

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 24, 2017

In attendance: Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, CHAIR, Clark County
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, VICE CHAIR, City of Henderson
Councilman Cam Walker, City of Boulder City
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Trustee Kevin L. Child, Clark County School District
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Richard Cherchio, City of North Las Vegas

Absent: None

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 Giunchigliani, Clark County, Chair, at 4:02 p.m., on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

It was confirmed that the agenda for the January 24, 2017 meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Roll Call

Members of the SNRPC Board, as listed above, were all present.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for January 24, 2017

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the September 27, 2016 meeting

A motion was made by Councilwoman Schroder to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Election for the SNRPC Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2017 Calendar Year

According to the Rules of Practice and Procedure dated August of 1999, it states, “The Chair shall rotate alphabetically by participating entity name on an annual basis.” Commissioner Giunchigliani said that it would fall to the brand new member Trustee Kevin L. Child of Clark County School District, so he has offered and supported the recommendation of having Clark County Commissioner Giunchigliani remain as Chair, and Henderson Councilwoman Schroder as Vice Chair for the 2017 calendar year.

Motion made by Trustee Child to accept the recommendation. Barron makes comment of whole heartedly supporting the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Consent Item(s):

a. 2016 Southern Nevada Consensus Population Estimate

A motion was made by Councilman Beers to accept and approve the 2016 Southern Nevada Consensus Population Estimate. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an Update on 2017-2040 Regional Transportation Plan “Access 2040”

Raymond Hess, Planning Director for the Regional Transportation Commission, presented an update of the 2017-2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a federal requirement for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) in the capacity as the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Metropolitan Planning Organization is a federal mandate that has to be accountable for how federal transportation dollars are spent in the region. The RTP is the 20+ year vision on how the RTC will address the transportation infrastructure for those years. The RTC began working on this document in January 2016 with a call for projects where they worked with each of the different local agencies’ Public Works departments on identifying what those possible projects will be. They worked on a project selection process, and a public comment period that closed January 12, 2017 and they are hoping to take it to their board in February.

The RTC engaged the public by conducting an online survey that was available for the public between January and June in 2016. They received about 7000 responses from the community. The top two leading concerns according to the public were safety and congestion. There was substantial support for all of the different aspects of the plan throughout. Other aspects identified were maintenance, bicycle pedestrian issue, transit issues, environment, sprawl, and land use type issues. All of these revealed an interest in these different issues that affect transportation.

Based on the input, a vision statement was created, which is: “Southern Nevadans want a transportation system that allows them to safely and efficiently access the places they need or want to go, while also providing choices for how they travel.” The Access2040 Vision will allow the transportation system of Southern Nevada to enhance and balance their defining regional characteristics: a strong and vibrant economy, diverse and welcoming quality of life, and valuable natural and infrastructure resources. Based

on these characteristics, three goals were developed. The first goal is to strengthen regional economic competitiveness, the second is to maintain and enhance quality of life for Southern Nevadans, and the third is to ensure sustainable use of infrastructure and resources. Indicators were used to measure these goals as a baseline so that overtime they could track progress.

The primary strategies that were identified through the survey were to improve safety, manage congestion, enhance multimodal connectivity, and maintain current infrastructure. They are primary values because they are measurable. The RTC can assign data points to each one and track them. The secondary strategies were to improve access to essential services, provide accountable and transparent planning process, improve freight movement, improve public health related to transportation, conserve and protect natural resources, and use innovative planning to address emerging technologies and trends.

When the RTC worked with the other local Public Works departments they went through all the planning documents and checked the comprehensive plans, transportation elements, and the master plans to see how many of the goals they identified were also supported in the other local agency documents. The Access2040 goals were directly related to the other local agencies showing there is regional collaboration throughout the valley.

The RTP also focused on analysis. Different maps were shown to reflect the population change, employment change, and percent change in travel demand within Southern Nevada. The travel demand map was a combination of the population map (which shows where people are) and the employment map (showing where people will travel to).

