

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

November 24, 2020

In attendance: Commissioner Justin Jones, Chair, Clark County
Councilman Brian Knudsen, Vice Chair, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Scott Black, City of North Las Vegas
Councilwoman Claudia Bridges, City of Boulder City
Councilwoman Olivia Diaz, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Dan H. Stewart, City of Henderson
Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Clark County
Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas

Absent: Trustee Lola Brooks, Clark County School District
Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson

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 Jones of Clark County at 4:05 P.M., on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, by WebEx.

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 Trustee Lola Brooks, Clark County School District, and Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for November 24, 2020

A motion was made by Councilman Stewart to approve the agenda for the November 24, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the October 27, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Knudsen to approve the minutes for the October 27, 2020

meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion to approve the proposed Second Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Southern Nevada Council of Governments pursuant to NRS 278.02514 and direct staff accordingly.

Councilman Knudsen briefly went over what was discussed at the previous meetings and stated that over the last couple of years there have been questions regarding the purpose of SNRPC and the members of SNRPC and the community struggled to find what value SNRPC had. SNRPC had a different intent and purpose a decade ago and a significant amount of value for the community but over time many of the new things that came out of SNRPC became ingrained in the culture of the Southern Nevada jurisdictions. Over a year ago there was an intent to potentially disband SNRPC. The City of Las Vegas was staffing the board at that time, consultants were brought in and much work went into finding out how to disband and what it would look like. The City of Las Vegas gathered information on what disbanding would look like from a regional and NRS perspective and found that disbanding the SNRPC is a lot more complicated than it may seem and with that information, the Board decided to reformulate the SNRPC so it has a purpose and meaningful outcomes.

Councilman Knudsen took the work from Bill Marion and Associates and worked with the City of Las Vegas staff and came up with a draft interlocal that would change the name of the organization to the Southern Nevada Council of Governments and refocus by moving away from the planning and land use function to a Board that will work on issues that affect the entire region. Representatives from each of the local jurisdictions ideally coming to a consensus around what are the policy issues that need to be addressed and can improve the quality of life for Southern Nevada as a whole.

Over the last several SNRPC meetings, Councilman Knudsen feels they had healthy conversations around a couple of key issues such as how do they come to a consensus which Councilman Knudsen thinks will always be a challenge. For example, what is the structure of how to bring someone on board such as staff to help the Board come up with ideas and effectuate change or implement policy direction, and technical conversations around the details of the interlocal and the obligations of each jurisdiction. Councilman Knudsen believes the main points are relevant for this Board and community would include the name change, changes to the budget by moving from a percentage base to a population base formula and would shift much of the burden to Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. Another change would be to allow the “COG” to bring in staff to help develop consensus around regional policy issues and action plan to work on those regional policy issues.

Councilman Knudsen stated that if this interlocal passes during this meeting the next step is for each jurisdiction to approve it and asks that each member put this agenda item on the next agenda, and there it would need to be approved in order for the interlocal to become effective. Once approved, SNRPC would be rebranded as the Council of Governments and then begin to work on a policies and procedures document which contains a lot of the detail of how they will move forward and begin to reimagine. This will not be a quick process. Councilman Knudsen also stated that he has had conversations with Councilman Stewart to give this a period of time. If it

shows that this is not an effective strategy, they should then work to disband.

Marco Velotta with the City of Las Vegas stated that since the October Board meeting, staff members and legal counsel from each entity convened to do a round of edits and discuss some of the overall issues with respects to the interlocal and its language. The result of the effort itself is included as a backup for this item, and it addresses the amendment and the proposed changes for the new Council of Governments that continues to serve as the Regional Planning Coalition for Southern Nevada. The staff worked through the matter of SNCOG, in particular its powers in section 9, the makeup and structure with respect to the three largest cities and other members that have been a part of SNRPC in the past, the voting and consensus process, staffing, budget and formula, and the work plan process along with other minor material changes that have been incorporated throughout the process and have been reflected throughout the document. There were some issues that the staff have resolved over the past week which include amendments from the County and the City of Henderson that contains some minor changes and is reflected in Exhibit A which was distributed and should be a part of the record.

