

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

August 28, 2018

In attendance: Councilman Dan H. Stewart, CHAIR, City of Henderson
Councilwoman Michele Fiore, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Kiernan McManus, City of Boulder City
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County (arrived at 4:25 p.m.)
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Trustee Kevin L. Child, Clark County School District
Councilman Steve Seroka, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson
Councilman Scott Black, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

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, August 28, 2018, 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 28, 2018 meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Roll Call

Members of the SNRPC Coalition Board, as listed above, were present at the time of roll call with the exception of Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County, who later arrived at 4:25 p.m. during item 10, member comment.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for August 28, 2018

A motion was made by Councilwoman Fiore to approve the agenda for the August 28, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the June 26, 2018 meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Child to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Consent Item(s):

a. 2018 Long-Term Population Forecast for Clark County, Nevada 2018-2060

A motion was made by Councilwoman Fiore to approve the 2018 Long-Term Population Forecast. The motion was seconded by Trustee Child and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an Update from SNRPC Planning Directors staff on the Strategic Planning process.

Sean Robertson, City of Henderson, recalled that back in June a contact was approved to have Purdue Marion and Associates (PMA) help guide the SNRPC Board members through a process to determine how the SNRPC will collaborate on a regional level and what outcomes are desired as far as changes to NRS, the interlocal, bylaws, etc. He then presented Bill Marion who reiterated the changes of NRS that created SNRPC. Bill stated that a lot of the provisions that were in that legislation that guided the SNRPC, such as its Board make up, the bylaws, and the meeting schedule, were taken away. It left a clean slate for the SNRPC to decide what it wants to be, given the conditions that are related regional coordination.

Phase I of the strategic planning process would be a learning phase with initial coordination. Purdue Marion and Associates have been looking at communities similar to Southern Nevada in terms of regional focus. They have met with all the Planning Director's for all the municipalities- to get a sense of where the SNRPC has been and where it might want to go. Over the course of the next month, PMA will coordinate with the Planning Director's to set up a time to meet with their Board members to do the same thing. At that meeting, PMA will give a briefing on the process and gather ideas on how the board will want to proceed. By doing these initial meetings, it will better prepare the Board for the October workshop where conversation will take place of considering what kind of entity they will want to be, and what kind of organizational structure they will want. The information gathered will be compared to other cities so the Board can decide what they may or may not want to emulate. At November's workshop, common areas/interests will be formed to make something more concrete.

Phase II of the exercise would start to take place in 2019 where PMA and SNRPC can really look in to what needs to be done to make the changes. Once an agreement is made, a transitional strategy will occur that takes you from what the entity is now to what it will be.

Without advocating, Councilman Stewart asked if after the Strategic Planning process would it be

possible to find that there is no need for the SNRPC body and to get rid of it?

Bill stated that by statute, a body must exist. Councilman Stewart stated that he was simply wanting to know the limits. Bill replied that it was a great question because the parameters go from meeting once a year to gather reports from different entities or you could make it more robust. By law the entity must exist and its probable purpose would be to hear a report on the status of the regional plan. That is a must of SNRPC. Anything else is up to the Board to decide. Councilman Stewart stated that that was interesting and exciting at the same time. The Board could shape this Coalition to do and accomplish what needs to be done.

As an example to the Board of the strategic planning process, Bill mentioned that if the SNRPC decided to be more robust that they would have to take in to consideration the difference in staffing.

A motion to accept the report was made by Councilwoman Fiore. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Contract with Outside Las Vegas Foundation, dba Get Outdoors Nevada, for Vegas Valley Rim Trail Planning in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Johanna Murphy and Mauricia Baca presented the contract with Outside Las Vegas Foundation for the Vegas Valley Rim Trail (VVRT) planning. The history of the VVRT was presented stating that in 2006, SNRPC developed the Regional Open Space Plan. In that plan, Vias Verdes was established. People started referring to the Vias Verdes trail as The Great Circle. In 2011, Regional Open Space and Trails (ROST) and Outside Las Vegas Foundation (OLVF) did a naming and branding of the trail...now known as Vegas Valley Rim Trail. At that time, a logo was also created.

Johanna went on to explain the Regional Trails map of how much was finished and what still needed to be completed. The contract would help OLVF and ROST identify those remaining alignments for the trail so it could be made around the southwest and northwest parts of the valley and through North Las Vegas. The contract would also help develop a signage plan for this trail. This trail intercepts other trails so having signage would allow people to know when they are on the VVRT. After the VVRT is completed, and the regional trails map is refined, new maps will be printed.