Instead of tackling a long list of projects, the RTC focused on the high priority projects (that have a 1-4 year plan) first and whether the funds would be federal or locally-collected. Based upon the investment program of the RTP, there will be a \$1.6 billion investment over the next four years. As a fiscal constraint, there is overall revenue of \$13.6 billion. The expected overall spending is \$13.4 billion which shows that the plan falls within the budget over the next 25 years.

Councilwoman Schroder inquired as to if this document was online and if Raymond could meet with her personally to go over the presentation more in depth to which he agreed. Raymond provided copies of the report and also notified the Board that the document is available online.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schroder to accept the report. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an Update from Southern Nevada Strong

Commissioner Giunchigliani requested that Raymond Hess gave a quick background synopsis of Southern Nevada Strong (SNS) for the benefit of Trustee Child.

In 2011, an award was givento this region for \$3.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help develop a regional strategy for sustainability. That grant was administered by the City of Henderson. It focused on data collection and public outreach. There was outreach to nearly 70,000 people in the valley and a lot of data was collected in terms of what the future vision of the valley should be. The plan recommends a series of strategies and goals organized under four core topics that reflect to the annual summit. The four topics are 1) to improve economic competitiveness and education, 2) increase transportation choice, 3) invest in complete communities, and 4) building capacity for implementation.

SNS was adopted about 2 years ago and then it was transitioned over to the RTC as core administrator and for implementation to move it along. In April, Environmental Protection Agency provided a

Technical Assistance Grant to bring out some people to help with an infill development strategy for Maryland Parkway. In November, we had a developer from Salt Lake City come down and talk about how he, as the private sector, is implementing transit oriented development. This Thursday, January 26th, there is a workshop for learning more about transit oriented development by Dace West from Mile High Connects, who is heavily focused on transit oriented development and equitable transit oriented development. When the redevelopment projects happen, they want to be able to focus on all incomes, including those that are marginalized.

Another thing being done is a Southern Nevada Grant Capacity and Competitiveness Strategy. We have partnered with United Way, Nevada Community Foundation, Guinn Center, and Nevada Department of Administration. Southern Nevada hasn't been very competitive when it comes to federal grants. In November, SNS started engaging conversation, especially with some nonprofit organizations, as to why that may be the case and in February they will develop a strategy on how to be more competitive for federal grants.

SNS wanted a way to empower citizens and get the public involved by having an Innovative Public Outreach. In reaching out, they launched a SNS website, and a quarterly newsletter. They are also putting out social media presence. They want SNS to be a positive story that reflects the good things that are happening in the community and their success stories. They have also been supporting multiple partners and initiatives, helping where they can with their new and limited staff.

Councilwoman Schroder inquired as to who gets the newsletter. Raymond stated that as of now, it goes out to anyone on the contact list, but they are hoping that they can create subsets so the individual only receives information on the subjects they want. The best way to get on the distribution list is through the SNS website, which is also where the newsletter is posted for those who do not receive it.

Commissioner Giunchigliani mentioned that she asked Senator Manendo to introduce legislation for SNRPC and SNS to take SNRPC out of the act. The reason being was that when she initially wrote the creation of SNRPC, it got amended into an act, therefore making it too restrictive. As Senator Manendo has agreed to sponsor the request she wanted SNRPC and SNS to start thinking of where there are synergies and consolidation can be formed, as well as removing duplication. She mentioned that SNS may be the more appropriate body rather than SNRPC for being more effective as the planning component that interacts with all of our jurisdictions. Councilwoman Schroder made the comment of maybe having SNS report back to SNRPC with any updates, if SNS were to take over the planning component of SNRPC.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schroder to accept and approve the update from Southern Nevada Strong. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Discussion of the 2017 Master Meeting Schedule

Board agreed to meet quarterly over the course of the year, on the 4th Tuesday of the designated month at 4:00 pm. Master meeting schedule accepted.

