

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

**SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION**

**June 25, 2019**

**In attendance:** Councilwoman Michele Fiore, Chair, City of Las Vegas (4:41 P.M. via teleconference)  
Councilman Richard Cherchio, Vice Chair, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Black, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Cedric Crear, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Kiernan McManus, City of Boulder City  
Commissioner Justin Jones, Clark County  
Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson  
Councilman Dan H. Stewart, City of Henderson

**Absent:** Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Clark County  
Trustee Lola Brooks, Clark County School District

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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 Councilman Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas, at 4:00 P.M., on Tuesday, June 26, 2019, in the Clark County Commission Chambers at 500 Grand Central South, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89155.

**Agenda Item 2. Roll Call**

Members of the SNRPC Board, as listed above, were present with the exception of Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Clark County and Trustee Lola Brooks, Clark County School District.

**Agenda Item 3. Public Comment**

Knight Allen, Private Citizen, wanted to go over a brief history to give an understanding of where SNRPC came from and how SNRPC got to this point. Knight Allen has kept up with the articles in the paper regarding SNRPC's decisions that the Board has contemplating.

Regarding the original 1999 SB46 the act that created the panel: The original structure of the panel was 9 officials and 4 non-elected officials, who would sit on the SNRPC board.

The agenda for the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition in February 18, 1999, at the City Hall. The third item on the agenda is to receive a report from the Technical Committee regarding the process for establishing a list of four citizen members of the Regional Planning Coalition. SNRPC went by the accordance of the bill and it was ready to proceed with public comment; that

point Knight Allen got up and suggested that it was not the right way to go forward, for two reasons. Number one, under no circumstances should a panel with this much authority and power in 1999 have any unelected officials sitting on the board. “No way in the world, it just wasn’t right. Period.”

The second item had nothing to do with the Board at that time, but it is relevant with this board. He stated with this second item, “They had paid a very high price to sit in those chairs. You have paid a very high price to sit in those chairs. You are obligated and you live in a fish bowl, nothing you do goes without notice, nothing you do can get by anymore. Back in those days, there was absolutely some chance something might slide. That’s like writings on a prehistoric wall compared to what you have to go through with the internet, all the twitters, and all the rest of that stuff.”

It seemed to ring a bell for them because what the board did and from a personal point of view as a citizen, he has stood and sat before a committee like SNRPC and was always treated nicely. The meeting that was chaired by the City Councilman Arnie Adamson, the Board went back and vacated every single thing they did to get through Item 3. They agreed to the Coalition Board members to be made up of elected officials only. Senator John Porter redid the bill that stated nine unelected officials and the school board was added afterwards.

Knight Allen, stated the price you have to pay to be here, never ends and it’s never going to end.

Councilman Cherchio, asked Knight Allen to bring it to a close.

Knight Allen, came to his final point, “Your subject to living in a fish bowl, your spouses are subject to it, your family and children are and it turns out your grandchildren are.” Mr. Allen also mentioned that former Mayor Gragson’s grandson admitted to drinking before his May 30, 2019 crash.

Councilman Shaw, mentioned that statement is inappropriate at this meeting and asked Knight Allen to get to the point that he wanted to make and that grandchildren should not be talked about at this meeting.

Knight Allen, stated that they need to face up to it and that the board will never be rid of the price that they have to pay including their families.

Mr. Gragson was Mayor of Las Vegas for 16 years which is the longest serving Mayor in the history of Las Vegas.

Councilman Cherchio, Thank you.

Knight Allen, stated that they needed to keep that in mind when the board goes to vote on the agenda item on what they are going to do in regards to SNRPC’s future.

#### **Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for June 25, 2019**

A motion was made by Councilman Crear to approve the agenda for the June 25, 2019 meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the April 23, 2019 meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Crear to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting.

**Agenda Item 6. Discussion for possible action for the renewal with University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the Annual Clark County Long-Range Population Forecast**

Ayoub Ayoub, Southern Nevada Water Authority, briefly discussed the agreement SNRPC and SNWA have to produce the long term population forecast for Clark County. There were no changes to the agreement from last year or the year before. Ayoub asked if the board would renew the contract for this year and if they have any questions; Ayoub would be happy to answer any questions they may have proposed.

