

## MEETING MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

September 7, 2017

**In attendance:** Nancy Amundsen, Chair, Clark County  
Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Vice Chair, City of Henderson  
Robert Summerfield, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Marc Jordan, Alternate, City of North Las Vegas  
Raymond Hess, Alternate, Regional Transportation Commission  
Andy Belanger, Las Vegas Valley Water District  
Marci Henson, Clark County Department of Air Quality

**Absent:** Linda Perri, Chair, Clark County School District  
Brok Armantrout, Alternate, City of Boulder City

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#### **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 Technical Committee was called to order by Nancy Amundsen, Chair, Clark County at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 7, 2017, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. The agenda was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

#### **Agenda Item 2: Roll Call**

Members of the SNRPC Technical Committee, as listed above, were present with the exception of Linda Perri, Clark County School District and Brok Armantrout, City of Boulder City.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Public Comment**

Rick Passo stated that he had given documents to Mario Bermudez to put into the agenda for item 10. The mentioned documents were received in time to be presented and included in the Technical Committee agenda. Two of the documents received were presented at the Coalition Board meeting in September of 2016 proposing an Urban Agriculture Summit.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Approval of the Agenda for the September 7, 2017 meeting**

A motion was made by Stephanie Garcia-Vause to approve the agenda for September 7, 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting**

A motion was made by Marc Jordan to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6: Consent Items: a. 2017 CBER Long-Term Population Forecast**

A motion was made by Stephanie Garcia-Vause to approve the consent item. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7: Receive the agreement from the Center for Business and Economic Research.**

Ayoub Ayoub, Research Analyst for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, presented the agreement of the annual Long-Range Population Forecasts. The 30-year population forecasts have been funded and used by SNRPC, RTC, and SNWA since the 1990's. The total cost of the population forecasts report generated by CBER (Center for Business and Economic Research) is \$36,000 per year. Each entity funding the report pays 1/3 of the cost. Raymond Hess added that in the past it used to be a three year agreement, this is now a one year agreement. They want to reevaluate the structure of the agreement and see if other partners would like to be included in the funding and use of the Population Forecasts. Within the year, they will be exploring those options. Ayoub thanked Raymond for the clarification. A motion was made by Robert Summerfield to approve the agreement and forward it to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8: Discussion of Senate Bill 422**

Mario Bermudez with Clark County initialized the discussion of Senate Bill 422. There was a change in the law for SNRPC. The bill deleted the act for SNRPC which dictated how the Coalition Board and other committees acted. The bill allowed the Coalition Board to act as needed. It also amended some language that the Metropolitan Planning Organization may be in charge of the Regional Plan which has already been passed to Southern Nevada Strong (SNS). Mario Bermudez, on behalf of the Planning Director's group and those attending in the audience, asked if there were any changes that the Technical Committee would like to see.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause asked Chair Nancy Amundsen, "is it possible for us to make a recommendation to the Board, because I don't know we'll be ready to formulate all of our recommendations between now and the next Board meeting for them to be able to act? Is there an opportunity for us to recommend that the Board give us the direction between now and their first meeting in January, whenever that is scheduled. We come back to look at what ways we may want to revise the interlocal that established our participation and that way it gives us a little bit of time to determine what's appropriate?"

Nancy Amundsen agreed with Stephanie Garcia Vause's idea and also believes that some of the members from the existing Coalition Board would have some thoughts as to what they would want to include. Maybe have a discussion for the Board to direct the Technical Committee but also have them provide the direction of where they want to go. Nancy stated that she will add this as a forward to the Coalition Board, with the suggestions that were provided. It was agreed among the Technical Committee.

**Agenda Item 9: Discussion of the January 23, 2018 Coalition Board meeting**

Mario Bermudez with Clark County stated that at the next Coalition Board meeting in January, the Clark County Commission Chambers will be unavailable due to remodeling. He stated that we could keep the January 23rd date and have the meeting at another location, which RTC has been able to provide, or we can change the meeting date and keep the location at the Commission Chambers. Mario suggested that since another location was found with the RTC, that we keep the next meeting date scheduled for January 23, 2018. A motion was made by Stephanie Garcia-Vause to approve Mario's suggestion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10: Receive a report on the 2017 Southern Nevada Urban Agriculture and Food Sustainability Forum.**

Mario Bermudez with Clark County presented that in September 2016, the Coalition Board received a presentation from Rick Passo, Rick Van Diepen, and Ric Jimenez. At the conclusion of the presentation the Board gave the direction to look to see if there was a way to hold a food forum. He and Shane Ammerman took lead. Rick Passo suggested to contact Wayne Roberts, which was done. The Coalition Board also stepped in to help with the food agricultural summit. Rick Van Diepen stated that this summit was to create momentum towards a regional food policy that talks about resiliency and sustainability, about job creation, creating food equity, hunger issues, all kinds of multiple benefits when talking about food in this region and the fact we have no agriculture industry here. The keynote speaker, Wayne Roberts stated to Rick that he was blown away with how much ground work was already laid, and the momentum. The event went well and Rick stated he saw it as a jumping up point to develop policy and move it forward in the future.

