

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

February 23, 2021

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 Dan Shaw, City of Henderson
Trustee Katie Williams, Clark County School District

Absent: Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas

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 4:11 P.M., on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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 Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for February 23, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Segerblom to approve the agenda for the February 23, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the November 24, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Segerblom to approve the minutes for the November 24, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update from the Regional Trails and Open Space Workgroup.

Johanna Murphy with the City of North Las Vegas and Chair of Regional Open Space and Trails working group and Almendra Johnson with Get Outdoors Nevada briefly went over the updates of their activities.

Johanna Murphy stated that ROST has been meeting virtually, their attendance has been great, and there are 20 members participating at the monthly meetings. Topics that have been addressed at their meetings were National Park Service – River, Trails & Conservation Program, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Update, Proposed Avi Kwa Ame National Monument, Great American Outdoors Act, Land and Water Conservative Fund, City of North Las Vegas Wayfinding Program, Phase 1 signage Installation Project, and SNPLMA Round 18. Planning and Program Adjustments, Responding to State Directives regarding COVID-19. UNLV Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, City of Henderson AARP Community Challenge Grant Implementation, and Jurisdiction Update. In addition to what was presented on the slide, ROST is focused on individual members implementation of the work completed apart of the group activity.

In 2017, ROST developed a Neon to Nature Wayfinding guide and in 2019, an appendix was added for the signage for the Las Vegas Valley Rim Trail. In 2020, the City of North Las Vegas developed a city-wide wayfinding sign program based on the Neon to Nature Guide. In addition to developing the city-wide guide and in partnership with the Southern Nevada Health District, funding was received through the REACH grant, and the city was able to install Phase 1 signs in the downtown area which included about 65 signs. These signs highlight 10-minute walks to the park, open spaces, recreational centers, and City Hall.

The City of Henderson gave a presentation regarding their AARP community grant challenge, and they were awarded a grant to transform Army Street into a colorful and vibrant public space in Downtown Henderson. Benches were painted to give a color pop to the downtown area and were painted by different artists.

UNLV gave a presentation to ROST regarding their 2020 Master Plan Update. The ROST group found this interesting because of the implementation of the bicycle circulation plan for the campus.

Johanna Murphy stated that these are some of the exciting things that happened with their partners in 2020.

Johanna Murphy showed the latest Neon to Nature Regional Trails Map 2019-2020 and stated that ROST keeps track of the new construction of trails throughout the valley so they can be incorporated in their next map update. New trails are added to the Neon to Nature Map app regularly, and there have been over 17,000 downloads of the app since its inception in 2014, averaging about 215 downloaded a month.

Almendra Johnson with Get Outdoors Nevada introduced herself as the new Facilitator. Ms. Almendra Johnson stated that they will be working with the Southern Nevada Health District to update the app and the Neon to Nature Map that will include a Spanish translation. They will hire a contractor to work on including the Spanish translation into the app.

ROST recently had a presentation from the RTC on their walkability study, and each partner was

provided a link to start sharing and receive community engagement.

They met with The Westside Historical District and gained information about the Pioneer Trail and some of the work they are doing on the trail.

The Native Pollinator Habitat program has a couple new sites in North Las Vegas; Cheresa Taing with Get Outdoors Nevada will share with the ROST group.

Almendra Johnson stated that she is a part of the UNLV Active Transport class and they are working on a trail assessment project where students will go out into the community as part of their virtual learning module.

Almendra Johnson went over the update to Get Outdoors Nevada Day. Boulder City Chamber of Commerce started their meetings and discussed what it will look like. There are no other details to give at this time of what the event will look like in partnership with the Jamboree event the weekend of May 1st.

An additional topic that will be covered this year are updates to the Vegas Valley Rim Trail, and each jurisdiction is invited to present on different projects and grants they are working on.

Chairman Jones congratulated Almendra Johnson on her new position and gave a shoutout to Mauricia Baca who recently took a new position as Executive Director of Nature Conservancy. In regard to SNPLMA Round 18, the partners working group, which is the second level of the approving process, met last week, and their recommendations will be made public on Monday, March 1, 2021. It will include some of the trails programs that have been proposed, and then it will go to the Executive Committee before May.

Agenda Item 7. Discussion to approve the FY 2021-2022 SNRPC Work Plan and Budget.

Mario Bermudez with Clark County went over the budget and work plan. The budget includes a carry over from the end of the fiscal year of \$89,000. After deducting the workplan of \$63,000 and an administrative cost of roughly \$18,000, there will be a fund balance of \$8,600 at the end of the next fiscal year. They will not seek any contributions for the fiscal year of 2021-2022. The work projects that SNRPC has for this year are the continuation of the ROST implementation and CBER population forecast which is approximately \$13,000/yr and is an ongoing project with a 3-year contract.

Councilman Stewart asked for clarification on the work project at \$63,000 including Open Trails.

Mario Bermudez stated that he was correct, the Regional Open Space Plans budget is \$49,500 and the CBER budget is \$13,500, bringing the total of both projects to \$63,000.

Councilman Stewart asked for clarification on what the \$18,000 is for.

Mario Bermudez stated that it is administrative cost and is \$17,839.00. It is the reimbursement to Clark County for the Secretarial position, City of Henderson for hosting the website, and for minor supplies.

Councilman Stewart stated that he doesn't remember SNRPC reimbursing the City of Henderson.

Mario Bermudez stated that the cost always has been included.

Chairman Jones stated that at the last meeting they voted to not to move forward with some of the actions they talked about. He has had discussions with the RTC about taking over some of the functions of the SNRPC, and the discussions are ongoing. If it moves forward, the budget will be affected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Segerblom to approve the FY 2021-2022 SNRPC Workplan and Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. 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 Board that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action.

No citizens participation occurred.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 P.M.