

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

**SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION**

**March 26, 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 Kiernan McManus, City of Boulder City  
Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Clark County  
Commissioner Justin Jones, Clark County  
Trustee Lola Brooks, Clark County School District

**Absent:** Councilman Dan H. Stewart, City of Henderson  
Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson  
Councilman Scott Black, City of North Las Vegas

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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 McManus, City of Boulder City, at 4:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 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 Councilman Dan H. Stewart, City of Henderson, Councilman Dan Shaw, City of Henderson, and Councilman Scott Black, City of North Las Vegas.

**Agenda Item 3. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for March 26, 2019**

A motion was made by Councilman Jones to approve the agenda for the March 26, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the January 22, 2019 meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Segerblom to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019

meeting. Trustee Brooks and Councilman Crear were abstained from voting due to not being members of the SNRPC organization during the January 22, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 6. Election of the SNRPC Board Chair for 2019**

A motion was made by Commissioner Segerblom to accept the recommendation of Councilwoman Fiore, City of Las Vegas as Chair for the 2019 calendar year. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 7. Regional Open Space & Trails Workgroup Update**

Johanna Murphy with the City of North Las Vegas presented a brief background of the Regional Open Space and Trails work group. In 2007 the Regional Open Space and Trails work group was formed at an Open Space and Trail Summit. In 2009, Neon to Nature was branded to establish an identity. Then in 2010, the Regional Open Space and Trails helped establish the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, to promote kids to take advantage of the parks, trails, camping and fishing experiences. The Las Vegas Valley Rim Trail was branded in 2011. Also, the Regional Open Space and Trails transitioned the National Trails Day celebration into Get Outdoors Nevada Day Celebration.

Mauricia Baca with Get Outdoors Nevada talked about the Get Outdoors Nevada Day celebration. It started in 2014 at Craig Ranch Regional Park and has since been recycled through all the jurisdictions. This is an interactive event that allows kids and adults to participate in activities at each vendor. The numbers of attendees have steadily increased. The next Get Outdoor Nevada Day will be held in Boulder City at Wilbur Square on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Get Outdoors Nevada workgroup is also currently working on an updated Neon to Nature Map. The update will include additional trails that have been constructed, the Ice Age State Park, the Tulle Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, and highlights of the Las Vegas Valley Rim Trail.

An addendum is being added to the Wayfinding Guide to address the Las Vegas Valley Rim Trail. The workgroup is still working on the final and will present that to the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition once it's completed.

Mauricia Baca also mentioned that they will be doing an update to the Neon to Nature app. There have been 11,844 downloads so far. Johanna mentioned that the app features a Search menu to locate a trail near you and also helpful information at the end to help report a problem such as graffiti.

It was stated by Councilman McManus that the report was accepted.

#### **Agenda Item 8. Strategic Planning Workshop Review and History**

Lisa Corrado with the City of Henderson presented the background of SNRPC up to the current point where it was decided by the Board to find the core purpose of SNRPC with the help of Purdue

Marion and Associates through a strategic planning process.

“The interviews, scheduled and conducted by Bill Marion of Purdue Marion & Associates, sought to understand Board member and staff perspectives on the group’s current role and opportunities for an expanded role, a change in purpose, or to determine whether SNRPC needed to transition remaining duties to other organizations that have dedicated funding sources.” The two workshops were held on October 23, 2018 and November 27, 2018 to get different options and structures that could be considered. The first work shop on October 23, 2019 the options were either the board could become an advocacy or transitioning into disbanding. At the November 27, 2019 workshop Bill with Purdue Marion & Associates and presented their findings to the board members and discussed the budget if the board were to take on another role to have a more proactive purpose. Majority of the board went in the direction of the SNRPC being managed by other regional organizations.

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

### **Agenda Item 9. Strategic Planning Workshop 3**

Bill Marion mentioned that at the January meeting, a motion was made to disband, but that vote was defeated. He recommended the third Strategic Planning Workshop to get all the new board members voices or visions on what the SNRPC board could become.