Jeff Rogan, Esq. with Clark County went over the County's suggested changes and Mr. Rogan felt there were a couple clarifications he felt were necessary from the last draft. On page 1, Mr. Rogan suggested the removal of the Clark County School District and the Regional Transportation Commission as parties to the agreement. They would still be members of the Southern Nevada Council of Governments under NRS 278. There's no need for their Board to support or not support this interlocal in order for it to go into effect. Only the County and municipalities have any say over whether the Council of Governments can proceed in the form that is being proposed in the interlocal agreement. Another change is that there are some recitals in the front part of the document that reflect the reasons why the Clark County School District had been a party to the previous agreement and no longer will be a party to the agreement and that is for public record. The second change is Section 4c, based upon reading the minutes from the October meeting, Mr. Rogan believes its intended that the representatives from the Clark County School District and the Regional Transportation Commission need not be elected officials but can be any person the school district and RTC would like to appoint to the board and Mr. Rogan recommended the change from official to representative. In Section 4f, a clarification was made, the term the representative from the school district and RTC is for two years since they are not elected officials and to make sure that was clarified. In Section 4g clarifying that if there is a vacancy and the representative from the school district or the RTC, that position can be filled as if that person is an elected representative from a local government. In Section 6 there was a recommended change that the chair and vice-chair be from the member entities, the local government such as the County or municipalities, and excludes the representatives from the Clark County School District and RTC from being chairs which is consistent with the intent of this organization.

Councilman Knudsen asked Mr. Rogan if he has talked to the attorneys from the school district and the RTC. Mr. Rogan stated that he has not talked to the attorneys but was scheduled to meet with Mary-Anne Miller, Esq. from the CCSD at some point as she has been.

Councilman Knudsen stated that he feels comfortable stating that he spoke with Trustee Brooks about a month ago and this is consistent with her expectations given her role with CCSD and her role on SNRPC. Mr. Knudsen has exchanged texts with Angela Torres with RTC and this is also

consistent with their expectations and doesn't believe there will be a disagreement from those individuals representing those organizations.

Lisa Corrado with City of Henderson stated that Mr. Rogan had incorporated the requested edits and thanked Mr. Rogan. The City of Henderson requested under Section 12, committees and sub-committees, that the Board has the ability to create committees as needed, and under Section 14 referencing emergencies, they don't foresee an emergency that would necessitate the Board exceeding its budget and the explicit inclusion of state and federal lobby. Also, under Section 14 the Board has the ability to hire any professional technical consultants as needed and the City of Henderson thought it was foreshadowing something that's not required yet.

Councilman Knudsen stated they made most or all of the suggested changes from each of the jurisdictions and that everyone has had time to review.

Mario Bermudez with Clark County stated that from a staff level they are fine with the changes.

Councilman Knudsen asked Councilman Black and Councilman Cherchio if there were any other changes they knew of.

Councilman Black and Councilman Cherchio stated there were no changes that they are aware of.

Councilman Knudsen stated that this is the first step if they move forward with approval and there are several more steps to go. This requires each Board member to push this item at each jurisdiction meeting and the jurisdictions supporting it. Councilman Knudsen has been as transparent as he can. In his own jurisdiction there are thoughts that SNRPC should disband. This requires a lot of elected officials to weigh in and being supportive of this effort. From Councilman Knudsen's perspective, he can't think of a better example than COVID for the need of each jurisdiction to come together and think regionally and act regionally. This provides a first step to provide a structure in place that can work with the State on doing that.

Councilman Knudsen stated that he respects the conversations he's had with Councilman Stewart regarding the policy issues and he believes it's the most complicated part. In the last meeting the Board identified a couple policy issues where there was consensus and Councilman Knudsen believes there are more issues that the Board agrees on than disagrees on. Councilman Knudsen acknowledged that there is fear, concern, or thought around one jurisdiction being over bearing and taking more latitude with this than another jurisdiction and moving without consensus, and he thinks to the best of their ability, they have been demonstrating that they can come to an agreement and where there are suggestions to change and making those changes and trusting that they all have the best of intentions as elected officials, their Boards, and respective organizations have the best intentions in moving the region forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Knudsen to approve the interlocal and seconded by Commissioner Segerblom. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Citizens Participation. Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. No subject may be acted upon by the

Commission that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action.

No citizens participation occurred.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 P.M.