Robert Summerfield asked if there was going to be a summary report. Rick Van Diepen replied that he didn't want to speak for the main sponsor which was the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. They were the host and their staff helped with a lot of the logistics, but from his standpoint, he would be willing to help to get that report produced.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause commented that it was a really great opportunity and it was wonderful to see so many people engaged and interested.

Mario added that what surprised him was not so much of the discussion, but it was the amount of young people that were there. He said it went on to show how much support was really out there for this event and topic.

Rick Van Diepen also added that 3 of their main speakers represented private industry food producers: a greenhouse operation, a mobile modular indoor growing operation, and a large commercial indoor farm from Indiana who is expanding rapidly to Las Vegas. They were all very excited about the community rallying around this issue and he believes there is a lot of great and positive things happening from a market base perspective as well a community perspective.

Raymond Hess added his appreciation to Rick Passo, Rick Van Diepen, and Ric Jimenez for bringing this subject to light. It is a regional issue that SNRPC, SNS, and Cooperative Extension are able to regionally look at and work with.

**Agenda Item 11: Receive an update from the Regional Open Space and Trails Workgroup.**

Johanna Murphy with the City of North Las Vegas and as the Chair of the Regional Open Space and Trails (ROST) working group presented along with Mauricia Baca, the Executive Director of the Outside Las Vegas foundation, the Regional Open Space and Trails update of their accomplishments. Mauricia Baca stated that they completed the Neon to Nature Wayfinding Guide, which will be the next item.

Another goal they had was to continue on with their regional trail maps. They have been distributing them as a free item for the community. They have focused on them being free for the time being to make the map and trails easily accessible for people. They want to increase the knowledge about the system.

They have also started to return to the Vegas Valley Rim Trail conversation. The ROST identified a set of objectives for the following year for what they would want to do. They stated that they want to identify missing segments, signage opportunities, funding opportunities for signage, and a better compelling visual representation.

They announced that this year for Get Outdoors Nevada Day it will be held in Henderson. Last year they had 3,500 attendees and 75 exhibitors; it was the most successful event they've had. They've really encouraged their vendors to make their exhibits as interactive and engaging as possible. As for informing people of the event, ROST came to realize that social media, word of mouth, and through schools were the best ways of getting word out. Radio and TV were less notifiable. They are going to experiment with billboards this year to see how it promotes and informs others of Get Outdoors Nevada Day. 96% of respondents from a survey done after last year's event said that Get Outdoors Nevada Day made it more likely that they would participate more in outdoor activities. 88% said they would be more likely to volunteer and 98% said they were more likely to support vendors that they met at Get Outdoors Nevada Day.

No questions or comments came from the Technical Committee. They received the report.

**Agenda Item 12: Receive a final presentation for the Regional Trail Signage Guidance Project.**

Johanna Murphy with the Regional Open Space and Trails working group and Mauricia Baca with the Outside Las Vegas Foundation asked that the Technical Committee would approve and the final document and forward to the Coalition Board. At the last Technical Committee meeting they presented the draft wayfinding guide and did a more extensive presentation, chapter by chapter, highlighting all the information gathered about recommendations for size of signs, colors used, readability, location, and even operations and maintenance. Since that time they've worked with ROST and made some minor changes, adjustments and some edits.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause stated that it looked great, and that they did a good job on their last item too. She added that Get Outdoors Nevada Day is something that everyone looks forward to. She motioned to forward and approve the Regional Trail Signage Guidance Project to the Coalition Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 13: Set the Coalition Board Agenda for the September 26, 2017 meeting**

Agenda items 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 were all recommended to be moved forward to the Coalition Board meeting.

**Agenda Item 14: Set the next date and location of the SNRPC Technical Committee meeting**

The next date and location of the SNRPC Technical Committee is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., in the Clark County Commission Chambers.

**Agenda Item 15: Public Comment**

Raymond Hess announced the Southern Nevada Strong Annual Summit will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Strip View Pavilion at the Thomas and Mac Center.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause stated that it's great to see the wayfinding guide finally completed. We've talked about the wayfinding guide for a long time and the standardization it provides. It is a huge accomplishment.

**Agenda Item 16: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.