

MEETING MINUTES

COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

October 23, 2018

In attendance: Councilman Dan H. Stewart, CHAIR, City of Henderson
Councilman Steve Seroka, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Kiernan McManus, City of Boulder City
Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson
Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Scott Black, City of North Las Vegas

Absent: Councilwoman Michele Fiore, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Trustee Kevin L. Child, Clark County School District

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 Stewart, City of Henderson, Chair, at 4:05 p.m., on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 2. Roll Call

Members of the SNRPC Board, as listed above, were present with the exception of Councilwoman Michele Fiore, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas, Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County, and Trustee Kevin L. Child, Clark County School District.

It was confirmed by Katherine Rodriguez-Lopez that a quorum was present and that the October 23, 2018 meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for October 23, 2018

A motion was made by Councilman Shaw to approve the agenda for the October 23, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the September 25, 2018 meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Shaw to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Background and Workshop Overview

Lisa Corrado, Assistant Director of Community Development and Services with the City of Henderson, presented the background of SNRPC. Between the time Purdue Marion and Associates (PMA) was contracted with SNRPC to now, they have conducted their interviews with the board members and staff to review the history of SNRPC and gather input. The workshops were based upon the information gathered, and their goal for the meeting was to determine the role and priorities of SNRPC. After the strategic planning workshops are finished, PMA will draft a summary report of the workshops and provide recommendations of how to move forward. Phase 2 of the project will consist of the presentation of the recommendations and the implementation of the changes needed and agreed upon. Phase 1 of the project will be completed in February of 2019, with Phase 2 beginning that following month.

Further background of SNRPC consisted of the Regional Plan that was transferred to Southern Nevada Strong. The Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan was then transitioned to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The RTC through the MPO has dedicated staff and funding through different sources to support it. When initially transferring the plan it was decided to revisit the role of the SNRPC at a later time which will be accomplished through the workshops.

Bill Marion summarized from the interviews that some of the challenges mentioned were that SNRPC doesn't have the resources for implementation and that there is no dedicated funding source, however, one could be created. He continued to state that some issues are already being handled by regional boards that do have dedicated funding and staff resources. A high interest in collaboration that can occur within SNRPC could be land planning issues. If there is no significant role that is felt for SNRPC then the regional planning initiative can be kept by the RTC and in essence SNRPC could disband.

Councilman Stewart stated that he assumed PMA had talked with all of the entities staffs. He asked how many members of the Coalition Board they had talked with. Bill stated that he had talked to all of them except Commissioner Sisolak and Councilman Cherchio, but Councilman Cherchio had been out of town.

Councilman Seroka asked if any of the regional planning agencies that are addressing the issues identified by the SNRPC members are held accountable to anyone.

Lisa Corrado stated that in our State most of them are created by statute, but that they report to their reporting structure. Bill also stated that most of those boards are made up of members of the

municipalities so they are responsible for reporting back to their own municipalities to ensure that they are doing the work that the municipality wants them to do.

Councilman Seroka stated that people he’s asked, including himself, have never heard of the Continuum of Care.

Lisa stated that the structure of that Board comes from the federal government so part of the reason the Board doesn’t get reporting is because it’s reported back to HUD. If SNRPC wanted more oversight, then they could figure out a way to participate in that.

Agenda Item 7. Discuss Roles and Priorities

Lisa Corrado reminded the Board of what NRS says the role should be for SNRPC. The regional plan, along with other duties, are still required by the SNRPC statute. When the act was removed from the statute during the legislative session, it allowed the ability to transfer the regional plan to the RTC. Since the regional plan was transferred, it might make sense to transfer other duties, such as assessing projects for conformity with the regional plan when you no longer oversee it. Another required item is to develop incentives for certain types of development such as Transient Oriented Development and Mixed Use Development.

- a) Lynn Purdue presented a board where four possible roles of SNRPC were presented: Forum, Advocacy, Clearinghouse, and Disbanding. A forum would consist of an exchange of ideas, discussion and communication to reach consensus. An advocacy role would be a collective voice for the region, leverage state and federal funds, and raise public awareness/educate the public on regional issues. A clearinghouse would be an inventory of the region’s community facilities and utilities, and data center using one data source. Disbanding would simply mean that regional issues were handled sufficiently by existing agencies, boards and committees.

Lynn explained the sticker dot activity that was used to help the Board members consider the possible roles. A green dot would be placed as a first choice (or priority) on what role each Board member felt most strongly about, and orange dots were a second choice, as if you were torn between roles. The names of the Board members were written on all the dots.