Mauricia Baca stated that the funding would allow them to retain a consultant that would do the signage plan for them. They would also work with them on the alignment and redesigning of the map. As a nonprofit, they are able to leverage good pricing for opportunities such as this.

Councilwoman Fiore asked who Get Outdoors Nevada had in mind for the consultant, and if there was an RFP for the consultant? Mauricia stated that as a nonprofit of 501(c)(3) that she did not have to issue the RFP's. She continued to state that Alta Planning and Design would be the consultant. They worked with OLVF on the signage guidance plan that they developed that would already make Alta familiar with the signage and allow them to layer on top of work that has already been done.

Councilwoman Fiore recommended to OLVF that when they get funds from taxpayers, they may

want you to do an RFP.

Mauricia understood. She stated that it is taken very seriously on leveraging the price but that they were looking at the signage redesign and the work on the map. Currently, that portion would cost about \$12,000 for that total, which would leave them with enough funding for the reprinting and additional outreach in work. She stated that she is always very careful about negotiating strongly on behalf of the taxpayers to make the funds go as far as possible. The comment was well taken and will be placed into consideration.

Councilman Black commented that he was pleasantly surprised that the trail now extends to Alexander north to Ann road for cycling and walking that segment.

Johanna Murphy complemented all the staff that participated in making the VVRT what it is today. It was a lot of dedicated hard work.

Councilman Stewart asked, "If one wanted to hike the entire loop when it's done, about how many miles would that be?" Johanna stated that it was about 100 miles.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Fiore to approve the contract. The motion was approved unanimously, and it was made known that it was the super majority vote.

Agenda Item 9. Regional Homelessness Discussion

This item was initially motioned by Trustee Child to have it placed on the next Coalition Board agenda as Commissioner Giunchigliani who requested the item to be on the agenda was not present at the time of discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

After the approved motion for reconsideration made by Commissioner Sisolak, Commissioner Giunchigliani stated that the Board was now more in tune with what was going on with the CoC due to previous meeting's items. She stated that transitional housing was needed and inquired to each jurisdiction where they were going with their own homelessness issues as it is a regional effort that impacts us all.

Commissioner Giunchigliani went on to announce that Metro was going to hold a meeting on September 17th on homelessness to try and gather input so they may start to contain the homelessness issue. She mentioned having the Board members participate in the meeting and that she would reach out to Metro to obtain permission and to invite the SNRPC Board.

Councilwoman Fiore expressed that much of the homelessness in Las Vegas are mentally ill. She asked how they would reach the mentally ill homelessness people with their services.

Commissioner Sisolak stated that we need the expertise to differentiate between the homeless; mental illness, chronic illness, and those who want to be homeless. He mentioned that he saw a Veteran's Village of Arnie Stalk's where it's a container and that it's really impressive if we could just find a place to put them.

Councilwoman Fiore stated that Arnie Stalk is one of her stars and that he does amazing things for the Veteran's. She believes he is on his 4th Veteran's Village. She has also talked with Ahern Rentals about building the containers.

Commissioner Sisolak stated that the containers could be funded, but that they just need a place to put them.

Councilman Seroka reminded the Board that this is bigger than the expertise of the SNRPC body. The SNRPC Board cannot address the issue but they can lead the effort for the experts to talk to us. He stated there was a broad spectrum of the homeless mainly consisting of those that are mentally challenged because of addiction, those who are truly mentally challenged and then those that are financially challenged. In his understanding, when the experts of the County and Cities get together and are asked what their top two issues deal with, that everybody says one area and then homelessness is the second area. It's great to have the discussion to lead and to bring everyone together with the help of our friends to take this deeper. Arnie is not solely represented by Veteran's. He takes care of some Veteran's, but also helps others too. Councilman Seroka gave his support to Commissioner Giunchigliani's effort and said that it'd be great to take this to the next level. No one can do this alone; it is a regional effort.

Councilwoman Fiore stated that as they move forward with this that they would need to have dedicated funds. Commissioner Sisolak stated that the County spends a lot of money but that they don't know where it is all going. He said that there could be duplication. There are groups of people who hand out food to those that are homeless on Foremaster Street, but they should be getting that food and help from the shelters. Commissioner Sisolak said that he didn't know how to get a handle on the homelessness and asked if Mike Pawlak (in the audience) had a suggestion. Mr. Pawlik indicated that he did not. Millions of dollars go in to homelessness but he isn't sure if they are getting good services for the money they are investing and that duplication needed to be removed.