Councilman Crear, asked if this agenda item had to be approved by this council.

Robert Summerfield, the City of Las Vegas, stated as a board, they have approved this item in concept as a part of this year's work plan and as a part of the stated budget. This is to authorize the contract to be initiated, so that they can submit for payments as they do their work.

Councilman Crear, asked if they were by statute to approve this or not.

Robert Summerfield stated that that the inter-local that is signed by all the parties. SNWA and UNLV are contracting by this board, so the Coalition Board would need to give approval on that contract in order for the staff to pay out from the sums that the board budgeted for it.

Councilman Cherchio, asked if this item would take a supermajority vote to give approval.

Robert Summerfield, stated that it would because it is budgetary, expenses, and signing a contract does require a 2/3 majority in order to be approved.

Councilman Crear, stated for disclosure that his wife is an employee of the Las Vegas Valley Water District of Southern Nevada Water Authority, but there will not be a conflict moving forward.

Councilman Stewart, asked if it is the supermajority of those present or the body itself.

Robert Summerfield, looked to their legal counsel for clarity.

Seth, the City of Las Vegas, believes that is those present and there is 7 board members present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the renewal with University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the Annual Clark County Long-Range Population Forecast. The motion was approved unanimously

**Agenda Item 7. Discussion for possible action for the renewal of Regional Open Space and**

## **Trails Facilitation Services by Get Outdoors Nevada**

Johanna Murphy, the City of North Las Vegas and Mauricia Baca: Get out Doors Nevada, brought up the service agreement for one year's facilitation of the Regional Open Space and Trails work group. Johanna Murphy mentioned that this year the work group intends to focus on their annual celebration of Get Outdoors Nevada Day and they will be focusing on updating their Neon to Nature app, the app was originally launched in 2014 and they would like to it to 2020 standards, so that the app will much more efficient, run faster and take up less memory on users phones.

Get out Doors Nevada will also continue to focus on the Las Vegas Valley rim trail coordination as well as coordinating the alignment of all of the trails that will be implemented over the following year.

Johanna Murphy clarified that the backup materials stated it was for \$49,500, which is incorrect, the actual cost is \$12,000.

Councilman Cherchio, thanked them for their work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the renewal of Regional Open Space and Trails Facilitation Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Agenda Item 8. Report by SNRPC Planning Directors' staff on the 2020 Census RFP**

Richard Wassmuth, the City of Las Vegas, the proposal was released in early May and the due date was June 4<sup>th</sup>, In between that time, the City of Las Vegas held a workshop for any questions and answers for those who were considering submitting proposals and on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The City of Las Vegas received all the proposals. The second week of June, staff from each jurisdiction and the Nevada State Demographer evaluated the proposals, everyone met Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to see if they arrived at a consensus with a firm. The group did arrive at a consensus, they are not sure if the firm has been notified yet. The City of Las Vegas Purchasing Department is handling the contract, but Mr. Wassmuth does not know if they have notified the company yet. Once the company is notified, they will begin negotiations and there is a ceiling on the amount they will approve.

Once the negotiation is done, the findings will be presented to the SNRPC Technical Committee on August 1, 2019, and then to the SNRPC Coalition Board on August 27, 2019.

Mr. Wassmuth will schedule a meeting with the firm to go over their expectations are of the City of Las Vegas and any other information.

Robert Summerfield, clarified that the expectation is that the City of Las Vegas will have a contract to present to the SNRPC Coalition Board, which will have been worked out not to exceed the dollar amount set based on the allocations and the budget work plane for the August meeting.

## **Agenda Item 9. Report by Staff and Purdue Marion on Strategic Planning Board Workshop**

Bill Marion, Perdue Marion Associates, briefly went over the third work shop. After the two workshops in 2018, there were five new board members in January 2019 which brought the group to holding a third work shop.

