

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

**SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION**

**April 23, 2019**

**In attendance:** Councilwoman Michele Fiore, Chair, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Richard Cherchio, Vice Chair, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Cedric Crear, City of Las Vegas  
Councilman Scott Black, City of North Las Vegas  
Councilman Kiernan McManus, City of Boulder City  
Councilman Dan H. Stewart, City of Henderson  
Commissioner Justin Jones, Clark County  
Trustee Lola Brooks, Clark County School District

**Absent:** Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson  
Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Clark County

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**Agenda Item 1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Board was called to order by Councilwoman Fiore, City of Las Vegas, at 4:00 P.M., on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in the City of Las Vegas City Hall at 495 S. Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

**Agenda Item 2. Roll Call; notice of agenda conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law Requirements**

Members of the SNRPC Board, as listed above, were present with the exception of Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson and Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Clark County.

**Agenda Item 3. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for April 23, 2019**

A motion was made by Councilman Crear to approve the agenda for the April 23, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the March 26, 2019 meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting.

**Agenda Item 6. FY 2019-2020 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget**

Robert Summerfield, City of Las Vegas reviewed the Work Plan and Budget. The Work Plan had an addition of the Outreach for the 2020 Census; the City of Las Vegas took the lead on the RFP that will be out soon. The RFP doesn't commit to spending the fund; however, in the budget and work plan, the authorization and amounts that have been indicated for each entity to contribute are listed based on that addition to the Outreach effort for the 2020 Census.

In 2010, the Census was conducted by region. There were significant gains by having an additional resource helping to coordinate messaging and facilitate this outreach in communities that haven't always had the best representation in the census.

Councilwoman Michele Fiore asked if SNRPC would be kept up to date on their successes, and inquired as to how SNRPC would stay informed.

Robert Summerfield answered that question stating that in 2010, the Outreach consultants did updates to the SNRPC either staff or the consultant did a few of the presentations. The Cost is \$200,000.

Trustee Lola Brooks, from the CCSD, inquired as to how this worked differently from what the State is doing for the Census, for example, is there a reason SNRPC is not partnering with the State? Is SNRPC doing something duplicative?

Robert Summerfield, City of Las Vegas then stated that this is different because it's a regional approach The State will do something at the state level, but with no focus on our jurisdictions and the efforts. For our local Census offices, they will work with the efforts of the State. It's very specific to Southern Nevada, especially to the unique communities that we have including the School District, in messaging to students so that they can get back home to their parents. This will be effective in reaching out to communities that have not traditionally responded to the census in the past.

Trustee Lola Brooks, CCSD, would like a better understanding of the financial relationship. She wanted to know who made the commitment to the funds.

Robert Summerfield, City of Las Vegas, stated the cost break down works is a part of the inter-local agreement that exists between the local jurisdictions that make up the SNRPC Board. It's based on the three largest cities, the county which has two shares, and then the School District and Boulder City, each of whom have a single share contribution.

Every year, when the SNRPC Board approves a budget, that percentage is allocated to jurisdictions based on the formula in the inter-local.

Trustee Lola Brooks, CCSD, wanted to know how the inter-local worked, in regards to extending the agreement or if there is an expiration date?

Robert Summerfield, City of Las Vegas stated, the existing inter-local is in the evergreen stage and

the status is undetermined at this point. Until the inter-local is modified, the current distribution is in effect.

Councilman McManus, Boulder City, made a comment to the fact that the league of cities developed a plan to make the census effective. It would be in the best interest for SNRPC to coordinate with the league of cities, and not just the state.

A motion was made by Councilman Black to approve the 2019-2020 Work Plan and Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 7. Background an Overview of Previous Workshops**

Bill Marion with Purdue Marion & Associates, went over a brief overview.

In October of 2018, there was an initial briefing and also interviews with staff and representatives within each of the jurisdictions. Purdue Marion & Associates took that information and used it to design a workshop that would help get the consensus on the future of the development of this entity. At the last legislature, they changed the statute related to the formation of this board and its duties, which gives this Coalition the opportunity to redefine itself and reshape its operation. The original legislative was very prescriptive, and it mandated that the board would have to meet at least once a month, the participants on the board, and which issues were covered.