(Board members placed dots)

	Forum	Advocacy	Clearinghouse	Disbanding
Councilman Stewart				●
Councilman Seroka		●		
Councilman Cherchio		●		
Councilman McManus		●	●	
Councilman Shaw				●
Councilman Black	●	●		

The outcome was one orange dot from Councilman Black for a forum. Four green dots, presented by Councilman Black, Councilman McManus, Councilman Seroka, and Councilman Cherchio for an advocacy. One orange dot from Councilman McManus for a clearinghouse. For disbanding, two green dots, placed by Councilman Stewart and Councilman Shaw, and one orange dot placed by Councilman Seroka.

Bill explained that the dominating roll appeared to be advocacy related, with disbanding as the next option. Councilman Stewart explained the reasons why he chose to disband. The first reason being that almost anything this coalition does or can do is already taken care of by other regional boards that are in place with electeds. The second reason was that with City of Henderson being the chair this year, SNRPC takes a lot of the staff's time away from their primary responsibilities and duties. Bill stated that part of that reason being was because there was no dedicated staff for SNRPC. Councilman Black stated the reason he placed his dot on advocacy was because the only thing that remains in the title was "Southern Nevada Regional". He stated, "We don't plan and by definition a coalition is only a temporary structure between organizations." He does believe power and influence are available, and that there are plenty of issues that the Board can cover, but at a higher level with elected officials, there could be influence from an advocacy stand point. Councilman Shaw stated that he would agree with Councilman Black 100%, if the Board had the power to enforce. Councilman Seroka agreed with everyone else's concerns. He stated that as a region they could come up with a similar policy that went across the region, such as pets or short-term rentals.

- b) For the priority issues, Bill asked the Board what issues they would want to be an advocate for. Lynn explained that the next dot activity would help show what collective interest the Board had in pursuing issues. She continued to name off the priority issues and then asked the Board if they had any they wanted to add. Councilman McManus recommended adding drone technology or drone use, and then economic diversification (which was added to Economic Development issue). Councilman Seroka recommended adding short-term rentals, census, human trafficking, pets/puppy mill pets, and repurposing of open space/golf course. Councilman Black stated that Impact NV has human trafficking a one of their priority issues.

Lynn stated the blue dots could be used in any way wanted. If the Board member felt strong about one issue, they could place all 5 blue dots on that issue. If they wanted to place one dot on one issue and another dot on another issue, they could. Bill stated that if disbanding was a priority, the board member could place all their dots on "none". Amanda Kern recommended that the Board members place their stickers individually.

Board members placed their dots accordingly as shown on the following chart.

	Councilman Stewart	Councilman Seroka	Councilman Cherchio	Councilman McManus	Councilman Shaw	Councilman Black
Open Space and Trails			X	X		XX
Population Forecasting						
Southern Nevada Strong SNRPC Implementation Items				X		
Business License Coordination		X				
Land Use Coordination			X			
Environmental Sustainability, Outreach and Education						
Air Quality				X		
Youth Development Opportunities						
Urban Agriculture						
Homelessness/Regional Continuum of Care		X	X	X		XX
Housing/Fair Housing						X
Schools and Education		X				
Gaming Enterprise Districts						
SNPLMA Reporting						
Economic Development				X		
Transit Oriented Development						
Solid Waste Management and Planning						
Human Services and Community Initiatives						
Hazard Mitigation Planning						
Brownfields						
Energy Generation and Distribution						
Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurposing of Golf Courses/City Open Space • Short Term Rental • Census • Human Trafficking • Pets • Drone Technology/Use 		X-Short Term Rentals	X-Pets X-Short Term Rentals			
None (no issues of interest)	XXXXXX	X			XXXXXX	

While placing dots, Councilman Shaw explained the reason why he placed all 5 of his dots on None. He stated that if they are going to focus on advocacy, the Board would need to reconsider structure and membership. Councilman Cherchio stated that he believed they could advocate without allocated funds. Councilman Seroka stated that he thinks we could benefit from a consensus of the short-term rentals. Also that the schools and education are a number one challenge we all face because we can't get businesses here to diversify our economy due to our schools. Lynn noted the top three priorities based upon the amount of blue dots present on each issue. The top three priorities were Open Space and Trails, Homelessness/Regional Continuum of Care, and None.

c) Lynn explained that the next voting exercise would consist of 1 set of 3 dots, noting that

they could use one, two, or all three of them. Board members were instructed that they could only vote on the three top priority issues. They placed their dots accordingly.