The findings did not change substantially as a result of the third work shop. It appears that from the discussion there were three options that the Coalition should consider as follows:

The first option is to operator as they are currently. Keeping the same responsibilities, administrative structure, or retain a consultant administrator. Perdue Marion Associates feels as if SNRPC should have independent staff of some sort to handle the administrative responsibilities for the SNRPC, as opposed to being delegated to the municipality that is currently chair. It is a burden on the municipality that the others do not share and it needs someone's voice who is particular to this agency and not be held to someone else.

The second option is to relieve themselves of the responsibilities related to planning, and turn those over to another entity that has the capacity to be the administrator. The recommendation is the Regional Transportation Commission is already acting as the MPO and it is the implementing agency for the Southern Nevada Strong, which is the Regional Plan. Transferring those responsibilities over and then becoming a forum for emerging regional issues and an advocate for regional issues is what the body elected to so. This is modeled after the Colorado Mayors Council. This group would not meet every month, but every other month, or quarterly. This group would determine which issues, on a regional level, they would like to discuss and create, perhaps not mandatory deaccessions, but evaluations that could be shared with the municipalities dealing with those issues. For example, the success of the Open Space and Trails. This is an area that is not covered by any other regional board or an issue like the census, it only occurs every 10 years, but it is an issues of regional significance.

Purdue Marion and Associates would recommend that SNRPC should create an administration of structure and have dedicated staff or a consultant, third party dedicated entity that would manage the affairs of the Coalition should the board decide to go that route.

The third option is to take the assigned responsibilities at this point and transition them to another entity such as the RTC, and then disband.

In any of the options, the board will need to create a new inter-local agreement because existing as the board is now, the current inter-local agreement is not being met or adhered to currently.

In whichever route the board decides to take, Purdue Marion and Associates would recommend to use the rest of this fiscal year to reach the inter-local agreement, assign the duties, where the board wants the duties to go, the inter-local agreement would need to include that representative entity that would assume those responsibilities. Due to SNRPC having a contract currently for the consensus and an existing contract for the Open Space and Trails, which runs through the end of this fiscal year for both of them it makes sense to utilize the rest of this time to begin implementing whatever decision or direction it is that the board wishes to go to.

Purdue Marion and Associates were asked to reach out to RTC to see if they could accommodate taking over the responsibilities, but they were also asked to find out if this board decided to keep the planning responsibilities or to become a forum for emerging regional issues, would RTC be

able to provide the staffing for that as opposed to budgeting for it and create the staffing mechanism?

The RTC responded that they have the capacity to accommodate absorbing those responsibilities. RTC said that their staff has the subject matter, expertise, and experience that would be necessary to implement the NRS identified Regional Comprehensive Policy Planning Functions, and the MPO could assuming adequate resources and those adequate resources would be determined through an inter-local agreement. The RTC is making it clear that they are not asking to accept all of those responsibilities. The staff at RTC cannot make that decision, if an inter-local agreement, which transfers these responsibilities, was to occur, that the board would have to approve it. The RTC board would have to make a decision to accept this.

They would not be able to provide staff support to SNRPC because staff for the RTC can only be responsible to one board and cannot be responsible for two different boards. Staff support from RTC cannot happen.

A motion was made by Councilman Cherchio to approve the third workshop. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 10. Discussion for possible action on preferred role(s) and structure for the future of SNRPC and provide direction to staff to implement strategy.**

Councilman Black asked that in relation to ROST working group, it has tremendous value to our community, and the proliferation of those types of resources should not only be encouraged, but also the utilization of them; he was wondering should if option three, should be that the selected route, and is it possible to put language within an inter-local agreement to give some assurances or retain elements such as the Regional Trails and Open Spaces working group that does not have a home.

Robert Summerfield stated yes, as inter-local we can. There are elements of any working function. In example if SNRPC wanted to retain Planning Director's as a formal component for whatever they want the inter-local to look like for the RTC. For it to potentially be reasonable it can be included in the inter-local to sponsor and Shepard it along. ROST would be a prime example of a program that could be included as a component of the inter-local, and in the inter-local, funding and the actions and/or activities would have to be included; all of that would be included in the inter-local agreement.

