seemed to have one or more specific areas of identified day labor concentration.

Mayor Goodman asked if there was a timeline in mind for getting them (day laborers) into these centers; and Mr. Spinello responded that the County's next step, and the next recommended step for each of the jurisdictions, would be to look at the template and "go from there."

Mayor Goodman commented, "So much of the things that we do in government is we talk about it, and we don't do anything about it. And this is one of the areas that I'm very concerned that...day laborers are concentrated...It's a huge issue for business owners as well as the people who live in the area, and I'd really like to see it addressed a lot sooner than later." He then asked what the next step was; and Mr. Spinello responded, "Each jurisdiction needs to take this template, and go to its policy makers and determine how they wish to address it."

Mayor Goodman asked, "So we're all on our own"; and Mr. Spinello responded, "Essentially, but with the template."

Mayor Goodman commented, "If we're on our own then what happens if we set ours up first, and then we'll probably have folks from the other jurisdictions come and use our facilities; and that's what has happened in our Homeless Corridor, so to speak. I really would like to avoid that. I'd like it if we could have coordination with the other entities so that everybody sets up their facilities simultaneously and takes care of their individual day workers..."

Mr. Spinello responded that "...experience in other parts of the country is not that. That day labor centers can't be set up in a central area and expect day laborers who are congregating in other areas to flock to that one. The reality is, and the reality that we probably would need more than one to cover a larger urban area is that, where they tend to congregate is where you need to situate these centers in order for them to be of any effect."

Councilman Lawrence Weekly, City of Las Vegas, commented, "...We've had conversations with (the) Latin Chamber of Commerce... We've brought the Mexican Consul to the table as well to assist us because of some of the language barriers that we've been experiencing...When the Mayor asked a question as far as what's the next step, it sounds like there isn't a next step. It just sounds like 'Here we go again,' as I said at the last meeting this is just a spin-your-wheels type session, and it's just lip service...There is a day laborer site that was established several years ago on Washington and A Street, and...the State is not involved in this conversation...to talk about how we can reactivate this particular facility...I just believe that, it's just like if we were called to order on how we dealt with the situation over at West Care...If it's that important, we'd do something about it...I'm not understanding why is it that all these professionals can't seem to come together to solve this particular problem or at least come up with some type of meaningful solution."

Mr. Spinello responded, "Actually, that's what the template does provide. I will tell you that among the entities and the staff representing the entities...each had a problem. There's a recognition from some that there is, but not by all."

Mayor Goodman commented, "...That's the way we started off with our discussion with this Planning Coalition as far as the homeless was concerned...It was by the will of this Coalition that we got the entire community to buy into the fact that homelessness was a regional problem. This is a regional problem. It's not just going to be over there at Rancho and Bonanza. These folks are going to be spread throughout the community before they're through, and we really do have to address it. So what I'm hearing, maybe I'm

hearing it wrong, is that we're on our own, and we better do something about it on our own."

Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, stated she thought the County was moving forward and taking the lead on what they felt they needed to do regarding this and asked if the other entities wanted to then they could also follow the template; and Mr. Spinello responded that the County was hopefully going to get approval from their policy makers to go forward, and an area had been identified as having a definite problem that would also hopefully get approved.

Mayor Goodman stated, "...The area that we're talking about at Rancho and Bonanza is in the City but in the County, too. I think we'd better work together in order to take care of that because that's the principal place that the day laborers are. I think the City and the County better get together and get a solution under this template."

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, stated that "...I know the area in the County that has been impacted by this and I would say it's very, very close or as much as the area you're (Mayor Goodman) talking about; and I think the reality is that those people are not going to go to any other area, they'll continue to go to the areas they're going to. So the solution, I think, (is) everybody should work together. But realistically you can't have a central place for day laborers. Because it just doesn't work. It's been tried in other places..."

Mr. Spinello added that "The tendency is, as research has demonstrated, they tend to congregate in areas adjacent to where they're able to find work..."

A motion was made and seconded to receive the update and have the working group continue working on the issue. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the Workforce Housing Subcommittee. Recommended action – Approve having two nonprofit affordable housing developers on the Workforce Housing Subcommittee.