Robert Summerfield with the City of Las Vegas recommended that the City of Las Vegas host the Strategic Planning Workshop 3 on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Segerbloom to approve the third workshop. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 10. Discussion of the Planning for the 2020 Census**

Mario Bermudez with Clark County Planning stated that at the September 2018 Coalition Board meeting there was a discussion on hiring a consultant to get a complete count, to ensure that they could get as many people included in the census. At the meeting, the staff was given direction to work on the RFP and plan on a budget amount of no more than \$200,000. This will be included in the next Coalition Board meeting agenda under Work plan and Budget. The City of Las Vegas has taken on the lead of processing the development of RFP and managing the contract.

The County specifically has been working on the boundary and expansion surveys and some other counts that the Census Bureau is looking for, and the County has been working in conjunction with other jurisdictions. On April 16, 2019 there will be a resolution supporting the complete count.

Trustee Brooks asked if the Clark County School District was involved with SNAPPE.

Sean Robertson with the City of Henderson stated that the School District was involved with SNAPPE and that they host it every month.

Trustee Brooks stated that they work with Vegas PBS and asked if they could coordinate because they are drafting a communication plan to make sure we are getting enough census completions.

Johanna Murphy clarified that SNAPPE stands for the Southern Nevada Area Population Projection Estimation Committee. This group meets monthly and is in hiatus during the summer. SNAPPE brings in different speakers with different perspectives on development occurring in the Las Vegas Valley, and this could help our population, projection, and estimations demographic tracking.

Sean Robertson stated that SNAPPE has relocated their meetings to the City of Las Vegas.

Councilwoman Fiore thanked those who presented the report.

### **Agenda Item 11. Discussion of the Regional Approach to Climate Change**

Marco Velotta with the City of Las Vegas gave a brief overview of SNRPC's involvement with Regional Emissions and Sustainability efforts. For the past decade, SNRPC has worked with UNLV through an inter-local agreement to do regional emissions inventories as a part of a broader sustainability program. The emission data was disclosed and reported on through a Regional Emissions Inventory Report that can be found on the SNRPC website. The City of Las Vegas has continued to provide emissions estimates over the years and the recent is from 2017. The data is collected through NV Energy, Southwest Gas, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, NDOT, and the RTC.

Half the emissions from the community are from the direct burning of materials, natural gas, or through automobiles; almost 40% are through electricity. An estimated 28 million metric tons of emissions annually has been similar to previous year's emissions counts. Most of those emissions are through natural gas from the residential sector, or through electricity from the commercial sectors, which includes resorts, casinos, small commercial businesses, and residential. The sources of those emissions can be traced back to different locations. Most of the electric grid is tied together in Nevada, NV Energy is the investor owned utility and most of their plants are natural gas plants located throughout Nevada.

Over the past decade there has been a general growth trend, and Nevada has a cleaner portfolio due to the States renewable portfolio standards. Through the legislature, the standard has been increased and NV Energy has complied with this standard. This standard is set for 25% by 2025. There have been attempts to set incremental increases at 40% by 2030 which was vetoed in legislature in 2017. This was question 6 on the 2018 ballot, and was sponsored by Senator Brooks to increase the renewable portfolio standard to 50% by 2030. The vast majority of renewable energy is coming from geothermal energy in northern and central Nevada, which gets transmitted back and forth between the grids. There is a sizeable amount of solar in Southern Nevada and NV Energy has announced that they will be doubling the amount of the capacity in state, about another 1,000 megawatts of solar similar to the plants near Boulder City; those do require public utility commission approval. The overall portfolio and emissions that Nevada emits has been going down.

Regionally, there are many programs and efforts underway, and all jurisdictions have implemented sustainability efforts in some form. The County, North Las Vegas and Henderson have taken different measures as well with regional service providers such as Republic Services, NV Energy, as well as the RTC and their transit fleet. The Majority of the fleet has become electrified, for example, the usage of plug in electric vehicles, electric charging infrastructures, and single stream recycling that has been deployed region wide. Through SNRPC, Clark County has been able to quantify what's been going on in Southern Nevada, and we have been able to compare ourselves to cities around the county.

Commissioner Justin Jones suggested comparing ourselves to other localities around the west, with our competitor cities, such as Salt Lake, Phoenix, Portland, Seattle, and etc. They all have implemented climate reaction or resiliency; is that something that has been attempted in Nevada?

