

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

March 25, 2014

In attendance:

Councilman Wade Wagner, CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Cam Walker, VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Councilman Bob Coffin, City of Las Vegas
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas

Absent:

Councilman Sam Bateman, City of Henderson
Trustee Linda E. Young, Clark County School District

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 Wagner, City of North Las Vegas, Chair, at 4:04 p.m., on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 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 March 25, 2014, 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 present except Councilman Sam Bateman and Trustee Young. Councilman Beers and Commissioner Giunchigliani had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment.

No comments were given.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for March 25, 2014.

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve the agenda for the March 25, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the February 25, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Schroder to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. CONSENT ITEMS a. Schools Plan Working Group Progress Report. b. Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Recommended action – Accept and approve all consent items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sisolak to approve the Consent Items. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on Asset Mapping & Collaboration of Services by the Regional Initiatives Office. Recommended action – Receive the report and direct staff as necessary.

Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiatives Coordinator gave a report regarding Homelessness services and their locations throughout the valley. In order to gain an insight of the various projects and type of services offered. Mr. Thompson provided a map along with detailed information for each site. The providers included in the report and map, are users of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which is used universally in Southern Nevada Continuum of Care.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the types of services being emergency shelter, permanent housing, permanent supportive housing, shelter and transitional housing. Different variations of those services exist at locations throughout the valley, mainly concentrated in the City of Las Vegas and Unincorporated Clark County. Many of the services shown on the asset map provide programs throughout the region, not just the area where they are located.

Councilwoman Schroder commented that she was aware of other service locations that were not shown on the materials presented. Mr. Thompson explained that not all providers participate in the HMIS system as well as the fact their office location does not reflect the area in which services reach.

Councilman Coffin asked when a “wet shelter”, a shelter that allows chronic inebriates or people under the influence, will be available. Mr. Thompson explained that they are in the early stages of working on an interlocal agreement with Westcare. He explained that more specialized professionals and additional costs will be involved. Councilman Coffin suggested we start looking at where the most suitable locations may be and the appropriate zoning for it.

Commissioner Giunchigliani arrived.

Mr. Thompson provided some of the highlights of current program efforts. He attended a meeting with HUD, Secretary Shaun Donovan. The meeting was to discuss homelessness in the valley and the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Thompson was pleased to report that on a federal level, Southern Nevada was praised for their coordination of resources and best practices.

On April 3 an overall intervention, assessment by the Regional Initiatives Office (RIO) will take place from 6 a.m. to noon. The RIO and partners will provide community outreach and intervention on Foremaster in the Downtown Las Vegas area.

Metro has an initiative called The Giving Project. The first event will take place on April 5th. The Giving Project’s purpose and goal is to allow the community to give responsibly. They provide an alternative to people leaving donated goods on the street which can create unwanted debris. Events will take place once

a month and the location will vary.

Commissioner Sisolak expressed concern regarding what level of staff are involved in the efforts. Mr. Thompson explained that it is part of the Downtown Area Command. Councilman Coffin explained that it is an effort to control traffic and facilitate an organized donation location as a more safe option than people stopping in traffic to hand out goods.

Commissioner Giunchigliani suggested that the RIO look into non-commissioned officers to help with the efforts rather than commissioned officers. She also suggested that more drop box locations be provided along Main Street for donations. She cited various locations that have more population of homeless and proposed that security lights or cameras being placed to deter homeless from congregating. The Commissioner also brought up that maybe the national policies need to be looked regarding the criteria for allowing homeless on campus or in the programs since so many are not eligible.

An RFP has been sent out for Outreach Teams with a multi-disciplined team to conduct homeless intervention.

The Homeless Census will now be conducted annually. Census numbers will be provided at the end of May. A grant was awarded to help in the efforts to conduct the count this year.

May 1 is the beginning of Summer Day Shelters and cooling stations will be available during inclement weather. Hydration teams will also be in force to deliver water to individuals in need. Commissioner Giunchigliani was concerned about who will be served by the hydration teams. She expressed that she would like to see the statistics as to why we are moving from cooling to hydration and handing out bottles of water. She questioned whether a problem exists, where it exists and what has happened to lead up to this.

Commissioner Giunchigliani also asked the RIO to consider other time frames besides those used in the past for conducting the census. She explained that she knows where the homeless are located in her district and having participated in the count for the past three years, she discovered that they were not physically at the location during the hours of the census. She worries that the time frame does not account for some movement that occurs.

Commissioner Sisolak expressed that we may be sending out the wrong message by organizing the donations drop offs, but we are handing out bottles of water on the street. He questioned whether we are handling the situation effectively. Mr. Thompson explained that it is an effort to address safety during inclement weather in the summer months. Water has been distributed by charity organizations and metro in the previous years and will continue along with additional donations being accepted for water. Mr. Thompson said the goal is to better coordinate these efforts.

Councilman Coffin expressed that there needs to be better communication between the RIO and the shelter locations in the City of Las Vegas. He spoke of an incident that occurred in December when his staff tried to reach the RIO office to coordinate and open a shelter and a delay in communication held up actions.

Councilwoman Schroder asked that the RIO follow up and let the Board know what each of the jurisdictions are doing and who is involved regarding the hydration efforts.

Commissioner Sisolak asked Mr. Thompson to meet with him and brief him on what is taking place regarding the topics presented.

A motion was not necessary for this item.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a progress report from the Regional Open Space and Trails Workgroup. Recommended action – Accept the SNRPC Regional Open space & Trails Workgroup report.

