

Special Note: The following is a summary of the Minutes taken from the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting held on June 26, 2014, and does not necessarily provide a detailed verbatim transcription of the Minutes.

MINUTES

REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 26, 2014, 8:30 A.M.

Clark County Government Center

500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1st Floor, Pueblo Room

Las Vegas, NV 89155

Members Present:

Yolanda Jones, Chair, City of Las Vegas
Yvonne Schuman, Vice-Chair, Nevada Department of Transportation
Rolando Mosqueda, College of Southern Nevada
Frederick James, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
Jeanine Pitts-Dilworth, Clark County Regional Flood Control District
Penny Marchell, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
Mary Huff, Las Vegas Valley Water District
Tonita Mack, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Linda Poling, City of Henderson (Represented by Brenda West)
Tom Boldt, Clark County Purchasing and Contracts
Mark Cathey, Southern Nevada Water Authority
Valerie Bailey, Southwest Gas Corporation
Sharrie Mayden, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Shane Clement, Clark County Water Reclamation District

Legal Counsel:

Mark Wood, Clark County District Attorney's Office (Represented by Yolanda Givens)

Members Absent:

Carol Poindexter, Clark County School District
James Haye, City of North Las Vegas
Viveca Rehman, Henderson District Public Libraries
James Lopez, Hispanic Round Table
Valerie Parker, NAWBO
Deborah Laine, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (Excused)
Rob Maher, University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (Excused, no longer with UMC)
Napoleon McCallum, The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino

Guests:

Charles Ware, BDAC Member
Ed O'Neal, City of Las Vegas
Eric Franklin, UNLV Boyd School of Law
Ernest Fountain, BDAC Member
Jill Rowland-Lagan, BDAC Member
Jane Lee, BDAC Vice-Chair
Laura Jane Spina, RAFI Architecture
Luke Fritz, City of Henderson
Niki Gomoluh, City of Las Vegas
Shirley Hawks, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Terry Hizon, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada

I. Call to Order

Yoli Jones, Chair, called the RBDAC meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Silent Invocation was conducted followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Certification of Compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law

It was announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. The meeting was appropriately posted at the appropriate locations as listed at the bottom of the agenda.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

The Council members and guest introduced themselves.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of the minutes from November 14, 2013 and March 20, 2014 meetings

The minutes were unanimously approved with changes made on the member list from the March 20, 2014 meeting. **Mary Huff** was listed as the representative of the Clark County Regional Flood Control, but she is from Las Vegas Valley Water District. **Cristina Lopez** resigned.

- b. Nomination and Election of a new Secretary

Adleen Stidhum was nominated and elected to serve as the RBDAC Secretary.

- c. Receive a presentation from the Director of a new Small Business Legal Clinic on free legal services available to Small Businesses and Non-Profits

Eric Franklin provided a brief presentation about the free legal services available to Small Businesses and Non-Profits. Their clientele are individuals starting a business and non-profits with a legal need that does not involve litigation. He said the school and clinic start in August and they are recruiting clients. **Eric** provides presentations to businesses and non-profits on how to start a business and on proper Board governance. **Eric's** email address is eric.franklin@unlv.edu and more information can be found on their website at www.unlv.edu/clinic/sbnc.

- d. Discuss RBDAC By-laws and take action

Yoli stated that the bylaws were provided at the last meeting. She mentioned that there are a few revisions that need to be made. For example, on Article 1, section 2b it calls for capital expenditures, but the Council is reporting everything not just capital. **Yvonne** requested **Diana** to email the bylaws to the members for their review.

Mary suggested that the Council responds to the email with their recommended changes and have it available at the next meeting.

- e. Discuss biennial Report to send to the Nevada Legislature

Yoli stated that the biennial Report will be submitted to the Nevada State Legislature on or before January 15, 2015. She requested the Council begin gathering their statistics as they need to be submitted to the secretary by November 1, 2014. The report is going to be reviewed by Assemblywoman Bustamante-Adams and Assemblywoman Neal and they will make sure that it is up front in the Legislative Counsel Bureau. **Diana** will send the members the forms reflecting the new dates of reporting which is fiscal year 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

- f. Discuss BDR Draft

Members were provided with copies of the draft BDR. **Yoli** reviewed section 13 that defines disadvantaged person as a person who is a member of a racial or ethnic minority, female or physically disabled persons. A proposed amendment in the BDR would have added service-disabled veterans to that definition. **Yoli** said that Assemblywoman Bustamante-Adams, Assemblywoman Neal and Susan Scollay, from the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) suggested that we not amend the current language.

Yvonne explained that the biennial report that RBDAC sends to the Legislature reports data on activities with minority and women-owned businesses and not veterans or disabled veteran; however, the intent is not to slight veterans or disabled veterans. Rather, the report format follows the legislative history creating RBDAC. **Yvonne** does not think it is appropriate to amend the definition because it's not going to align with what the Council is legislatively required to report. She stated that the legislation was based on the result of the disparity study. The disparity study did not look at disabled persons or veterans.

Yoli recommended maintaining the definition as stated in section 13 of the bylaws. The motion passed; 7 members were in favor and 6 opposed.

Mary made a motion to allow the executive committee to discuss the minor changes within the BDR draft document. **Sharrie Hayden** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yoli reviewed section 15 of the bylaws concerning membership and attendance. Previously, the members had discussed the lack of a quorum and calls were made to inactive members. Members had recommended striking the organizations that did not respond because of the difficulty of establishing a quorum with so many inactive members. However, the last sentence of section 15 states that any such entity that requests to participate must be included as member of the Council.

Yoli suggested contacting the organizations that were stricken and give them an opportunity to respond and let us know if they want to participate. Those organizations include the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Latin Chambers of Commerce, Asian Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Minority Contractors and the Nevada Small Business Development Council.

- g. Discuss changing the Council meeting date from September 25, 2014 to September 18, 2014

A motion passed to change the meeting date. The next RBDAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2014.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update from the Communications Committee on the newsletter

There was no quorum. This item was held for the next meeting in September.

- b. Update from the Legislative Committee

There was no quorum. This item was held for the next meeting in September.

- c. Update on the Committed to Our Business Community (CTOBC) event

There was no quorum. This item was held for the next meeting in September.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

- IX. NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, September 18, 2014, 8:30 a.m.

Pueblo Room, Clark County Government Center

- X. ADJOURNMENT**

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