



COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
NELLIS DUNES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 01, 2010

MEMBERS / ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Bureau of Land Management	Bob Dieli
Clark County Dept. of Air Quality & Environmental Management	Chuck Richter
Clark County Parks & Recreation	Steve Corry
Commission District "B"	Janice Ridondo
Nellis Air Force Base	William Cadwallader
Nellis Air Force Base	Deborah MacNeill
Nevada Operating Engineers Local 12	Cary Parker
N/A	Curtis Cummings
Skanche Consulting	Ryan Arnold
Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts	Don Wall
Stanley Engineering	Dan Bender

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Assembly District 20	Joe Hardy
Bureau of Land Management	Marilyn Peterson
Clark County Board of Commissioners	Tom Collins
Friends of Gold Butte	Terri Robertson
Horizon Properties	Virginia Pietrafeso
Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority	Pat Christensen
Southern Nevada Trails	Zack Livreri
N/A	Tom Rogner
N/A	Van May

INTERESTED PERSONS:

Jim Alexander
Steve Whobrey

STAFF:

Clark County Comprehensive Planning Michael Popp

- 1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Mr. Arnold called the meeting of the Clark County Comprehensive Planning Nellis Dunes Advisory Committee to order on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Approval of December 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with corrections submitted by Nellis Air Force Base regarding agenda item #5. In the first sentence, the reference to Nellis Air Force Base (NAFB) was deleted because NAFB was not invited to provide testimony about H.R. 765 on November 5, 2009. Some wording was revised in the fifth through eight sentences clarifying that no live ammunition is being stored in the Nellis Dunes area.
- 3. New Board Members.** Mr. Popp gave an introduction about two new committee members, Tom Rogner, appointed by Commissioner Reid and Van May, appointed by Commissioner Brager. Mr. Popp shared what kind of knowledge and experience Mr. Rogner and Mr. May will bring to the committee.
- 4. Election of Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair.** Nominations for 1st Vice Chair: Don Wall was unanimously elected as 1st Vice Chair. Nominations for 2nd Vice Chair: Dan Bender was



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unanimously elected as 2nd Vice Chair. Mr. Arnold stepped down as 1st Vice Chair and Mr. Wall facilitated the rest of the meeting.

- 5. DOE Solar Grant.** The Department of Energy (DOE) awarded Clark County a \$1 million solar grant. The grant application was for the Nellis Dunes and for Clark County Parks (representing the Bureau of Land Management) in the event, that if the Nellis Dunes project does not pass. The grant will allow Clark County to use the money towards renewable energy/solar development for the Nellis Dunes. The Clark County Manager's Office, Real Property Management and the Comprehensive Planning Department are meeting to determine how to proceed on the grant. Staff clarified that the County is not intending to setup, for example, a 1,000-acre solar farm to sell power in the open market. Rather, the County is looking at ways to offset its existing power bill. As an example, there are various ways to install solar equipment such as solar on parking lot lights. Another example is the County plan to install solar panels on top of some of the covered parking stalls at the eastern end of the Clark County Government Center building. Once again, it was reiterated by staff that the County does not intent to produce solar in the open market. Previously, County staff has briefed the committee about developing solar to the east by Pabco Road, which is something that is still possible through a right of way grant with BLM, but plans for such are still in the future.

The County is currently working with the DOE to prepare a one page summary of the project. Ms. MacNeil had some concerns about the grant and its development and asked if they would be kept apprised at each stage. Mr. Popp appreciated her comments and agreed to keep her and the committee informed. Mr. Dieli shared some information about an "energy tree", a multi-fuel source (solar, wind) and discussed the capability of it that are on the market. The City of Las Vegas was interested in it and thought possibly Clark County would want to consider looking into it as well. Mr. Parker stated he would like to see American products used and installed by local companies. Specifically Mr. Parker said there were certain projects that were developed in Eldorado Valley, several Arizona companies were brought in instead of investing in a local labor, and Mr. Parker hopes that will not happen when developing the Nellis Dunes.

- 6. Tour with Senator John Ensign.** Mr. Wall commented it was a very enthusiastic tour. They toured the north end of the site to give everyone a good visual. Senator Ensign believed the Nellis Dunes Recreation Area was a great idea and would like to see things move forward. Mr. Popp added that Phil Rosenquist, Assistant County Manager, participated on a tour of the area as well.
- 7. HR 765.** Since the November 5, 2009, hearing some language changes were made to Bill HR 765. At the request of the delegation, the map needed to be further defined and labeled. The map clearly defines BLM, County and NAFB areas by labels. The economic area has not changed and still remains next to the motor speedway. The County plans on industrial and commercial uses that support Nellis Dunes. Staff commented that the economic area is located in North Las Vegas (NLV) and will have to conform to all of NLV land use regulations. Staff informed the committee that the County has an upcoming meeting to discuss the issue. Ms. MacNeill raised a concern regarding Bill HR 765 and that she had sent suggested changes on two occasions and to this date, nothing has been included into the bill. Ms. MacNeill was also concerned that NAFB was not invited to the Natural Resources Sub-Committee hearing to testify. Mr. Popp indicated that the Natural Resource Sub-Committee is by invitation only and that the County has no control over who Congress invites. Mr. Popp also noted that the bill was also referred to the House Arms Affairs and that maybe the best thing for Ms. MacNeill at this time would be to contact the DOD in Washington that represent NAFB and brief them her concerns. Staff did also mention that both



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Senate offices have indicated they are preparing to introduce the bill in the senate but no timetable has been set.

A committee member question was raised asking if the City of North Las Vegas was involved in the Interlocal Agreement. Both Mr. Popp and Ms. MacNeill shared the concerns they received independently from the City of North Las Vegas regarding which lands would be preserved by whom and questioned some areas noted in blue on the map near Las Vegas Boulevard that they believe should not go to NAFB and should remain open and left in inventory for the City of North Las Vegas to develop. Clark County and the City of North Las Vegas entered into an Interlocal Agreement regarding a regional area which included areas on both sides of Las Vegas Boulevard and Apex. In that, Interlocal Agreement a small paragraph mentioned the Nellis Dunes.

8. **BLM, Nellis Air Force Base and the Clark County Interlocal Agreement.** A meeting will be scheduled in a couple weeks between BLM, NAFB and Clark County to try and finalize the Interlocal Agreement.
9. **Senate Bill 394 (OHV green sticker legislation).** The Legislative interim committee met last week to discuss the progress of the green sticker program. The power sports industry represented the DMV and gave an overview of the program and when it will be implemented. Committee members were encouraged to go to the State of Nevada Legislative site under SB 394 to follow the progress.
10. **Sunrise View Article.**
11. **Next Meeting.** It is suggested that the next meeting be set for April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
12. **Public Comments & Discussion.**
13. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/comprehensive_planning/nellis/Pages/nellisdunes.aspx