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas and Mauricia Baca, Outside Las Vegas Foundation presented a progress report for the Regional Open Space and Trails (ROST) Workgroup highlighting the accomplishments in 2013 and the goals set for 2014. Ms. Baca gave a presentation covering the chartered purpose and goals as well as accomplishments and goals related to the ROST Workplan. One of the key goals has been to produce a Regional Trails Map. Ms. Baca displayed the first print of the map. The UNLV Downtown Design Center donated many hours to create the map.

Councilman Beers asked how often the map will be updated. He announced that there are new regional trail developments taking place in Ward 2 of the City of Las Vegas. Ms. Baca said as needed and as funding is available. A digital version will be available online that will be more easily updated. The first run will be distributed to all of the jurisdictions and comments will be requested. Those corrections will be incorporated in future print runs.

Councilman Coffin suggested a smart phone app. Ms. Baca explained that they will put their feelers out to find grant money or resources to develop an app.

Commissioner Giunchigliani suggested that symbols be included in the map for restroom facilities. Ms. Baca explained that the trailheads are indicated on the map and all trail details are included in the online version. Safety

Ms. Baca discussed other highlights to include in-kind donations and the expansion of Southern Nevada Trails Day to reach a broader audience and highlight additional outdoor activities. The new event will be known as Get Outdoors Nevada Day. This event will be hosted by the City of North Las Vegas at Craig Ranch Regional Park.

A motion was not necessary for this item.

Agenda Item 9. Consideration of the SNRPC FY 2014-2015 Workplan and Budget. (For possible action) Recommended action - Approve the SNRPC Workplan and Budget for FY 2014-2015.

Johanna Murphy, City of North Las Vegas presented the SNRPC Workplan and Budget for the fiscal year of 2014-2015. Ms. Murphy reviewed the proposed expenditures and revenues associated with the Workplan. The proposed planning items total \$124,800 and administrative operations being \$91,430. An overall expenditure of \$216,230 was requested. The Workplan was also given identifying SNS, Multi-Jurisdictional Business License Workgroup, ROST, and Regional Schools Policy Plan as Strategic Priorities. Operational Functions will include Sustainability Outreach and Education, Regional Utility Plan Workgroup, Regional Emissions Inventory, CBER/REMI Population Forecast, Conformity Review, Regional Consensus Population Estimates, Biennial Air Quality & Transportation Report, and Land Use Projections.

Chair Wagner reviewed the items that are under contract and those which are not. He expressed concerns with the proposed \$30,000 for the Sustainability Initiatives. He clarified that all groups have not come forward to request funding. He questioned whether we set the money aside for those programs or do we cut some.

Councilwoman Schroder asked if we can consider funding programs as they come forward an actually request funds. She questioned whether we could augment the budget later in the year.

Councilman Wagner said it is within Boulder City's budget to provide additional contributions for feasible programs if the SNRPC decides to support a program at a later time.

Councilman Coffin explained that after looking at the past several years of the SNRPC budget he feels that the amount proposed is at the similar level of spending as 2008 and 2009. He also suggested we keep the proposed programs but at a lower cost.

Councilman Beers wanted clarification of the benefit amount listed next to the salary. With the Secretary salary being 55,861 and benefits of 31,569 that the ratio seemed higher than it should be. Commissioner Sisolak agreed that the percentage should be looked into for clarification.

Commissioner Guinchigliani disclosed that she is the Chair of Green Chips which is included as a partner in the Sustainability Initiatives.

Ms. Murphy explained that the way the programs were presented last year were a specific line item in the budget. She added that the \$30,000 covered the programs that are recommended by the Sustainability Working Group.

Jon Wardlaw, Clark County clarified that the salary and benefits figures were provided Clark County Finance Division.

Chair Wagner suggested that the Board not leave the money on the table. He feels we need to protect the money and be responsible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giunchigliani to approve the SNRPC Workplan and Budget for FY 2014-2015 with consideration of the salary and benefits being confirmed and to reduce the budget amount for Sustainability Initiatives to \$12,500, which will match the prior year's amount. She also suggested that in the future we have a better process for groups who want support and funding. They need to request it within the timeframe of the proposed budget. She added that the allocation of funds for Sustainability will need to be approved by the Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. The next date and location for a regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014 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.

Councilman Wagner, City of North Las Vegas, Chair, announced that the next date and location for a regular meeting of the SNRPC Board was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014 and that this meeting could be cancelled due to no agenda items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giunchigliani to cancel the April Coalition Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Member Comment.

Councilwoman Schroder shared that she had gone to a meeting in Washing D.C. with HUD representatives were made aware of the Southern Nevada Strong Initiatives.

Commissioner Giunchigliani added that even though it was mentioned that the Southern Nevada Strong funding and support contract was up after FY 2014-2015 that it didn't imply that SNRPC would not support future efforts related to the program.

Councilman Beers added that after looking at the budget spreadsheets and comparing last year to the coming year salary and benefits figures. He was still confused as to why the amount why the amounts were higher. Chair Wagner added that Commissioner Giunchigliani's motion included verification of those amount and that any adjustments could be made without coming back to the Board.

Councilman Barron shared that the City of North Las Vegas would be sponsoring a Cesar Chavez Day at the Craig Ranch Park on April 29th and invited everyone to join in the festivities.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

No comments were given.

Agenda Item 13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.