

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

August 26, 2014

In attendance: Councilman Wade Wagner, CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Cam Walker, VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas
Trustee Linda E. Young, Clark County School District
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Councilman Sam Bateman, City of Henderson
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas

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 Councilman Wagner, City of North Las Vegas, Chair, at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 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 August 26, 2014, 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. Councilman Barron, Councilman Beers, and Commissioner Giunchigliani arrived slightly after roll call.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment.

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas and Chair of the SNRPC Regional Open Space and Trails Work Group, and Mauricia Baca, Outside Las Vegas Foundation, presented an update on the upcoming Get Outdoors Nevada Day event which will be held in the City of North Las Vegas at Craig Ranch Regional Park and which has been approved as an official Nevada Sesquicentennial event.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for August 26, 2014.

A motion was made by Trustee Young to approve the agenda for the August 26, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the May 27, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Schroder to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. CONSENT ITEMS a. 2014 Population Forecasts: Long-Term Projections and b. Southern Nevada Strong Consortium Committee nominee. Recommended action – Accept and approve all consent items.

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve the Consent Items. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an update for EnergySmart Education, a collaborative effort to provide training and curriculum materials related to energy efficiency and sustainability to teachers at CCSD. Recommended action – Receive the update.

Amelia Gulling, Desert Research Institute, presented an update on the EnergySmart Education program to which the SNRPC has provided support. The Program provides teacher training and outreach materials to promote student understanding of energy efficiency and to promote STEM topics (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). The curriculum has been expanded to include K-5 along with middle school and high school. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 8. Receive information regarding the Community Resilience Project. Recommended action – Approve the project as a part of the Sustainability Workplan.

Tom Perrigo, City of Las Vegas, gave a brief update on this effort to create an inventory of all the major systems that support Southern Nevada. The systems being looked at include water, power, food, and transportation. The systems will be reviewed from both the supply and consumption sides. This effort will show how Southern Nevada is one of the most efficient regions in the West and a safe place to start and grow a business. Mr. Perrigo emphasized the desire for this effort to be supported by the SNRPC to demonstrate regional support. University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Downtown Design Center has been contracted with to perform the project.

Councilman Coffin made a motion to approve the project as part of the Workplan and to approve the expenditure of funds for this project. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive the proposed Sustainability Working Group Workplan and Budget. Recommended action – Approve the SNRPC FY 2014-15 Sustainability Workplan and Budget.

Marco Velotta, City of Las Vegas, presented on behalf of the Sustainability Working Group. Mr. Velotta gave an overview of the SNRPC FY 2014-15 Sustainability Workplan and Budget. The Workplan and Budget includes continued support of EnergySmart Education, the efforts of the Conservation District of Southern Nevada, Solarbration, and the Community Resilience Project.

Commissioner Giunchigliani made a motion to approve the SNRPC FY 2014-15 Sustainability Workplan and Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Discuss future core administration of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan. Recommended action – Take appropriate action.

Councilman Wagner opened the discussion by reviewing where the SNRPC is in the Southern Nevada Strong (SNS) grant effort and by stating the recommendation of the SNS Consortium Committee for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) to assume the future core administrator role for the SNS Regional Plan.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, City of Henderson, representing SNS stated that SNS staff has been researching different options for future plan administration. Ms. Garcia-Vause outlined the discussion that took place at the July Consortium Committee meeting regarding future plan implementation options, the final work being done to complete the plan, and how the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must approve the final plan.

Next to speak was Rob Lang of Brookings Mountain West and the Lincy Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a member of the Consortium Committee. Mr. Lang discussed Southern Nevada's relative place in receiving federal aid (tax dollars returned to Southern Nevada), how this Plan will position Southern Nevada to increase its federal aid, and how peer regions to Southern Nevada have implemented similar plans. He noted that over half of these peer regions have their regional planning integrated with their regional transportation authority (a legacy of the 1990s the federal government qualified how it was going to distribute aid) and that this is a model we should consider for our region.

Upon request, Tina Quigley, General Manager of the RTC reviewed the composition of the RTC Board as follows: two members from the Board of Clark County Commissioners, two members from the city council of the largest incorporated city, and one member from the city council of every other incorporated city in the county. Additionally, the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation serves as an ex-officio member, but does not participate in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) aspect of their charter.

The Board discussed the Consortium Committee's recommendation, the differences in the composition of the SNRPC, RTC, and Consortium Committee, and what affect, if any, this recommendation might have on the SNRPC. It was noted that the SNRPC could still continue with its charge should the RTC assume the role of core administrator of the SNS plan, but that certainly, the two organizations, and others, would and should work together.

The last speaker on this item was Dwayne Marsh, Senior Advisor at HUD with the Office of Economic Resilience. Mr. Marsh discussed the benefits to Southern Nevada for developing SNS and the technical assistance / support that is available from HUD to implement the Plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Bateman and clarified by Councilman Walker that the SNRPC Coalition Board recommends that the RTC assume the core administrator role for the SNS Regional Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. The next date and location for a regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2014 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.

Councilman Wagner, City of North Las Vegas, Chair, announced that the next date and location for a regular meeting of the SNRPC Board would be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 12. Member Comment.

No comments were given.

Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.

No comments were given.

Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.

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