Commissioner Jones, would like to move towards quarterly meetings and if there are some things RTC is willing to handle, SNRPC should look to RTC's board handle take responsibility. In the long term, Commissioner Jones feels that in the next six months, as Bill Marion suggested, they should concentrate on dealing with the existing contracts that SNRPC had the following year. For example, having a discussion with the legislature on what they want to see with SNRPC and then potentially making any modifications to the statue. With the last change to the statue it gave power to the Board, the Board cannot simply make changes to the inter-local. Commissioner Jones feels that SNRPC cannot simply disband without further legislative intervention.

Councilman McManus, stated that the functions this body provides are not provided elsewhere. There were major transfers of responsibilities to the RTC – Southern Nevada Strong. SNRPC has not followed up on how that is being managed within the RTC. Councilman McManus’s concern with the RTC is that they are focused on something other than the types of activities that this coalition should be looking into and agrees that the meetings can go to quarterly. He feels as if there should be dedicated person or consultant that will maintain some continuity of what it is that SNRPC is working on.

In the past couple of years, the SNRPC board has talked about many of ideas, but at each meeting the focus has seemed too change, rather than staying on a course and resulting in getting things done. Councilman McManus feels as if it is worthwhile to keep something going and would like to look at what is being done in the Reno Tahoe area planning. They have done a major re-modification on managing things in that area, but it is not that case here in Southern Nevada, due to having different forms of government. The legislature has changed the statue for this body as well as that body and had different roles for each, but at no time was it said that SNRPC shouldn’t go on.

Recently there were some actions taken on by the Clark County Commissioners regarding Homelessness. They have found a way to put some resources in to that problem, but Councilman McManus is not sure if that will be coordinated among all the other municipalities in Southern Nevada.

Councilman McManus feels as if this body has a role, but its needs to move forward with deciding what that role that s and he feels as if having a consultant that can take directions from this would take some of the pressure off of the existing planning staff has and allow SNRPC to focus on certain things.

Councilman Shaw, feels as if the big issue they are facing with this Coalition is that even though legislature facilitated the formation of this, they didn’t facilitate the ability to pay for anything, so the burden falls on whoever the chair is for that entity to pay for everything. We don’t have members that are able to pay. The school district is never going to pay for anything, so how do we come up with a fair allocation of cost? It will be difficult to negotiate a fair allocation of cost when we have members that can’t pay. Councilman Shaw feels as if SNRPC is better off allocating their responsibilities to those entities that have the ability to find what needs to be done and negotiate an inter-local agreement that will allocate the responsibilities and maintains the integrity of things that we want to see be done.

His concern is that it’s unfortunate and unfair to burden those municipalities that may have the ability to pay, with the constant burden of paying for it. It’s not physically right, but its staff time, and it takes a lot of staff time to put his altogether.

Councilman Stewart asked Bill Marion with Purdue Marion and Associates what is the effect of SNRPC does disband, what is the effect relative to the legislature and so forth?

Bill Marion, Given what the legislature did at the last session and repealing most of the provisions of this act, SNRPC wouldn't necessarily have to go back to the legislature, as long as there was some entity of regional significance that absorb those responsibilities.

Robert Summerfield, the repeal of the SNRPC act, which specifically called for SNRPC. The existing statute requires regional planning to be conducted by the County and the three largest cities within the jurisdiction, but it does not necessarily prescribe how the regional planning takes effect. There are some things listed that should be done under the regional planning portion of 278, but it does not require a separate board for that. If the required entities agree to facilitate that in some way, they are satisfying that statute. In the course of six months to this fiscal year we need to do whatever the direction this board decides. We would need to verify certain components of whatever the inter-local might look like, that do require legislative action.

Councilwoman Fiore feels as if SNRPC should disband.

