

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

February 23, 2016

In attendance: Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, CHAIR, Clark County
Trustee Patrice Tew, VICE CHAIR, Clark County School District
Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Sam Bateman, City of Henderson
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Councilman Cam Walker, City of Boulder City

Absent: None

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order; notice of agenda conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law Requirements

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Board was called to order by Commissioner Giunchigliani, Clark County, Chair, at 4:02 p.m., on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

It was confirmed that the agenda for the February 23, 2016, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Roll Call

Members of the SNRPC Board, as listed above, were present.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for February 23, 2016

A motion was made by Councilman Beers to approve the agenda for the February 23, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the January 26, 2016 meeting

A motion was made by Councilwoman Schroder to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Discuss transitioning the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness from the SNRPC to the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board; discuss any other options including no change.

Mario Bermudez, Clark County Planning Manager, introduced Tim Burch and Mike Pawlak to present this item. Commissioner Giunchigliani then announced that Tim served as the Director of Clark County Social Services but is now the Director of Family Services and Mike Pawlak is now the Director of Social Services. Tim stated that Social Services was the home agency for the Committee on Homelessness (CoH) support staff and the regional homeless coordinator. The HEARTH Act was enacted by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency which dictates how homelessness is defined and reported in regards to housing first. The HEARTH Act established a Continuum of Care (CoC) program to address homelessness and created specific regulations and requirements that jurisdictions must meet to be competitive for federal funding.

Inside the CoC sits about 13 million dollars which goes to fund supportive and permanent supportive housing for our community. The CoH sends out a solicitation and providers submit their applications. Representatives from each jurisdiction as well as community partners help rank and score those applications for submission to the HUD Agency to determine who the qualified applicants are to receive the resources. HUD will then contract with those providers directly, but it's up to the CoC to submit the application and do the work to ensure that we have the most competitive application as we are competing with every other jurisdiction in the country for funds. For the past several years we have continued to grow our CoC program and increase our budget and was recently recognized for being ranked as a functional zero, which means if veteran comes to town and wants to receive services, our program is large enough to provide it.

The HEARTH Act has directed that all agencies that have interaction with the homeless must have collaboration, not only with local constituents, but with any non-profit agency or group, hospitals and even law enforcement agencies need to have representation in the decision making process. With this in mind, CCSS personnel sat down with representatives from the City of Las Vegas and created the Continuum of Care Board plan that was adopted, ratified and sent to HUD with our last Continuum of Care application. This is in line with the requirements from the HEARTH Act and what we want to do now is tie the CoC Board to the funding stream and remove the local bureaucracies from the process as much as possible, which will allow more of the money received to go towards housing and not program management.

A motion was made by Councilman Cherchio to approve the transition of the Committee on Homelessness from the SNRPC to the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board. The motion as approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report regarding the SNWA Water Smart Landscape Program Plant List

Sean Robertson from City of Henderson presented Patrick Watson from the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA). Copies of the plant list were provided from the SNWA website and presented to the SNRPC members. The Urban Forestry Workgroup developed this plant list in collaboration with subject matter experts across the valley to assist developers, landscapers and other entities, as well as the general

public, to have a guide to ensure we are using appropriate landscape material that is appropriate for the Las Vegas Valley. The list provides all the pertinent information on trees and shrubs, including estimated height, width, water use and general maintenance guidelines.

This list was originally approved by the SNRPC in 2011 and has since been incorporated by the planning agencies of all jurisdictions in Southern Nevada. When the Urban Forestry Workgroup had completed the list, they turned it over to the SNWA for ongoing maintenance and implementation. Patrick also stated that the SNWA coordinates with The Springs Preserve, and although The Springs plant list is a little more sophisticated in terms of some exotic plants that can survive an arid environment, the SNWA plant list also comes with canopy coverage that is handed out with the Water Smarts Landscape Program.

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to accept the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Discuss the board meeting schedule for 2016

Commissioner Giunchigliani opened up the discussion on the meeting schedule. Councilman Cherchio requested that a meeting be held in May and then at the end of the summer. Mario Bermudez was consulted about any items that needed to be considered. The Board was advised that a meeting was required in April to vote on the budget. A motion was made by Trustee Tew that the Board would meet in April with the next meeting being tentatively scheduled for September. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. The next date and location of the SNRPC Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., in the Clark County Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 10. Member Comment.

No member comment was made.

Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.