

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COALITION BOARD**

**SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION**

**September 27, 2016**

**In attendance:** Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, CHAIR, Clark County  
Trustee Patrice Tew, VICE CHAIR, Clark County School District  
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas (Arrived 4:34)  
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County  
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson  
Councilman Cam Walker, City of Boulder City

**Absent:** Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Sam Bateman, City of Henderson

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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 Board was called to order by Commissioner Giunchigliani, Clark County, Chair, at 4:06 p.m., on Tuesday, September 27, 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 September 27, 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, with the exception of Councilman Isaac Barron who arrived late as noted.

**Agenda Item 3. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for September 27, 2016**

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve the agenda for the September 27, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the April 26, 2016 meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 6. Consent Item(s):**

#### **a. 2016 CBER Long-Term Population Forecast**

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve the 2016 CBER Long-Term Population Forecast. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 7. Receive an update on Regional Open Space and Trails**

Johanna Murphy with City of North Las Vegas, Chair of Regional Open Space and Trails (ROST) workgroup, introduced Mauricia Baca, Executive Director of the Outside Las Vegas Foundation who presented the planning guide for ‘What You Should Know Before Hosting an Outdoor Event,’ which included frequently asked questions, a list of contacts, and sample questions when reaching out to different jurisdictions. It is also available as an editable format so it can be tailored as needed for different jurisdictions and agencies for their own specific uses.

A new version of the regional trails map was presented. It was a far more updated format than from last year. All the comments received from Regional Open Space and Trails members, who were very active in the project, helped to make it more detailed and user-friendly.

Councilwoman Schroder asked if having the maps (or map cards because of the cost of making so many maps) could be made available on the racks for tourists and locals, at Denny’s, the casino’s, or a Visitor Center. Mauricia stated that they are willing to make the maps available for anyone who is willing to help distribute them. They are also trying to make this a free product to highlight what we have here in the Valley.

Councilman Coffin expressed satisfaction with the map. He wants to entertain some sponsorship and suggests offering it for sale for people to be able to sponsor it, like a gas station or hotel so they can get it in front of the public with their name on it. It would be worth anyone’s while that is in the tourist business to put their name on it. He inquired if there was any trademark protection?

Trustee Tew asked if this is something that can be made electronic, like on the Neon to Nature app? Johanna stated these trails are individually noted in the app. Trustee Tew continued with asking “what is the cost of printing? Why do we care about it being free when people are out there buying the music downloads and expensive shoes?” Mauricia stated “we did it this way as a community service. When it was printed, we weren’t allowed to sell it. If SNRPC would like us to sell it to generate funds then we could definitely do that. It could easily be sold.” Councilman Coffin stated that if ROST wants it to be free then, with it being licensed out and in the public domain, it would encourage the public to print it so it is kept free. Mauricia stated that she would defer to the SNRPC and what is determined to be the best way to do it.

Commissioner Sisolak asked if ROST can include the Laughlin trail on the map. Mauricia stated that ROST will take that under advisement as any changes come in to be able to accommodate that.

Trustee Tew referred back to the cost for the maps and stated that, “when people buy them, they keep

track of them and don't just toss them. Then we won't find them along the trails, and they won't be wasted, or littered." Commissioner Giunchigliani mentioned that maybe further down the road with more funds available, maps can be given out and returned, maybe made out of plastic so it does not get ruined and is able to be used again.

Mauricia Baca then presented an update on Get Outdoors Nevada Day and the different activities that are planned. Proceeds from products sold will go towards next year's event. Councilman Barron asked who he should contact for having individuals do community service. Jessica Anderson is the point of contact, follow up is provided by Johanna. Trustee Tew asked that ROST representatives get a paragraph to her, explaining what Get Outdoors Nevada Day is so they can distribute that out with the newsletters to the parents of the children within CCSD.

#### **Agenda Item 8. Receive an Update on the Sustainability Atlas workgroup**

Marco Velotta, City of Las Vegas, presented the final work products overview of the sustainability in Southern Nevada. It showed how all the individual systems (energy, water, pollution, etc.) are interrelated, and when impacts happen in one system, it impacts the others as well.