Marco Velotta stated that, there have been efforts to integrate climate action or sustainability plans; for example, the City of Las Vegas has directly been placing sustainability policies in place over the last 10 years. They are currently updating their masterplan, which would have a conservation component that is required by NRS; this will largely incorporate the mitigation efforts.

Commissioner Justin Jones asked if from a regional perspective there hasn't been an effort to address it more on a regional approach, as opposed to jurisdiction specific.

Marco Velotta stated that through SNRPC, there has only been a reporting of emissions themselves and inventory, but there has not been a formal plan. At this legislative session, there is a bill that Senator Brooks introduced. SB 254, which would quantify the reporting of emissions at a state level.

Councilman Crear questioned that since there is no regional approach, what was the intention in trying to create a regional approach? What were the short comings? Why does one think we do not have a regional coalition for this? Is this something that SNRPC should take on in the 2021 legislature?

Marco Velotta stated that previously there has not been a consensus from SNRPC Coalition Board on taking any further action with the results. There were recommendations in the report themselves when they had the inter-local with UNLV. As for a regional plan, it's up to the jurisdictions to address this. The City of Las Vegas has gone forward with a 100% renewable energy strategy that has made sense for them. This was a decision made by the City Council and the Mayor, collectively, in order to make a statement. As a whole, there are many entities and service providers that get together to fulfill the sustainability outcome for the region.

Robert Summerfield mentioned that traditionally the SNRPC has done numerous inquiries, such as the Carbon Emissions Study. SNRPC funded the Sustainability Act, which was more of an inventory, but in terms of actual action plans, that is not something SNRPC has pursued.

Nancy Amundsen, Director of Comprehensive Planning Clark County stated that there have been presentations previously. It would be up to this board to determine what actions and directions the

board wishes to pursue. There has never been distinct direction to go forward with a regional plan beyond Southern Nevada Strong.

Councilwoman Fiore, stated that going through the agenda with Southern Nevada Strong will be a lengthy discussion going forward.

Councilman Crear, is in support of having two or three initiatives that the board could undertake in the next biennium; this would be one of them and would include some type of blue print to recommend to the legislature, or to whomever, from a regional perspective on how they wish to move forward.

Keely Brooks with Southern Nevada Water Authority suggested climate action and climate resiliency climate adaptation is knowing that the climate is changing and is causing increased temperatures to occur possibly causing water availability; the environment has to adapt to that change, and we are acknowledging there is change. We need to adjust to it appropriately.

Climate mitigation is making sure that we reduce our greenhouse gasses. Climate mitigation is trying to reduce climate change; thereby, reducing the greenhouse gas that our community releases.

### **Agenda Item 12. Southern Nevada Strong 2019 Work Plan Presentation**

At the request of Councilman McManus, Michael Mays, Director of Community Development with the City of Boulder City introduced Dan Reuter with Southern Nevada Strong.

Dan Reuter has been in Las Vegas, NV for 3 months and has worked in local government and regional planning for 30 years. He spent 10 years in local government, 17 years with the Atlanta Regional Commission, and has also worked as a consultant.

The Regional Transportation Commission is home to Southern Nevada Strong (SNS). This team that includes Dan Reuter, Paul Gully, Rae Lathrop, and one position that is vacant. Within the last couple of years Paul Gully and Rae Lathrop have been trying to implement SNS.

Dan Reuter believes there is a correct approach to the implementation of a regional planning program, and it requires local government to take part. Clark County has an excellent regional planning organizations, such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which does transportation planning There are organizations that implement water planning across the valley, as well as economic development There are many issues today and there will be other issues in the future for this valley; we are going to need a good regional planning program. Mr. Reuter would like to help implement such a program.

For example, introducing a transparent work plan for Southern Nevada Strong (SNS); one that is cooperative with SNRPC, local government, and other partners. Dan Reuter believes that in the first year, this can be achieved, but it won't be as robust as they would hope; however, they can put a stake in the ground and move towards the kind of regional planning process everyone would like to see created.

Dan Reuter went over the draft outline for key SNS work program activities for 2019 based on the Regional Plan's four themes.

