

MEETING MINUTES
COALITION BOARD

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 28, 2014

In attendance: Councilman Bob Coffin, (outgoing) CHAIR, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Wade Wagner, (incoming) CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Bob Beers, City of Las Vegas
Councilman Isaac Barron, City of North Las Vegas
Councilman Cam Walker, (incoming) VICE CHAIR, City of Boulder City
Trustee Linda E. Young, Clark County School District
Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County (4:19 arrival)
Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County
Councilwoman Gerri Schroder, City of Henderson

Absent: Councilman Sam Bateman, 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 Councilman Coffin, City of Las Vegas, Chair, at 4:01 p.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 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 January 28, 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 Commissioner Giunchigliani had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 3. Public Comment.

Gina Greisen, Nevada Voters for Animals, spoke to the Board regarding a proposal to create a multi-jurisdictional task force to address Craigslist ads to sell puppies and kittens. She feels that spay and neuter laws are being ignored and too many pets are being euthanized. Commissioner Giunchigliani had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda for January 28, 2014.

A motion was made by Trustee Young to approve the agenda for the January 28, 2014 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Giunchigliani had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Minutes for the August 27, 2013 and September 24, 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Walker to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2013 and September 24, 2013 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Giunchigliani had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 6. Elect the SNRPC Board Chair and Vice Chair for the 2014 Calendar Year. Recommended action – City of North Las Vegas as Chair and City of Boulder City as Vice Chair.

The Board members thanked Councilman Coffin for serving as SNRPC Chair for 2013. The Chair rotates annually among municipalities. Councilwoman Schroder made a motion to elect Councilman Wade Wagner, City of North Las Vegas, as SNRPC Board Chair. The motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Wagner nominated and Councilman Cam Walker, City of Boulder City, as SNRPC Board Vice Chair. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Giunchigliani had not arrived yet.

The remainder of the meeting was conducted by the new Chair, Councilman Wagner. He also recognized the Sandra Douglas Morgan, North Las Vegas City Attorney, who will provide legal counsel for SNRPC in 2014.

Agenda Item 7. CONSENT ITEMS a. 2013 Consensus Population Estimate; b. SNRPC 2014 Meeting Calendar. Recommended action – Accept and approve all consent items.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to approve the Consent Items. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Chair read the total population of each city and Clark County. There was little discussion and the question was asked how the numbers compared to last years' population estimate. Jon Wardlaw, Clark County offered that the overall county population was roughly a 2.2% decrease.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a presentation from project staff and stakeholders on the Southern Nevada Strong Draft Regional Plan. Recommended action – Receive the presentation and direct staff as necessary.

Henderson City Councilwoman Debra March, Chair of the Southern Nevada Strong Consortium Committee gave an overview of the collaboration and efforts made over the past two years to prepare the SNS Draft Regional Plan. She introduced the speakers as follows:

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, Director of Community Development, City of Henderson & SNS Project Director provided a review of the project, outreach results and the process used to develop the content of the Draft Plan. Ms. Garcia-Vause explained the efforts made to develop the Plan which is reflective of broad community outreach, research and analysis, and the results of scenario planning. The plan is in draft form after two years' worth of products developed through the workplan in partnership with the Consortium Committee, thirteen regional partners, Task Groups, Staff Working Group, and thousands of members of our community.

Jon Wardlaw, Planning Manager, Clark County described the vision for the draft Plan and the Vision map that supports an emphasis on infill development, the Vision Statement and the themes that were used to drive the Scenario Planning Process.

Michael Vanozzi, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA) & Economic Development & Education Task Group Member, described LVGEA's role in the Economic Development & Education Task Group and reviews the Goals for the Increase Economic Competitiveness & Education section of the Plan.

Rob Lang, Environment Task Group Chair & Director of Brookings Mountain West described his role as the Chair of the Environment Task Group and reviews the Goals for the: Invest in Complete Communities section of the Plan.

Tina Quigley, General Manager, RTC & Consortium Committee Member, described the RTC's role on the Consortium Committee and in the Transportation Task Group and reviews the Goals for the: Increase Transportation Choice section of the Plan.

Ms. Garcia-Vause reviewed of the final section of the Plan, Our Future, which will address implementation, how we maintain momentum, and identifies goals and strategies developed by the Public Engagement & Equity Task Group to continue to engage and include our community in implementation. Phase Three Outreach will include: MetroQuest and community kiosks, telephone town hall, videos, open houses, online plan review, stakeholder meetings, and task group meetings.

Ms. Garcia-Vause reviewed upcoming milestones for the project. In February staff will request for acceptance of the Draft Plan. An event on February 26th which will include Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, SNRPC Board members on a panel about the opportunity sites; Tom Capp, Chief Operating Officer from Gorman & Company will speak from a private developer's perspective on implementing such a vision. Also in March, the consultant working on the Regional Analysis of Impediments to fair housing will present an overview of that project.

Councilman Coffin requested that the Vision Map more realistically represent the size of the proposed National Monument.

