

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

November 20, 2008

In attendance:

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Councilwoman Andrea Anderson, VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson
Commissioner Susan Brager, Clark County
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County
Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas
Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian, City of Las Vegas
Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District

Absent:

None

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 Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, Chair, City of North Las Vegas, at 4:02 p.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2008, in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the November 20, 2008, 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. Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without him.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the agenda for November 20, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to withdraw agenda item 8 (Update on the SNRPC Committee on Youth) and revise the order of the agenda as follows: agenda items 1 through 4; followed by agenda items 9 through 12; then agenda items 7, 6 and 5; concluding with agenda items 13 through 16; and to approve the revised agenda for the November 20, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the minutes for September 18, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Committee on Youth. – This agenda item was withdrawn.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of a Home Performance Energy/Sustainability Audit and Retrofit Program. Recommended action – Approve the Interlocal Agreement for Home Performance.

Tom Perrigo, City of Las Vegas, presented an Interlocal Agreement for the establishment of a Home Performance Energy/Sustainability Audit and Retrofit Program via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Home Performance Coalition Board – Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition.”

There was lengthy discussion by the Board about the following: charges to customers; the poor economy; public notification via electric/water bills, television, radio, internet, etc.; potential tax benefits (i.e. credits and/or rebates) or grant subsidies to counter the initial expenses to customers; measuring response by the public; marketing plan to retrofit homes; certification criteria for auditors; whether foreclosure homes could be retrofitted to train auditors; potential liabilities to endorsing and/or certifying specific contractors; whether the interlocal agreement will include foreclosure assistance with the Housing Authorities or Cities; who the target market is; promotion expectations; and goals and responsibilities.

There was further specific discussion by the Board about pilot program funding and this amount already being part of the approved SNRPC budget; whether this was a single contribution or recurring annually; \$40,000 is from the SNRPC then matching from other sources; how the money was to be spent; staff position was to be hired and managed by the Springs Preserve; the timeliness of the issue versus expectations for success; and whether the SNRPC funding portion could be withheld until program development was evaluated.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Home Performance with a stipulation that an initial report be made after the first 6 months and mandatory quarterly reviews afterward. The motion was approved by a Super Majority (8 out of 10 members); but Mayor Oscar Goodman, City of Las Vegas, and Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, voted against it.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a Presentation on the Scope of Work and Overall Process for a 2010 Census Outreach Program Coordinator Contract. Recommended action – Approve the Scope of Work and overall process for contracting for a 2010 Census Outreach Program Coordinator.

Steve Swanton and Rich Wassmuth, both with the City of Las Vegas, presented a Scope of Work, Overall Process and Contract Template for a 2010 Census Outreach Program Coordinator.

There was discussion from the Board about who the project manager was; performance standards being included; comparing with results from the 2000 census; and precedence already being established from the 2000 census for contracting out to ensure no duplication of efforts and increased effectiveness.

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, requested individual briefings before the March Coalition Board meeting since the money for this had already been approved in the SNRPC budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Scope of Work and overall process for contracting for a 2010 Census Outreach Program Coordinator. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Receive a Report on the 2008 Consensus Population Estimate. Recommended action – Approve the 2008 Consensus Population Estimate.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County, presented the 2008 Consensus Population Estimate.

There was discussion from the Board about comparisons to previous years; what the source of data was; and potential effects to the fourth Congressional seat.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008 Consensus Population Estimate. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 12. Receive the Proposed 2009 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule. Recommended action – Approve the Proposed 2009 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule.

Jennifer Olsen, SNRPC Secretary, presented the proposed 2009 SNRPC Master Meeting Schedule.

Councilwoman Shari Buck, City of North Las Vegas, recommended a central location for the Coalition Board meetings instead of rotating locations.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 SNRPC meeting dates, keep the Coalition Board meeting start time at 4:00 p.m., and conduct Coalition Board meetings in Clark County Commission Chambers if possible. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an Update on the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Recommended action – Accept the Update on the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and take any necessary action.

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, gave an update on the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to offer endorsement support for the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program development. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination. Recommended action – Accept the Update Reports on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update on the SNRPC Regional Homeless Coordination including the Winter Shelter Program had opened; the Winter Census Count would be conducted at the end of January and would be compared to the 2007 Winter Census Count; and results and statistics from October's Project Homeless Connect.

There was discussion from the Board about including coordination on the Winter Census Count with all homeless service providers; including the homeless in hospitals; and when, specifically, the Winter Census Count would take place.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a Presentation on Earth Hour 2009. Recommended action – Approve the Presentation on Earth Hour 2009.

Tom Perrigo, City of Las Vegas, gave a presentation on Earth Hour 2009 via a PowerPoint presentation titled "60 Earth Hour – bringing the earth together to fight climate change."

There was no discussion by the Board; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report on Earth Hour 2009 and direct staff to work on coordination efforts as needed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 13. Receive a Briefing on the Regional Approach of the Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada. Recommended action – Accept a Briefing on the Regional Approach of the Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada, and take any necessary action.

Doug Lyon, Clark County, gave a briefing on the Regional Approach of the Local Housing Authorities in Southern Nevada.

Ken Lobene, Las Vegas office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), gave a brief update on HUD's expected roles and contributions.

There was no discussion by the Board; and no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 14. The next date and location for the regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m., in Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Councilwoman Stephanie Smith, City of North Las Vegas, stated that the next Coalition Board meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Trustee Ruth Johnson, Clark County School District, requested a future Coalition Board agenda item on budget cuts and legislative platforms involving education.

Councilman Steve Kirk, City of Henderson, requested an update on where the current SNRPC budget is to-date.

Agenda Item 15. Public Comment.

Irene Navis, Clark County, gave a brief update on the U.S. Surface Transportation Board proceedings regarding Yucca Mountain, and she stated that a public hearing had been granted and would be held on December 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, submitted an article from the November issue of *Forgotten Voice* titled "Sleep Deprivation: There is No Place to Sleep, Part 2"; and he submitted a letter dated November 18, 2008, that was addressed to the SNRPC Board:

"I want to bring to your attention a commentary by Cliff Harrison printed in "Forgotten Voice", our homeless newspaper, on sleep deprivation.

A prime example of this deliberate policy is the RTC and our CAT bus system which is a necessity for the homeless. We know that approximately 40% of the homeless population suffers some degree of mental problems, from depression to more serious problems which are exacerbated by this deliberate sleep deprivation.

Mental health professionals should be consulted and ordinances then revoked. We need more shelter space and tolerance toward the homeless. Please read two examples of "sleep deprivation" and "Deliberate inducement sleep deprivation" which describes the negative effects, in Mr. Harrison's commentary. Are we contributing to persons who are "service resistant"?

Yesterday I discovered a void in service to homeless veterans. Although Senator Reid's

office had a list of all veterans administration Southern Nevada services available, the information was not readily available from non profits that service veterans. There is a need for more cooperative communication and coordination among government, advocates and non profits.”

Adeline Gremlin, private citizen, had questions about the proposed energy audit program.

Agenda Item 16. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.