On October 23rd, Purdue Marion & Associates looked at a variety of roles that the SNRPC body could encompass, given the fact that there are other regional bodies that are assigned specific tasks related to regional activity.

During the November 2018 SNRPC Coalition Board Workshop, Purdue Marion & Associates presented their report on what SNRPC could become.

In January, a motion was raised to disband the organization; that motioned failed and some of the new members wanted to be more active; thereby creating what they would like to see SNRPC become, which led to today's workshop.

Some of the items that were brought up during the interviews were:

- Delegation of Southern Nevada Strong (SNS) to MPO
- Lack of dedicated funding source and strained in-kind participation
- Importance of local autonomy over land use planning.
- High value for regional collaboration among staff and Board, but other structures currently address transportation, economic development, flood control, State legislative agenda, health, housing, and other topics.
- Consider emerging issues not covered by other regional Boards
- Consider not requiring regular meetings; only convene if called upon by a member.

The current, primary required duties of SNRPC until recent legislative amendments, was to prepare a regional policy plan; the primary role is unclear, since that was transferred to the RTC; however, mandatory duties still include:

- TOD/MU incentives
- Define ‘Projects of Regional Significance’
- Conformity reviews
- Prepare an annual budget
- Cooperate with local air population control board

The possible roles SNRPC could become would be a Forum which becomes an exchange of ideas, discussion and communication to forge consensus, such as, advocacy, a collective voice for the region, leverage state and fed funds, raise public awareness/educate public on regional issues. It could become a clearinghouse with an inventory of each region’s community facilities and utilities or a data center using one data source; there is also the consideration of disbanding which regional issues are handled sufficiently by existing agencies, boards, and committees. The group should consider the process of disbanding and assign the remaining tasks to allied organizations.

### **Agenda Item 8. Future of SNRPC**

Councilwoman Fiore went over some of the transitioning options for SNRPC, such as forum for emerging regional issues, advocacy group to raise awareness and to create solutions to regional concerns, and/or a council to address regional planning initiatives and implementation, potential structural changes may address meeting frequencies, staffing, budget, and priority topics.

The councilmembers reviewed the cards that were handed out by Purdue Marion & Associates that went over Meeting Frequency, Staffing, Program, and Administration.

Commissioner Jones is not optimistic that there is a collective will to have a regional planning coalition that will be functional and that it would make sense to transfer all of the planning jurisdiction to the RTC.

Councilman Stewart being a part of SNRPC for the past couple of years has not seen the value of this Coalition. The City of Henderson’s staff has spent a lot of time, energy, resources, and effort to facilitate this Coalition for 2018, and nothing came out of it. Every issue that has been brought up, has fallen under another regional board.

Commissioner Jones sees it as a lack of imagination and/or leadership on the board itself, such as when Councilman Stewart mentioned that nothing came up because the board didn’t choose to have that role.

Councilman Stewart mentioned that every time that they tried to come up with something, another regional board was taking care of the issue.

Councilwoman Fiore feels as if it wasn’t a lack of leadership. The importance is the six votes, no matter who is in the room. SNRPC also has to be cautious of overstepping boundaries when trying to take over other boards’ positions; for example, seeing if the board can come up with something without stealing it from another jurisdiction/agency and be successful with this venture., Councilwoman Fiore is ready to hear it.

Councilman McManus has started with the SNRPC board two years ago and has seen little progress a lot of discussion, but little progress. He feels that a board such as this is critical to Southern Nevada, and he doesn't believe that there are other entities that allow for each of the municipalities to come together and talk about things that are important to all of them. For example, RTC has a focus and it's not necessarily regional planning, it's more transportation planning. It's important to remember that this board was created by the legislature as a planning entity for Southern Nevada. When it is said that RTC took responsibility for some of the things as the MPO, it was at the direction of this coalition. SNRPC still has the ability to provide direction to those boards such as Southern Nevada Strong (SNS). SNS still has a need to get direction from SNRPC, rather than SNRPC taking anything away from them SNS is looking at the SNRPC to direct them.

Councilman McManus feels as if the board needs to come to an understanding with its members; that SNRPC will start to move forward and see what the boards are working on and see if that's the direction SNRPC wants them to progress.