Commissioner Giunchigliani commented on the depth of public outreach and her hope to stop the territorialism and is excited about how SNS has responded to what the constituents think. She suggested that we to look at the economic opportunities that need to establish.

Trustee Young requested that the Preferred Scenario indicators described in the presentation be provided to her for future speaking opportunities.

Commissioner Giunchigliani commented on how block walls impede connectivity and require us to drive unnecessarily to nearby places which should be addressed.

Chairman Wagner commented that although some parties may feel that the Plan isn't specific enough, he felt it should be visionary in nature allowing each jurisdiction flexibility.

Councilman Coffin shared that he felt there were missed opportunities to strategically plan our Valley's growth in the past and that now is the time for a more mature, 'big city' approach to future growth.

Commissioner Giunchigliani offered that the Board should consider a business license work group to continue to reduce barriers to economic development and increase collaboration across jurisdictions.

Commissioner Giunchigliani also commented that SNS had phenomenal outreach efforts and that the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan is an opportunity for the jurisdictions to support a regional identity and acknowledge that the Valley's constituents have similar priorities across jurisdictions.

Trustee Young suggested using simple language and repeating messaging and outreach efforts often. She also suggested prioritizing the Northwest Area Association (HOA) and other HOAs to distribute information during the next phase of outreach. Trustee Young thanked staff for attending her Village Meetings and invited continued participation to share updates on SNS.

Trustee Young requested that staff continue to involve students at all levels to participate in the project and to educate them about the principles introduced by the Plan.

Trustee Young asked Professor Robert Lang how UNLV could get further engaged in the project. Dr. Lang commented on the need for an Urban Planning Department at the collegiate level. Ms. Garcia-

Vause shared efforts conducted to date to engage UNLV on research projects and that they were also invited to participate in a poster session at the February 26th SNS Summit event.

Councilman Barron extended his gratitude to SNS for the extraordinary efforts made to include the Latino community.

Chairman Wagner asked if the team had met with the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association in response to their letter submitted to the Board in early January. Ms. Garcia-Vause commented that they are talking with SNBA and that other organizations like them will also have to opportunity to weigh in during next phase of the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giunchigliani to accept the presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Selection of nickname for the Southern Nevada Strong Preferred Future Land Use Map. Recommended action – Select a nickname for the Preferred Future Land Use map.

Stephanie Garcia-Vause, City of Henderson, presented a list of possible nicknames for the Southern Nevada Strong (SNS) “preferred scenario” or Preferred Future Land Use Map. As experienced in other communities, establishing a name for the desired future land use scenario helps connect the vision for the community to the development pattern and the regional plan.

The SNS Consortium Committee recommended the following names for SNRPC consideration: Southern Nevada StrongER – the ER representing Economic Resilience, Southern Nevada Tomorrow, Sustainable Southern Nevada.

The Board members were not able to come to a consensus on a nickname. The item was tabled until a future meeting.

Chair Wagner wanted to make note of the elected officials that came to support Southern Nevada Strong: North Las Vegas City Councilwoman Anita Wood, Boulder City Councilwoman Peggy Leavitt, Trustee Carolyn Edwards and City of Henderson Councilwoman Debra March. He thanked them for attending the meeting.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a presentation on the SNRPC Regional Fruit and Vegetable Plant List. Recommended action – Approve the SNRPC Regional Fruit and Vegetable Plant List.

Dave Cornoyer, City of Las Vegas, presented the SNRPC Regional Fruit and Vegetable Plan List. The list is intended to provide a single, region-wide reference for residents, homeowners and community gardeners to select appropriate plants when planning out their gardens in the Las Vegas area. It has been designed as a companion document to the approved SNRPC Regional Plant List and Recommended Best Practices. The plant list includes best practices and recommended plant varieties that have proven to be more reliable in Southern Nevada’s complex climate.

Councilwoman Schroder asked how the varieties were selected. Mr. Cornoyer explained that the plants are tested and grown under the direction of Master Gardeners at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Orchard in the valley. They have tested trees for approximately eight to ten years before choosing which ones grow and produce the best.

Councilman Walker made a motion to approve the SNRPC Regional Fruit and Vegetable Plan List. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. The next date and location for a regular meeting of the SNRPC Board is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 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 would be on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., in Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Agenda Item 12. Member Comment.

Councilman Coffin followed up on comments that were made during the SNS update. He wanted to clarify that efforts were made in the past two generations of planners to better develop Las Vegas and elected officials wouldn't listen.

Councilman Barron thanked the Commissioners for their support and help with the Craig Ranch Regional Park. He also announced the César Chavez event to be held in North Las Vegas this March.

Agenda Item 13. Public Comment.

Jon Wardlaw announced that the Conservation District of Southern Nevada would be holding their 3rd annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Wildhorse Golf Club in Henderson. He asked for support and assistance in marketing the event.

Gina Greison thanked Commissioner Giunchigliani for her efforts to help with the pet over-population in the County. She asked the members to please address the issue and create a multi-jurisdictional task to discuss the alarming numbers of euthanasia. She said that all of the animal control agencies should be talking and go after the source of the problem.

Agenda Item 14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.