Doug Bell, Clark County, asked for a second nonprofit affordable housing developer on the Workforce Housing Subcommittee; and he gave a brief update on the Subcommittee, including the establishment of four sub-workgroups (Legislative Issues, Housing Development, Housing Finance and Housing Authorities).

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to have two nonprofit (affordable) housing developers on the Workforce Housing Subcommittee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive the Proposed 2006 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule. Recommended action – Accept and approve the 2006 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule.

Jennifer Olsen, Coalition Secretary, presented the proposed 2006 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule and asked if it was acceptable for the November, 2006, Coalition Board meeting to be held after Thanksgiving on the 5th Thursday of the month. She also stated that this schedule included a recommendation by the Planning Directors to plan for Coalition Board meetings on the 4th Thursday of every month, with regularly scheduled Board meetings being conducted as usual, and the alternate months being held on calendars for workshops or special meetings, only as needed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2006 Master Meeting Schedule. The motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, requested that this be explained to and confirmed with his scheduler.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on LUTAQ Modeling Efforts. Recommended action – Accept the Report and direct staff accordingly.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, gave an update on LUTAQ Modeling Efforts and stated that the model is complete; and staff from the LUTAQ working group are developing a report, including policy recommendations, that will be finalized and presented early next Spring (early in 2006). He also stated that the LUTAQ consultants would be available for questions after the (Board) meeting with a working model for a hands-on demonstration.

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to accept the LUTAQ report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a report on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Receive the Report and take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Clark County, introduced herself as the new Regional Homeless Coordinator and gave an update on the Inclement Weather Program, including the Summer and Winter Shelter Programs, the Off-Site Lodging Program and the AB 580 funded programs.

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, asked if Ms. West was working closely with Trina Robinson (City of Las Vegas); and Ms. West responded that she was, and all entities had staff representatives on the evaluation committee that helped with the contract negotiations.

Ms. West also gave an additional status update on the AB 580 funded contracts, including Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and the unprecedented Consortium of providers.

There was no discussion, and a motion was made and seconded to accept the Regional Homeless Coordination report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Discussion on an SNRPC Meeting Minute Transcriber. Recommended action – Hold discussion, provide input and feedback and take any necessary action.

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Clark County School District, stated, "...When we had Jennifer Olsen's (Coalition Secretary) evaluation we had mentioned a transcriber because of the amount of committees and meetings that she goes to for all the entities. I just wondered if there was any desire to just get a dollar amount to know what that would be for the amount of meetings that there are to be transcribed. From that point it would come back as a report, and we would decide if it was something we wanted to move on."

Commissioner Myrna Williams, Clark County, asked if the discussion was about a piece of machinery or equipment; and Trustee Brager-Wellman responded it was about a person to help lighten the workload of the Coalition Secretary.

Commissioner Williams asked if there was an idea on the associated cost; and Trustee Brager-Wellman responded that it "...wouldn't necessarily be full-time, and it might be as an 'as-needs' where you would hire a temp to do that if there was an abundance of meetings...I don't have a dollar amount because I thought we would let...the County go ahead and get that for us so that we would have a dollar amount that was very factual."

Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, suggested contacting a court reporting agency; and Trustee Brager-Wellman agreed and added she was wondering if there was agreement to even have the idea researched.

Councilman Amanda Cyphers, City of Henderson, stated, "I'm willing for us to look at it. As we had talked to Jennifer (Olsen) in our meeting before we had found out that there are days that she's taking work home to catch up because of the transcribing that gets into conflict of times, and we don't have the way to give her compensation for that. So we saw this as a possible way to alleviate so she wasn't taking work home, and she'd be able to keep within the hours that should only be expected of her..."

Commissioner Williams added, "I'm willing to look at it, too..."

There was no motion or action required on this item.

Agenda Item 11. The next date and location for the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2006, 3:30 p.m., in the Pueblo Room at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Trustee Susan Brager-Wellman, Chair, Clark County School District, stated that the next meeting was scheduled for January 26, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., in the Pueblo Room at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.