



COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING  
NELLIS DUNES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
October 5, 2009

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bureau of Land Management  
Clark County Board of Commissioners  
Clark County Dept. of Air Quality & Environmental Management  
Clark County Parks & Recreation  
Friends of Gold Butte  
Nellis Air Force Base  
Nevada Operating Engineers Local 12  
Skancke Consulting  
Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts  
Stanley Engineering  
Thumpertalk

Marilyn Peterson  
Tom Collins  
Chuck Richter  
Steve Corry  
Terri Robertson\*  
Deborah MacNeill  
Cary Parker\*  
Ryan Arnold\*  
Don Wall\*  
Dan Bender\*  
Brian Wilson\*

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Assembly District 20  
Bureau of Land Management  
Horizon Properties  
Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority  
Southern Nevada Trails  
The Sixth Degree

Joe Hardy  
Bob Dieli  
Virginia Pietrafeso\*  
Julian Dugas\*  
Zack Livreri\*  
Randi Lyn Reed\*

**STAFF:**

Clark County Comprehensive Planning

Michael Popp

- 1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Commissioner Collins called the meeting of the Clark County Comprehensive Planning Nellis Dunes Advisory Committee to order on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Approval of August 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a couple corrections. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Arnold who was present, not Mr. Bender. The minutes should reflect his attendance as well as conducting the meeting.
- 3. New Member Appointment.** Curtis Cummings was welcomed as a new member representing Commissioner Weekly.
- 4. Nellis Dunes Advisory Committee Year End Applications.** Mr. Popp spoke to members about re-applying to serve on the Committee next year. Members who were appointed by a Commissioner or special interest group need to re-apply (see asterisk next to names above). The closing date to submit the application is October 31, 2009.
- 5. Shooting Park Building Design Presentation.** Ali Taghdir, the architect for the project discussed the different types of buildings constructed at the shooting park, the different needs of each building such as meeting room, maintenance, and retail and administrative spaces. Mr. Popp stated that the County would like to start the process of soliciting input from the members regarding the types of physical facilities that would be needed at Nellis Dunes. Mr. Corry discussed the 2,900 acre development and construction of the Shooting Park, the first phase being 170 acres and the cost for buildings totaling \$6.6 million, which Mr. Corry believed was a bargain. Mr. Wilson stated that he did not believe that the County needed to spend any money on fancy buildings (tea &



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crumpets) or shade structures. Commissioner Collins offered that many of the upgraded featured used at the Shooting Park would most likely not work well for the Nellis Dunes; however, there will be a need for maintenance and administrative facilities with meeting space. Mr. Wall suggested that solar and LEED technologies should be considered as part of the design. Ms. MacNeill offered that the County must make sure that any solar used should not be mirror (reflective) in nature that would disrupt a pilots vision.

6. **Legislative Update and Map revision.** Mr. Popp gave an update on recent discussions at the federal level regarding the boundaries on the Nellis Dunes map. Mr. Popp explained that some areas are still moving targets and have not yet been settled upon. To note, there have been discussions on the southeast boundary of the park. This area may be cut back due to the Sunrise Recreation Area and sensitive Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) areas. There were discussions about the east boundary of Nellis Dunes and suggestions that the boundary may be better aligned by using Pabco Road instead of the section lines as proposed. Additionally, there are on-going discussions regarding the mining claim areas in Section 9 held by Darrin Peterson of Diamond Construction. Mr. Popp stated none of the changes affected the proposed Nellis buffer areas. There have been no final conclusions; however, Mr. Popp stated that he will advise the Committee of the final outcome. Also under review are BLM's open mining pits west of Las Vegas Boulevard. and the need to exclude them from the plan as well.
7. **Nellis Dunes Tour.** Mr. Popp and Mr. Bender spoke about the tour with Rick Johnson who owns Parris Raceway. Mr. Johnson heard about the park through Las Vegas Events and is interested in responding to any proposal that the County produces.
8. **Las Vegas Events.** Mr. Popp briefed the group on a presentation given to Las Vegas Events regarding the marketing and promoting of Nellis Dunes. Commissioner Collins noted that Las Vegas Events is very interested in helping the project and would look to promote, attract and support the County in providing events at this site.
9. **Next Meeting.** It is suggested that the next meeting be set for November 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Staff is recommending that this meeting be moved to December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.
10. **Public Comments & Discussion.** Mr. Popp discussed 2009 accomplishments and for the committee to think about a 2010 agenda that included a design/development of the facilities if approved by Congress. Commissioner Collins echoed the comments, and commented that the County will not take years to build this facility like the Shooting Park. Ms. Peterson discussed BLM's RAMP (Recreation Area Management Plan) update for Nellis Dunes and other locations. BLM is still in the bidding process and will look very intently for qualified professional services. Mr. Parker asked if Ms. Peterson would consider advertising in the Construction Notebook.
11. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

For more information about the Nellis Dunes project please visit our website:  
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