Trustee Child stated that in Clark County School District there are over 15,000 home challenged youth. They spend 28 million dollars in grants in Clark County on our home challenged people. He stated that the people that receive the grant money need to be held accountable for it; not just give a report on how many homeless there are in order to meet a deadline date, but to actually try to put forth the effort to make the impact.

Councilman Shaw stated that there is currently a waiting list for Section 8 of 11,000 people. There are so many different agencies and programs that it is virtually impossible to coordinate and make it work. This is a huge task to bring some sense to the homelessness. The housing authority has struggled and struggled and still hasn't made progress with this.

Councilman Stewart stated that was a good point. "Is this something this body is even capable of undertaking?"

Bill Marion replied that this is absolutely one of the issues on our list to talk about during the strategic planning process.

Councilman Stewart stated that it would be a massive undertaking and that many of us have said

that we don't have the expertise.

Bill Marion added that in addition to the homelessness issue, there are so many other issues that this board can consider. Even the affordable workforce housing is something you may want to consider.

Councilman Stewart declared that it would be a huge step if it was something SNRPC wanted to do.

Commissioner Giunchigliani stated that when this coalition was formed, it was really supposed to be looking at housing and land use issues, but it had never got there. Former Mayor Goodman brought homelessness in to the forefront because it was affecting everyone regionally. When SNRPC gave it away, they lost watch of where the money was going. She brought it back knowing they aren't the experts on it, but that they can know and make sure of where things are at and what's going on. The meeting with Metro is the 17th at 1:00 p.m. and she will reach out to them. It's Metro, Fire and Medical that are going to be involved. Mental health should be a component. The County did start a diversion court on the Strip where they have a judge. If metro cites homeless individuals they would go directly to that court system in lieu of going to jail. If they agree, they can voluntarily go in to services. It just started but it may be to the point where it is implemented to some of the parks where there is a lot of homelessness.

Commissioner Sisolak declared that if it's not us that can handle this problem, then we need to admit it and find someone that can. This is a problem that goes across the whole country, not just Las Vegas.

Councilman Shaw informed the Board that a project was just started to remodel Espinoza Plaza. It is a single story with 88 units, already constructed. To remodel, it will be \$230,000 per door. Of that, 50% goes to agencies and fees. If that money could be channeled effectively we could help homelessness unbelievably. The County put up 1 million of that, as well as Henderson, to just make that work.

Commissioner Sisolak reiterated that the units that Arnie Stalk has are only \$30,000 and that a place to put them is all that was needed.

Councilman Stewart asked what the cost would have been if Espinoza Plaza was torn down and something new was built there instead.

Councilman Shaw continued to state that a new house could have been bought for every resident living there. There could have been twice as many units if we had torn it down and started over on the same ground. The reseller of the tax credits made \$200,000-\$300,000 and they don't have to do anything because there is a waiting list to buy the tax credits. It's amazing to him to see the waste that takes place in these systems.

Councilman Cherchio acknowledged the good intentions from his fellow colleagues on the Board. He mentioned having a dedicated committee board to handle this. SNRPC can have oversight but our Board may not be able to handle this. Having a dedicated body to work on the issue would be

better.

Councilman Stewart commented that this is something SNRPC will determine-if this board even has that purview and if so, how to handle it.

Councilman Shaw believes that what Commissioner Giunchigliani is doing with Metro and figuring out the scope of the problem is important because if we can highlight the scope then maybe it will get catch someone's attention to make it work.

Councilman Stewart professed that you have to identify the problem before you can resolve it.

No other comments or questions were presented.

Agenda Item 10. The next date and location of the SNRPC Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., in the Clark County Commission Chambers.

Agenda Item 11. Member Comment

First member comment period:

Commissioner Sisolak requested that those presenting an item should be sure to make it to the meeting. He stated that there were people in the audience who took time out of their busy schedule to be present for the item and now have to make time to come back for it.

Commissioner Giunchigliani arrived at the meeting at 4:25 p.m. It was then requested by Commissioner Sisolak to reconsider item 8. The motion was approved unanimously.

Second member comment period:

Councilman Stewart announced the APA Conference that would be held on October 8th-10th. He requested that each member promote the conference with their individual planning staff and commissions.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment

Mauricia Baca, Executive Director of Get Outdoors Nevada, stated that she and Johanna meant to highlight the maps in front of the board members. One map is the River Mountains Loop Trail. It was the brand new map that was designed. The other item is the new Neon to Nature map that was updated just very slightly to add the LV Community Healing Garden to the map. She also pointed out that the River Mountains Loop Trail map was printed on a tear and water proof paper that they are considering to use for their Regional Trails Map.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.