Councilman Black sees the current makeup of SNRPC and the name that constitutes planning, has reached the level of obsolescence and that the board can move on from that point. There is no creativity, the past wasn't a failure, but the board has turned into something different. SNRPC is looking for a problem to solve in the planning area, but there are other problems in the community that do exist that could benefit if the group changes the strategy; such as seeing this board change to an advocacy related group or to add support to emerging issue.

Frequency: Every other month.  
Staffing: Independent Contractor  
Program: Regional Advocacy  
Admin: Colorado Metro Mayors

A common element that is absent from SNRPC is mandating who is in charge and that there is no set staffing that focuses mainly on SNRPC. The past and current meetings of the coalition board were and are painful to sit in on, and they are also ineffective. This doesn't mean that the board can't reset and try to solve some regional problems, however. Councilman Black feels that SNRPC as it currently stands is, irrelevant, but doesn't mean that it can't be reformulated in such a way that the board can do something differently.

Councilman Cherchio does not want to waste time on issues that serve no purpose and where there is a large cost involved. The issue that transcends the municipal boundaries lines is homelessness. This would be beneficial to the community of Southern Nevada and would like to focus on that issue.

Frequency: Every other month  
Staffing: Independent Contractor  
Program: Advocacy  
Admin: Colorado Metro Mayors

Bill Marion with Purdue Marion & Associates, stated that the Continuum of Care Board exists

because it has to be a non-profit entity that is able to get the money from the Federal Government and other grants, in order to implement those homeless programs. Additionally it is HUD mandated. Every entity is represented, but there are no elected officials on that board. It doesn't mean that SNRPC couldn't require elected officials to be on that board; the board representation from each of the municipalities is at the staff level. One thing SNRPC could take spearhead is that they are interested in and want reports from Continuum Care Board and what it is doing. SNRPC would advocate with them on the concerns from a regional level. Purdue Marion & Associates recommendation would be that this cannot be done within the existing structure.

Trustee Brooks agreed that as the structure currently stands, there is no use or purpose to it, and he and does not want to duplicate the work of anyone else. For example, if taking on the issue of homelessness, it would not be a productive use of time due to another entity handling that issue.

Frequency: Quarterly  
Staffing: Independent Contractor  
Program: Forum for emerging and sustaining issues  
Admin: Colorado Metro Mayors

Commissioner Jones

Frequency: Every other month  
Staffing: Dedicated staff (SNS?)  
Program: Forum  
Admin: Colorado Metro Mayors

Commissioner Jones stated from a legislative perspective SNRPC is/was supposed to be a coordinating body. There is some aspect of regional planning implementation; for example, if there is a regional plan regarding homelessness and climate change, then whomever is responsible for this plan would report back to SNRPC as the elected official in order for SNRPC to coordinate the information within their bodies.

Councilman Crear agrees wholeheartedly with Commissioner Jones. Assembly woman Neal has tasked the City Council to create a Nevada interagency Council for homelessness, AB-174. Her intention is to get the entities to work together. Councilman Crear also believes that Climate Change sustainability would be a very beneficial advocacy for SNRPC to push forward through the legislature, county commissions, and other jurisdictions. Southern Nevada Strong could be the resource behind this in order to get a systematical blue print that SNRPC can execute on.

Frequency: Every other month (Can change depending on focus.)  
Staffing: Dedicated staff (SNS)  
Program: Advocacy  
Admin: Colorado Metro Mayors

Councilman Stewart made it clear that the City of Henderson is in favor of disbanding, and they will support their neighbors. However, until the SNRPC board can define exactly what they are going to do, Councilman Stewart is in favor of disbanding.

Frequency:

Staffing:

Program: **DISBAND**

Admin:

Councilman McManus feels as if this Coalition is important and that the role of this Coalition is to find issues that are important to those in Southern Nevada; to get issues moving and to an existing board.

Frequency: Bi-Monthly

Staffing: Independent Contractor for 6-12 months then give to SNS

Program: Advocacy

Admin: Colorado Metro Mayors

Councilwoman Fiore is focused on the budget and questioned the cost regarding the Colorado Metro Mayor Structure cost and independent contractor.

Bill Marion answered that it would be up to the Coalition to decide this, given the scope of work, but, it could be anywhere from \$120,000 to \$200,000 a year.