The Energy chapter covers renewable energy, how the grid is tied statewide with a number of different resources including solar, geothermal in northern and central Nevada, wind energy, distributed generation (i.e. roof top solar on homes), as well as non-renewable resources such as coal and natural gas.

The Water chapter covers what SNWA has done with reducing water consumption, and how resilient we are with the Colorado River.

The Waste chapter highlights work that has been done by Republic Services, and documents waste streams, as well as what we've been doing with increasing recycling rates.

The Pollution chapter highlights how air quality is mitigated.

The Food chapter covers how food gets from the Midwest and other parts of the world into Southern Nevada. It also covers some of the issues related to hunger.

The Transportation chapter covers multimodal transportation. How people get to and from Southern Nevada from around the world, as well as commuting between different parts of the county using multiple modes of transportation, whether walking, biking, or RTC transit.

He further stated, this is a regional effort and that this information that can hopefully show how sustainable we really are. Las Vegas might be dismissed as not being sustainable, but we really are self-sustained based upon this document, and our successes. Marco suggests leaving this document on the SNRPC website for availability to the public.

Commissioner Giunchigliani congratulated the City of Las Vegas for its STAR Communities rating. She believes the sustainability atlas helps us all apply for that same recognition at some point. She also stated that it's also a wonderful teaching tool and that our high schools could also use it, so by having it on the website we should probably let the teachers know this is available as well.

#### **Agenda Item 9. Receive a Presentation about Vertical Farming and Urban Agriculture Planning and Possibilities**

This item was presented by Rick Van Diepen, Rick Passo, and Ric Jimenez, who represent a coalition of individuals that are interested in the larger issue of sustainability by creating a local food system here in Southern Nevada. There is not much agriculture in Southern Nevada so we import much of our food, but if something were to disrupt our food system, we would want to be fully self-sustainable with a locally based food system. The intent of this presentation is to give initial introduction to this concept and to introduce some of the ideas we believe could be instrumental in creating a food system here and make this a destination for food research.

Commissioner Giunchigliani inquired as to what they envision or what they would like us to consider, such as putting together a summit? Rick Passo recommended that SNRPC representatives talk to people with Seedstock and also with Urban Land Institute. Urban Land Institute is already talking seriously about these issues, and they have opened the door.

Councilman Barron stated that it is possible to grow our own local food. He presented the outcome of Windset Farms operating in North Las Vegas as part of the co-generation plant. The operation was successful as they were able to produce about 60-68,000 cucumbers a day, so it can definitely be done.

Rick Van Diepen referred to Commissioner Giunchigliani's idea of a summit being a great idea, and how with looking at basic land-use planning, we can really look at GrowRIVERSIDE. He stated that the main thing they wanted to get across is that there is a huge amount of resources at our disposal and they want to start the conversation.

Commissioner Giunchigliani suggested the idea of putting together a small working group of the board to see what they can facilitate from planning and zoning as Part I. When the committee is formed, they can work with Seedstock and Urban Land Institute people as part II. They would figure out through the technical committee meeting how they would look at future planning for zoning issues. Then they can brainstorm some ideas on how to look at all the jurisdictions to see where we have barriers in our zoning. Part III would be to consider the research element from Cooperative Extension, and then looking at a summit to educate the elected officials about what the steps are that need to be taken.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schroder to support the formation of Global Urban Agriculture Summit focusing on economic diversification of Southern Nevada. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 10. Discussion about Waste Not Want Not**

Commissioner Giunchigliani asked that the board members take time to read the article that was provided for the amount of food that is wasted, what can be potentially redone about it, and/or economic development, and that they will have follow up discussions.

#### **Agenda Item 11. Receive a Presentation about New York City's Greenmarket Regional Food Hub program**

Commissioner Giunchigliani stated that the basis of this presentation was covered with what they discussed previously.

**Agenda Item 12. The next date and location of the SNRPC Board meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 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 13. Member Comment**

No member comment made.

**Agenda Item 14. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.