Councilman Cherchio agrees that over the time he has been on the SNRPC Board, it's more of a lack of direction and the ability to stay focused on one or two issues that the Board in the past has left in limbo, and moved on to multiple issues. The Board didn't accomplish much of what it wanted to do and that's why the board is at the point it is currently is now. He is not in favor of disbanding SNRPC and feels as if there is room to move forward over the next fiscal year to come up with something that all can agree including the municipalities in which belong. Councilman Cherchio believes that SNRPC can provide a service to the valley and to the people they represent. He believes disbanding would take the pendulum from one degree to the other side with nothing in between. He is willing to listen to anything and will support anything, with the exception of disbanding of the SNRPC. Councilman Cherchio likes the idea of inter-local agreements, especially giving themselves enough time over the next fiscal year because there are other issues that they will be working on. They can use that time frame to come up with something that makes sense for all of them.

Councilman Crear stated that this is his third meeting, and he doesn't have the history - such as the other members have from sitting on this coalition. He feels that the board needs to have some kind of definitive goal, something they are striving for, whether it's making a recommendation to the legislature on a certain issue or something else., At the retreat the board talked about Climate change in which Councilman Crear was in favor. He also concurs with Commissioner Jones on meeting quarterly, which might allow them some time in between, which is an acceptable hybrid between disbanding and meeting quarterly. Perhaps the board members can get more productive from doing that. From what Commissioner Crear has gathered and from speaking to his peers on the board, not much has been accomplished, which is frustrating; all of their time is very valuable. He would like to be able to look back and say that they did something instead of just talking.

Councilman Stewart responded to Councilman Crear and stated that he has been on this board for three years and what little was done could have been outsourced to someone else. This board in Councilman Stewart's opinion has done nothing, and quite frankly, of use and that is why he has pushed so hard to disband and take what they have done, for instance such as Trails, and make sure it is picked up by RTC, or another regional authority. Everything that SNRPC has responsibility for can be taken care of by an existing regional board.

Seeing his staff work so hard for nothing has wasted time and energy, such as last year when he was SNRPC's Chair. Nothing has been accomplished in three years.

Councilman Stewart stated that he would like to move that the local governments begin negotiating the inter-local agreement and include the RTC in this process, so that the RTC can absorb the remaining SNRPC duties that are outlined in the NRS and currently under contract. Topics to address in the inter-local should include, but are not limited, to specific duties to be assigned to the RTC. Preferred role for local governments, and RTC committees that work on regional planning, frequency of meetings again that is a starter.

Number two, he would like staff to spend the rest of the fiscal year that is in the next three days working on negotiating the inter-local agreement in that we limit our meetings to August for the Census contract item that was pointed out. Such a, an update on the Census contract work in the January meeting, and close it out in the March meeting, having a final meeting in June to approve the revised inter-local agreement. That is my motion Vice Chair.

Councilman Cherchio, Thank you very much.

Councilwoman Fiore, Yes, I will second that.

Councilman Cherchio, for the record, Commissioner Fiore said that she would second that. Do we have any discussion? We have a motion and a second. Take a vote. All in favor of accepting the motion to disband in essence that's what you are talking about. Is that correct?

Councilman Stewart stated that in essence, but in an orderly manner that no responsibilities get left behind. I think we've laid it out here in a way that we eventually disband this, come a year from now.

Councilman Cherchio, asked if all were in favor.

Councilwoman Fiore: Yes

Councilman Black: Yes

Councilman Stewart: Yes

Robert Summerfield, the City of Las Vegas, Mr. Chairman, Our attorney has requested that you have a roll call vote because on something like this we want to make sure the record is clear.

Councilman McManus: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Councilman Shaw: No

Councilman Stewart: No

Councilwoman Fiore: No

Councilman Crear: Yes

Councilman Cherchio: Yes

Councilman Black: No

Jennifer Penney, Clark County, 4 Yes and 4 No.

Robert Summerfield, asked if they could provide a motion that provides direction. To let staff know what direction this Board does want to take, so they can begin updating the inter-local not doing a completely new one, but at the very least updating the existing inter-local to reflect the direction of this board.