**Theme: Improve economic competitiveness and education**

There are many goals and objectives within and around this topic. The regional document handed out is dated January 2015. So much of the plan is still relevant, but in the coming year or two, they would like to go through and update the regional document

**Economic Development**

There is the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance and there is local economic government staff located at the local governance level. Annually, there has been an SNS Summit, which is a large event, this is something that is trying to be defined.

**Theme: Invest in Complete Communities**

A complete community involves transportation, livability, housing needs, disabled community resources, seniors, and children to make sure they have mobile availability and can travel safely.

**Sustainability**

Dan Reuter has looked at most of the sustainability plans/strategies with other cities, such as Denver, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Phoenix, and San Diego. Many of them share our issues, such as drought or heat. In terms of sustainability, however, Mr. Reuter would like to look at other models from our peers and bring those ideas back to Clark County. This would enable thinking about things that would cooperatively be considered good ideas within the coming years for SNS to pursue and for other local governments to consider.

**Housing Activities**

Residential development, most of what we live in and are building across the country, consists mostly private developers building apartments, town homes, and single family homes. The local governments are regulating this through specific zones and other means; we can help bring forth discussions regarding our regional needs for housing development and other strategies. There is the Nevada Housing Coalition that Rae Lathrop and others have been working on the past year that is very active with non-profits and housing, Mr. Reuter would like to bring developers to the table, to discuss future needs. For example, creating a housing forum that could meet quarterly to discuss topics, with some of the experts in the field.

**Opportunity Sites and Livable Centers**

When the Southern Nevada Strong planners developed areas, they identified opportunity sites and have done some corridor studies, such as the Boulder High Way study. They completed the livable centers initiative for North Las Vegas, which looks at a sub area which thinks about issues in that sub area located in North Las Vegas. Mr. Reuter would like SNS to be an organization that when

all the plans have been completed, they continue to help out the local governments on implementing different studies.

### **Theme: Increase Transportation Choice**

Southern Nevada Strong is positioned close to the MPO, which has the federal responsibility to look at transportation planning. The MPO is actively looking at transit-oriented development which includes higher density, higher-capacity transit, and more walkable communities. SNS would like to position itself in a more cooperative pace with the MPO.

### **Theme: Build Capacity for Implementation**

Southern Nevada strong would like to see where they can involve everyone and help build capacity. In the last couple of years, there have been grants and workshops where SNS tried to help non-profits, with the ability to attract more federal money to the valley and other strategies.

### **Encourage Participation in the Public Process**

To host an annual training program centered around planning--looking over local planning, regional planning, state laws; also examining excellent examples in the valley, and sharing our best practices.

### **Assist Partners in Building Capacity**

Mr. Reuter stated that Rae and Paul with SNS have done a great job at keeping all of the non-profits under the tent of Southern Nevada Strong.

### **Administrative**

List a few items, such as Housekeeping items, under the Administrative topic in the handout. The SNS Plan is 5 years old, and Mr. Reuter suggested that it should be kept up-to-date; this is something the local governments and SNRPC feel is still relevant.

### **SNS Website**

The website needs to be reviewed and revamped.

Councilwoman Fiore asked Mr. Reuter if he would be able to join the Coalition Board workshop on April 23, 2018 and if he could add climate change to his list.

Dan Reuter, They can add climate change to the list.

Councilman Crear asked if the purpose of SNS was to create a conversation around certain topics, and are there any definable accomplishments that have been attained over the years?

Dan Reuter went into a brief history of SNS.



Councilman Crear would like to know more about the accomplishments of SNS. Commissioner Jones wanted to know how to communicate the skill set of an SNS team, so that SNRPC can effectively take advantage of opportunities.

Dan Reuter believes in coordination and engagement of the planning staff within the local governments, school district, LVGEA, and economic development staff. This starts at the staff level and in trying to build a cooperative spirit such as, “A bridge between RTC and the transportation side of the issues.” Transportation is a core element of regions and local reverence, and it moves our economy and creates jobs.” Mr. Reuter feels that it is appropriate for SNS to be handled within the RTC, but it also means that they have a job to do in reaching out beyond their organization to their other partners; this can only happen through working together. There are issues in this region that require planning today, and 5 years from now, there will be issues, as well.

**Agenda Item 13. Member Comment**

Councilwoman Fiore set the date for the next Coalition Board Workshop meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

**Agenda Item 14. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Agenda Item 15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.