Agenda Item 11. Discussion of the Regional Trail Signage Guidance Project Service Agreement

Johanna Murphy stated that about 2 years ago Regional Open Space and Trails (ROST) started developing some regional trail signage guidance mainly with the assistance of the Health District and a grant from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Partnerships to Improve Community Health Program. The grant funded the facilitation of the ROST group and also the research for a trail signage guidance document that included an inventory and evaluation of the existing conditions out on their trails. As part

of the SNRPC's work plan and budget for fiscal year 2015/2016, they included some funds to help ROST get to the creation of the final document. The final document will include trail signage best practices, placement scenarios, destination selection, benefits of wayfinding, operations and maintenance. Typical sign elements and destination selection will help them figure out what types of destinations along the trails they really want to focus on or point out. They are also going to develop a process for prioritizing routes. The operations and maintenance will include how to care for the signage the best way possible, and how often it should be replaced.

Commissioner Giunchigliani asked if others on the trails would be notified and made aware of when there is no cell service. Mauricia Baca stated that part of what they are doing is looking at some of the best practices used throughout the country and adhere to those. They will look at how often mile markers and distance indicators should be so that they can be as consistent as possible. Commissioner Giunchigliani commented that it would be helpful if people knew where they were so that if something happens they could call it in.

Motion made by Commissioner Sisolak to approve the service agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 12. Homelessness Consortium

Director of Clark County Social Service, Mike Pawlak, stated that about one year ago in February of 2016, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) Board voted to transition the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness to the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board (SNH CoC). Since that time, this Continuum of Care (CoC) Board has gone through 2 funding cycles, receiving about 24 million dollars and funding to support homeless initiatives in Southern Nevada. The homeless initiatives are represented by community partners and members of the CoC. There is an annual application process to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and what's received is the bulk of all the money that supports the homeless projects in Southern Nevada.

According to Mike, he believes there was no clarification that the CoC Board should be communicating with SNRPC on any updates. Commissioner Giunchigliani stated that the agenda item was needed as SNRPC was not aware of the efforts or endeavors of the CoC. She mentioned that maybe it's time to bring the utilization of money back to some of the elected officials for consideration of where it is going and how it is spent. Mike Pawlak defended the CoC as he believes it has progressed. He continued to state how there are enumerable community members that actively participate in this process on a daily basis. They have committee meetings, working meetings; the Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at United Way from two to five pm. The Board then also directs 5 working groups who each manage their own activities, one example being the highly organized annual homeless census. The information collected from the census feeds into the data that they demonstrate to HUD as to their performance levels. The numbers provided to HUD show how many people are sheltered and unsheltered, and what they, the CoC, have been doing with the funding they received in terms of moving people into permanent supportive housing and having those positive exits. The physical counts, surveys, and data will be verified by HUD and they determine if it was all conducted based on their methodology. Mike believes that they are on track to meet all of the criteria, targets, and benchmarks that HUD has set.

Michelle Fuller shared different methods and processes for how the CoC currently works and how homeless counts are determined to be effective and efficient. Commissioner Giunchigliani asked Michelle Fuller if she would be able to create a report on how the homelessness count is managed, the mechanisms used, and any information they have on the Homelessness Consortium that can be presented at the next Coalition Board meeting in April.

Agenda Item 13. Homelessness Task Force

Commissioner Giunchigliani talked about creating a homelessness task force so we have elected officials who are interested in getting involved with the Homelessness projects. The task force would gather the information and conclusion of how much money is funded, where the agency is located, when they are there, how many crisis teams are there, how many beds are available, and to make sure that the partners are doing what they say they are doing with the money funded to them. By finding out this information, they would be able to see what is and isn't working.

Motion to accept creating a task force on homelessness was made by Councilman Barron. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 14. The next date and location of the SNRPC Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., in the Clark County Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 15. Member Comment

No member comment made.

Agenda Item 16. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.