	Councilman Stewart	Councilman Seroka	Councilman Cherchio	Councilman McManus	Councilman Shaw	Councilman Black
Open Space and Trails			X	X		XX
Homelessness/Regional Continuum of Care		XXX	XX	XX		X
None (no issues of interest)	XXX				XXX	

Lynn stated that Homelessness had emerged into being the number one priority, with None being number 2, and Open Space and Trails being number 3. Bill stated that the staffing for SNRPC has been that whoever the chair is, that municipality takes on or assumes the responsibilities of staffing. Lisa Corrado stated it was not entirely that municipality because of projects that are ongoing, but Bill stated that it was a majority of the work/staff.

Bill had informed the Board that if they decided to disband, they would be saying that these other issues are going to be handled somewhere else. Bill asked the Board, starting with homelessness, if this an issue that should be handled at a regional level as opposed to just handled on an individual municipality. Councilman Seroka stated that it seemed each municipality was handling it in their own way. Bill then asked if that is something you need SNRPC to do, or if is there another regional entity already dealing with it successfully. And if not, should there be? Councilman Cherchio stated the difference of having a voice versus having the funds to accomplish what we want. Having a voice allows the Board to work in a collaborative matter. If the Board decides to disband then he foresees less accomplishment. Bill stated that just because the Board takes on an issue, does not mean they are going to solve it but they are going to make recommendations to the community and the municipalities from an advocated role.

The third question Bill asked the Board was if they were willing to dedicate staff and financial resources to do it. Councilman Black asked if homelessness is an issue that the Board adopted as a body, and since the funding comes from HUD to the CoC, is there a mechanism for a body like SNRPC to insert itself into that vertical stream? And if so, would that give the Board authority to have accountability? Lisa stated that she would have to look in to it further to figure out how.

Bill stated that the next phase of the workshop would help answer the questions of how the Board could accomplish those things. Councilman Shaw stated that his view was if they weren't going to disband, rather than choose advocacy, he thinks the very first thing that should happen is to look at restructuring and developing a legislative initiative. He thinks that they would need to consider who really should be on the board and what power the board would have. With no structure that works, there will be divisions all over. Councilman Shaw also stated that everyone will have a different point of view with all these issues so if we're going to be a voice we have to be united and have the ability to enforce it. Councilman Stewart stated that he was a huge advocate to disband but if they can enforce and the Board believes they can do good and have some metrics to show they are accomplishing something then he could see having this Coalition, or whatever they want to call it.

Councilman Seroka asked who funded the RTC, in which Lisa stated that they receive some federal funding and revenue. Bill stated that they also get a portion of property tax and that they have dedicated money.

Lisa stated that what they ultimately needed to get to was a motion to direct PMA and staff to research the structure and funding that they needed to address the two topics, Open Space and Trails and possibly Homelessness through the CoC, for them to come back and present at the next workshop. Councilman Cherchio made the motion, but Councilman Stewart stated that if SNRPC was going to continue then they needed to figure out how it's going to continue, how it's going to be funded, and then how it's going to be structured. Lisa stated that she believed there were a couple ways to go about that the motion would not solidify the changes to the statute. It would direct the staff and PMA to do the research on the role of advocacy. After looking at other organizations and how they maintain their advocacy role, they can learn from them their budget techniques and structure. Bill stated that a motion might be to direct staff to do additional research on what it would take to keep this entity going and address issues. Councilman Cherchio stated, "You took the words right out of my mouth. That would be my motion." Lisa Corrado mentioned that the motion should be to direct staff to conduct additional research on funding and structure and possible legislative changes that would be necessary to address that structure in those topics.

Councilman Black stated that he had written down a motion to direct staff to evaluate a proposed restructuring of SNRPC, considering board make up, legislative capacity, and top priorities for the newly reformed organization to focus on and advocate for.

Councilman Stewart asked if everyone was comfortable with that wording of the motion, and stated the motion was made. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. The next date and location of the SNRPC Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., in the City of North Las Vegas 9th floor conference room.

Agenda Item 10. Member Comment

No member comment was made.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele, a Boulder City resident located in the 89005 zip code, stated that she was one of the original members on the Committee of Homelessness when it was under SNRPC. She said that last thing the whole community needs is less paperwork, less committees, and more talking. She stated that the voices of the Board promote and that we should be reusing houses to put some of the homeless in.

No other public comment was made.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.