



COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
 NELLIS DUNES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 April 05, 2010

MEMBERS / ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Bureau of Land Management
 Clark County Board of Commissioners
 Clark County Dept. of Air Quality & Environmental Management
 Clark County Parks & Recreation
 Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority
 Nevada Operating Engineers Local 12
 Commissioner Giunchigliani
 Environmental Community
 Commissioner Reid
 Commissioner Brager
 Nellis Air Force Base
 Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts
 Stanley Engineering

Marilyn Peterson
 Tom Collins
 Chuck Richter
 Steve Corry
 Pat Christensen
 Cary Parker
 Virginia Pietrafeso
 Terri Robertson
 Tom Rogner
 Van May
 John Price
 Don Wall
 Dan Bender

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner Weekly
 Assembly District 12
 Commissioner Collins
 Southern Nevada Trails

Curtis Cummings
 Joe Hardy
 Ryan Arnold
 Zack Livreri

INTERESTED PERSONS:

STAFF:

Clark County Comprehensive Planning

Michael Popp

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Mr. Collins called the meeting of the Clark County Comprehensive Planning Nellis Dunes Advisory Committee to order on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of February 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no changes or corrections.
3. **HR 765.** Mr. Popp gave an update on HR 765. The County received word from Washington that HR 765 will most likely part of an omnibus bill (one big Nevada package of a bunch of bills in it). Mr. Popp also sent to the Committee an email with information that Elko County is now getting into the OHV business by requesting legislation to develop and OHV Park. There are no language changes that have occurred in the bill since last meeting. The map is the same map as well. HR 765 is in the House, in Natural Resources; it's had its first hearing and will go through a second hearing, called a mark up and then go over into the next committee, which is the House Arms Service Committee. Mr. Collins noted that North Las Vegas has had their concerns addressed with regards to the economic site and park. There will be another meeting on Monday. North Las Vegas should be resolved. The County is working with other jurisdictions on of the last to work out is North Las Vegas.

Commissioner Collins introduced Mr. Van May introduced himself; he works for Yamaha and is an educational instructor with them on liability and safety. He has worked with ATV Safety institute



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and he has worked with them for 20 years and is a Chief Safety Instructor for 10 years. The ATV Safety Institute is the only national recognized safety training in the industry and with the motorcycle safety foundation for 10 to 12 years. He has been involved with the off road industry his entire life.

4. **Gold Butte**

Chairman Collins discussed the Gold Butte area and its designation as a wilderness, study area natural conservation area and the pending development from Anthem. Commissioner Collins pointed out that Gold Butte is not a main concern for BLM due to funding issues at this time. Gold Butte got introduced into legislation by Congresspersons Shelly and Porter but nothing has happened during this past legislative session, discussions are ongoing with Neil Kornze from Senator Reid's office and the residents in the area. Commissioner Collins commented that what's different about this NCA is we have been meeting with various people who are interested in preserving this area. This time, the interested parties have embraced the NCA; the interested parties are learning how to be involved in the process of if we write it in the legislation that deals with the various components. Commissioner Collins also noted that Bob Abby, who was our state BLM director, is now the national director of the BLM and is coming to town for an event at Red Rock on the 10th of April and has given Chairman Collins and Susan Hollicheck, Mayor of Mesquite, some time on the 9th to take 10 people out there to look at Gold Butte. Within the wilderness acreage language will be written into the bill, where can the public can off-road, camp, or hunt. Commissioner Collin noted that the passage of this bill will mean the land can be enjoyed for many years to come. On April 20th a proposed resolution will go before the BCC.

5. **Nellis Dunes Park Rendering**

Mike Popp and Lance Kirk from Luccessi/Galati gave a presentation on developing a conceptual rendering for the park. Palo Alto raceway near San Diego was used as a model for space planning the Nellis Dunes. To begin, Kirk helped the group understand that there are common spaces that apply to all of the event areas, namely a track, a mid-way (to serve as a business center), general parking, maintenance building (10,000 sq. ft) and race participant/toy hauler parking. Each of these areas should be designed next to a track or tracks. The group agreed. Julian Dugas commented on the need to provide parking close to the track where spectators do not have to walk long distances. Tom Rogner commented on the need to provide enough spaces for participant parking. Van May commented the need to provide enough space for factory companies and the need to provide private pits that can accommodate 80ft. 18 wheel rigs. Generally the group like the direction staff presented and recommended that it would helpful to bring back to the next meeting a draft rendering that lays out truck racing and mx/atv racing for a phase one development. Teri Robertson asked if staff has ever considered a mud race event for the site. Van May gave an example of such an event in Tyler Texas that neared 120,000 spectators. Mr. Popp cautioned the group that holding an event like the one in Texas with such large numbers would not happen because it would conflict with the mission of NAFB. Captain Price echoed the same concerns. Mr. Popp talked with the group about the importance of not developing permanent structures or concentrating populations within the flight path. Don Wall commented that the tracks need to compliment each other for the various events and in close proximity of each other.

6. **Senate Bill 394 (OHV green sticker legislation)**

Not much has changed since the last meeting. The Department of Air Quality and Environment Management and DMV are still working on an interlocal to help provide seed money to upstart the program. Mr. Popp commented that in the interim committee meeting held in earlier this year on SB 394; Senator John Lee had concerns on annual renewal fees.



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7. Utilities

Staff has been working with NV Energy and SW Gas to determine where utilities are on Las Vegas Blvd. The nearest sub station for power is located south of the Motor speedway on Hollywood Blvd. and would require an upgrade to service the Nellis Dunes. Estimates for power near \$3 million to provide power to the site. Southwest Gas is doing a cost analysis at present. Staff will keep the committee in the loop as information comes. Staff has learned that through researching utilities there is a benefit to using natural gas over power. Natural gas from an emission stand point would reduce the carbon foot print on Nellis Dunes uses. Mr. Popp also briefed the group that staff has been working on a business and marketing plan to identify that will be rolled into the Renewable Energy Initiative grant. Part of that grant will be to identify utility needs for the renewable energy.

8. Renewable Energy Initiative

Last meeting Mr. Popp briefed the committee on the County's pending energy grant to study and develop renewable technology at Nellis Dunes to off-set utility costs at the park. Since then staff has gone before the Board of County Commissioner to request approval to submit a grant outline for development.

9. **Next Meeting.** Is, June 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Public Comments & Discussion.

No public comments. Captain Price commented the need to be sensitive to Nellis Air Force Base operations so as not to interfere with their ability to take off and land with live ordinance. Mr. Popp conveyed to the committee that there is an interlocal that BLM, the County and Nellis AFB have worked and agreed to that addresses the flight path, and specifically the height and orientation of structures as within the flight line. Captain Price commented that Nellis would like to be involved in the selection of technology that the County and UNLV will research at Nellis Dunes. Specifically Captain Price was concerned about the county selecting or putting up something that would impede the pilots view on take off and landing. Captain Price commented that the wrong selection of solar panels would be an example.

Other comments were brought forward about the current economy and the off-highway industry. Van May commented that he works for Yamaha and has seen the impacts to the industry but believe there are signs of growth and industry rebounds.

11. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about the Nellis Dunes project please visit our website:
www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/comprehensive_planning/nellis/Pages/nellisdunes.aspx