

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 27, 2015

In attendance: Councilman Wade Wagner, (outgoing) CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Cam Walker, (incoming) CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, (incoming) VICE CHAIR, Clark County
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas (arrived 4:39 p.m.)
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas
Trustee Patrice Tew, Clark County School District
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson (via telephone)
Councilman Sam Bateman, City of Henderson

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 4:04 p.m., on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 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 January 27, 2015, 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 Bob Beers arrived at 4:39 p.m.

Councilman Wagner, Chair, welcomed new board member Trustee Patrice Tew, with Clark County School District, as well as the new SNRPC secretary, Nicole Maldonado.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for January 27, 2015

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to approve the agenda for the January 27, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the October 28, 2014 meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Elect the SNRPC Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2015 calendar year

Per the annual rotation among the municipalities, a motion was made by Councilman Wagner to elect Councilman Cam Walker of Boulder City, as Chair and Commissioner Giunchigliani of Clark County, as Vice Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Coffin and all other Board members thanked Councilman Wagner for serving as SNRPC chair for 2014.

Agenda Item 7. Consent Items: a. 2014 Southern Nevada Consensus Population Estimate, b. Biennial Report for Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality and c. Southern Nevada Strong – Revised Consortium Committee Roster

A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to approve all items on the consent list. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, City of Henderson, and project Director for Southern Nevada Strong, introduced Katherine Knister Zook. Katherine Knister Zook has been the Executive Director for twenty-five years of Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC), a nonprofit organization. Ms. Zook stated their mission is to ensure equal housing opportunity for all residents in Nevada by implementing the federal Fair Housing Act. The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing and housing-related services because of: race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and handicap. She stated that SSFHC is not a regulatory agency but they address the fair housing laws through community outreach programs, education, training and fair housing enforcement. In addition, SSFHC also assists residents with filing discrimination complaints with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.

Ms. Zook stated that jurisdictions which receive federal funding are required to affirmatively further fair housing and submit an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This will be the first Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for this area. The Regional Analysis of Impediments is brought together by jurisdictions to identify the problems that come up in each jurisdiction and strategize ways to address them.

Ms. Garcia-Vause noted that there was public input which consisted of minority and low-income households, limited English proficiency residents, people with disabilities, families with children, and single female headed households. Key recommendations include: increase knowledge and research; strengthen fair housing enforcement; increase awareness and understanding of social equity; provide more housing choice; develop additional educational choices; expand diversity in leadership positions; provide convenient, safe, and reliable transportation; encourage regional collaboration on housing issues; and ensure jurisdictional regulations do not unintentionally limit fair housing choice.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani had a question as to if grandparents have to take in their grandchildren if SSFHC would assist the grandparents in staying in their age restricted community. Katherine Knister Zook stated there is an exemption under the fair housing law for age restricted housing, so the grandparents may have to leave their community.

Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani also asked about the safety factor related to the occupancy limitations for homes, condos and apartments. Ms. Zook stated that the Fair Housing Act isn't concerned with that unless it's related to family status or group homes.

Councilman Cam Walker advised each entity to review the report relative to their jurisdiction.

Ms. Garcia-Vause noted that the RAI was not a regulatory document.

Councilman Bob Coffin stated that the document did not bind any jurisdiction to any specific action, but would be a roadmap to follow for recommendations.

A motion was made by Councilman Bob Coffin to accept the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan and Resolution for Adoption

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, City of Henderson, and project director of Southern Nevada Strong, thanked some of the Consortium Committee Members present, including Councilwoman Debra March, Chair of the Consortium Committee; Vice Chair Orlando Sanchez, Ken MacDonald, Tina Quigley, Louise Helton, David Saltman, Ric Jimenez, and Councilman Ricki Barlow. Stephanie Garcia-Vause also thanked staff members Lisa Corrado and Brittney Markarian for their hard work.

Ms. Garcia-Vause pointed out the executive summary which really captures the highlights of the Plan. One of the significant highlights was the public outreach which consisted of participation by nearly 70,000 people. Ms. Garcia-Vause also thanked other partners present, being The Ramirez Group, Purdue Marion, Sumnu Marketing and JA Barrett Companies for assisting in that public outreach.

Councilman Cam Walker invited Consortium Committee Chair Debra March to speak, who noted that this Plan will greatly assist Southern Nevada in obtaining future grant funds, and expressed her pride in the team that made this happen, including Ms. Garcia-Vause.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause noted that the City of North Las Vegas has already received a Choice Neighborhoods grant of \$500,000 in part due to the creation of the Plan. She also thanked the Board for authorizing the grant application to create the Plan, which will result in further investment in our community.

Ms. Garcia-Vause welcomed Tina Quigley of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to discuss the implementation matrix which describes the numerous goals and objectives of the Plan. The goals to build capacity for implementation of the Plan include: expanding public engagement and equitable access to community engagement, working with member agencies and the RTC to prioritize regional planning and enhance collaboration, building experience and capacity in the Plan concepts, developing local funding strategies to implement items with fiscal impacts, and seeking external funding for Plan implementation. Ms. Quigley discussed the implementation priorities, which are the following: implementing the four opportunity site strategies; encourage local businesses to support education and school programs; pursue light rail and improved transit options in low and moderate income areas;

support access to healthcare, healthy food, parks and community services; improve neighborhood safety; innovate and improve public-sector-led public engagement efforts; and pursue a stronger higher education system. She noted that a lot of collaboration will be needed with other agencies and partners to implement the tasks that go beyond those just related to transportation. She introduced a video to review the benefits of transportation development which emphasizes the relationship between land use and transit, and also shows why the RTC was selected to lead the implementation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani to adopt the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Discuss the board meeting schedule for 2015

Councilwoman Gerri Schroder noted that the Board had previously discussed meeting every other month, and other members suggested possibly meeting quarterly. Nancy Amundsen of Clark County stated the current board meeting schedule is the fourth Tuesday of every month. She said the Board could choose to have fewer meetings, but noted that it's always easier to cancel a scheduled meeting than to add an unscheduled meeting. She recommended having the next meeting on March 24, 2015 for approval of the budget and then changing the meeting schedule going forward. A motion was made by Councilman Cam Walker to have the next meeting on March 24, 2015 and to discuss the final board meeting schedule at that time. Motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. The next date and location of the SNRPC Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 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.

Agenda Item 12. Member Comment.

No member comment was made.

Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.