Commissioner Jones, made a motion that they move to quarterly meetings. Additionally, before the next quarterly meeting, that they explore which SNRPC project, for example trails, might be acceptable to the RTC take over. At that next quarterly meeting, they would have that discussion, and over the next year, they consider modification of the inter-local and continue to explore whether there is a better funding mechanism for SNRPC. During the next quarterly meeting, they will have a discussion of any additional issues, addition to the census, and trails that any members of the Board would like to bring before the Board.

Robert Summerfield, asked Councilman Cherchio that before they vote on that motion, be clear about conducting the August meeting, in order to have the census contract brought before them for approval, to take that into consideration as a part of that motion.

Councilman Cherchio, stated that they have a motion and asked if they have a second.

Councilman Black, second the motion.

Councilman Cherchio, ask if there was any discussion and if they needed to take a vote.

Robert Summerfield, stated that the attorney is signaling him to do a roll call on this direction as well, to have clarity on record since there's a vote on the phone.

Councilman Cherchio, Ok.

Councilman McManus: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Councilman Shaw: Yes

Councilman Stewart: No

Councilwoman Fiore: No

Councilman Crear: Yes

Councilman Cherchio: Yes

Councilman Black: No

Jennifer Penney, Clark County, 3 Yes and 5 No.

Robert Summerfield, stated they have conferred and because they are short three members today, it's meant to be a consensus board, that they either obey this discussion to the August meeting, and that the staff will work with the staff from each jurisdiction to try to ensure that they have a full complement for this discussion for action.

"It's meant to be a consensus board and at this time we clearly do not have a consensus. If we can have a motion to obey this item to the August meeting, we will work to bring everybody together again on August."

Seth Floyd, the City of Las Vegas, stated that it is a two thirds majority on a budget item of the Coalition Board which is seven out of ten members.

Councilman Cherchio, stated that he can agree to something like that, seeing that they already know where they are on their voting and can make a motion to that effect. That they are to obey the item to the August 27th meeting.

Any discussion?

Councilman McManus: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Councilman Shaw: Yes

Councilman Stewart: No

Councilwoman Fiore: No

Councilman Crear: Yes

Councilman Cherchio: Yes

Councilman Black: Yes

Jennifer Penney, 6 Yes and 2 No.

Robert Summerfield, stated that it's a majority and that item will be obeyed to the August 27th agenda.

**Agenda Item 11. Discussion for possible action to set the SNRPC Board Agenda for the July 23, 2019 meeting**

Robert Summerfield stated that the July 23, 2019 meeting was anticipated to be canceled and the next meeting would be Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

**Agenda Item 12. For possible action to set the next date and location for a regular meeting of SNRPC Board currently scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 4:00 P.M., in the Clark County Commission Chambers.**

The Tuesday, July 23, 2019 Coalition Board meeting was canceled and will return on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Clark County Commission Chambers.

No oppositions were made from the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Councilman Cherchio to set the next meeting date. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 13. Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items.**

Councilman McManus asked if the board members could make agenda recommendations up until 10 days before the meeting.

Robert Summerfield stated that all agenda items that go before the board go to the Technical Committee for their review prior to setting for the board's agenda.

Jennifer Penney, the Coalition Board cut-off date would be August 13<sup>th</sup> and for the item to go to the Technical Committee the cut-off date is July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Cherchio appreciates his fellow board members and respects all of their concerns and even though they may disagree with how to proceed with SNRPC, he knows that they all have the best interest of all of their residence and what they need to do over here at heart, including their employees and their own municipalities.

**Agenda Item 14. Citizens Participation**

Knight Allen, thought this meeting was very interesting. Clearly everyone on this panel is trying to do what is best for this community. Publicly he wanted to apologize for mentioning Mayor Gragson's grandson, it was not meant to add on to the pain that his family is going through, but it's to point out that after 45 years of being a private citizen, he was dragged back in, and that is something the board members should think about in terms of putting themselves on the line for this particular coalition. Mr. Knight apologized again.

**Agenda Item 15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 P.M.