Councilwoman Fiore sees everyone's point of views, and her concern is a lack of a budget. When asking each entity to provide the necessary funds, she is not sure if they will be able to commit. There has been no conclusion to this board, and even though there is a quorum not every board member is present to vote. She doesn't feel as if the board is being effective and the time is not necessary. Depending on what comes out of the next meeting, having a meeting every month is not acceptable if no one agrees upon an issue.

The way that the board has been going, Councilwoman Fiore would like to see the board meet bi-annually until it's time to go to the legislature and disband.

The city of Las Vegas has become 100% renewable energy; that was done by the locals and was not regional. If the collation can figure out what to do, then it would be good to stay put; however, if nothing can come out of it, Councilwoman Fiore is in favor of disbanding.

Frequency:

Staffing: **DISBAND**

Program: If no compelling issue agreed upon.

Admin:

Bill Marion asked if the planning element of SNRPC should be removed. For instance, the Truckee Meadow Regional Council does create a planning overlay and they have jurisdiction over planning. The jurisdictions here really want to obtain autonomy and that is not an issue that SNRPC should be concerned about.

Councilman Stewart asked Lisa Corrado to explain how SNS fulfills the role of Regional Planning, as oppose to not fulfilling that role.

Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson, stated that the City of Henderson applied for and managed the regional planning initiative grant on behalf of SNRPC; they hired the staff and developed the plan. They made the recommendation to transition the administration of the plan to the RTC. SNRPC was never under the statute or involved in the structure with RTC now, legal authority of land use and zoning.

SNRPC is legally authorized, via statute in developing a regional policy plan, and a couple other items such as incentivizing transit development, mix use, population forecasting, and coordination with air quality control board. There is no purview over the land use and zoning authority for either the SNRPC or RTC.

Councilwoman Fiore stated that depending on the direction the board goes, she feels strongly that SNS can take over and they could be the oversight board.

Lisa Corrado, the City of Henderson's Core Grant management team and Federal Government suggested the joint recommendation was to transition SNRPC due to not having a dedicated funding source, such as some of the other regional agencies. There isn't a dedicated tax or fee structure or anything else that provides the needed resources. SNRPC is all voluntary, an optional contribution agency, and a development of work, plan, and budget.

HUD and the Sustainable Community Initiative recommended that SNRPC be transferred to an organization that has dedicated staffing, capacity, and a strong role in the implementation of the regional plan. RTC has many implementation items in the plan, and local governments have the responsibility for the implementation items.

Councilwoman Fiore asked Craig Raborn and Dan Reuter with SNS how they see the things the coalition is discussing, and possibly move forward by picking it up and inviting the board, as entities, to join them as a committee to listen to and give directions. Additionally, would SNS be able to fund the coalition?

Craig Raborn, from RTC commented that it's a question for the RTC board; however, this depends on the scope of the activity. That would be the critical factor for deciding if this is within the budget. The change would not make a significant change from the role SNS currently plays.

Commissioner Jones questioned if the SNS reports to the RTC board other than transportation planning?

Craig Raborn, SNS and the MPO stated that this used to be under the same director, but it was disbanded a year ago. The MPO function relates to the elements within SNS that were identified as transportation tasks being implemented by the RTC; this goes through Craig's department, with the core administrator function being Dan's department within SNS. This would most likely maintain a similar model.

Dan Reuter, with SNS, commented that the Steering Committee at the Southern Nevada Strong that is made up of local government, staff; for example, there are some key non-profit organizations such as the LVGEA and others. SNS is a comprehensive plan that studies economic

development, transportation, and housing issues. There are issues such as housing that are primarily a low Government Issue, and SNS's role is to try to get some overlapping regional dialogue.

Councilman Cherchio, Feels as if the board for homelessness is not accomplishing what they should be. Coming up with any monies for costs should be looked at as an investment and not a cost factor. He feels as if the board needs a direction so that they can start working on issues right now.

Robert Summerfield, City of Las Vegas, stated that SNS being the potential independent contractor for SNRPC, staff will reach out to SNS and RTC about the viability so they can report back for the next meetings action item.

**Agenda Item 9. Member Comment**

Councilwoman Fiore set the date for the next Coalition Board meeting at the Clark County Commission Chambers on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

**Agenda Item 10. Future Agenda Items**

**Agenda Item 11. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 P.M.