



COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
NELLIS DUNES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 07, 2010

MEMBERS / ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Clark County Department of Air Quality & Environmental Management
Commissioner Weekly
Nellis Air Force Base
Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts
Bureau of Land Management
Clark County Parks & Recreation
Friends of Gold Butte
Commissioner Collins
Commissioner Brager
Horizon Properties
City of North Las Vegas

Chuck Richter
Curtis Cummings
John Price
Don Wall
Marilyn Peterson
Steve Corry
Terri Robertson
Janice Ridondo
Van May
Virginia Pietrafeaso
Johanna Murphy

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nevada Operating Engineers Local 12
Stanley Engineering
Nellis Air Force Base
Assembly District 20
Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority/Las Vegas Events
The Askance Company
Commissioner Collins
Commissioner Reid
Southern Nevada Trails

Cary Parker
Dan Bender
Deborah McNeill
Joe Hardy
Pat Christensen
Ryan Arnold
Tom Collins
Tom Rogner
Zack Livreri

INTERESTED PERSONS:

STAFF:

Clark County Comprehensive Planning

Michael Popp

- 1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.** Mr. Don Wall called the meeting of the Clark County Comprehensive Planning Nellis Dunes Advisory Committee to order on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 5:58 p.m.
- 2. Approval of April 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes.** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no changes or corrections. The Chair recognized its newest member and welcomed Johanna Murphy from North Las Vegas.
- 3. HR 765.** Mr. Popp gave an update on HR 765. The County received word from Washington that the bill will proceed with no changes and a companion bill will be introduced in the Senate. The only change to the March 5 map was a BLM request to reduce the rights-of-way into the tail loop from 120 feet down to 85 feet. There is no new draft language, they are happy with the bill and support by the delegation. This bill will be packaged with various other bills. The question was raised that if this bill were packaged with other bills would it cause delays. There is no way to determine that at this time.
- 4. Nellis Dunes Park Rendering.** This is a preliminary discussion. There are several committees meeting on the facilities within the park that are working on determining where to place the various



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amenities. There is a basic horseshoe set up; within a larger track area, general parking, and long term camping, mid-way for provisions. Three different track configurations for OHV were reviewed again. There was a consensus to use rendering number three as a benchmark that was agreed upon in the last meeting. Mr. Popp presented the group with the first draft rendering of the park and layout for the MX and Truck tracks. Acreage considerations for both tracks were made in accordance with usage, and connectivity between courses and air quality basins. The general MX tracks should be around 30 to 20 acres to fit more comfortably in the first valley as you enter into the park from the north. A number of committee members met with track design and Luccessi/Galati architect Lance Kirk to suggested length of tracks and shapes for the MX and truck tracks. One of the goals of the Nellis Dunes Committee is to retain some of the natural terrain. The design group will try to save plant materials, natural contours, and formations. This would be one of the few tracks in the country that would try to incorporate the natural features (contours, plants, and formations) with the tracks.

Don Wall discussed the “Mint 400” course and main access road and finding a connection to the truck track. Mr. Wall commented that there would not be a lot of work for the County since they would be using existing trails to connect to the carsonited mint course to make it more cost effective. The mint course has some historical significance.

As for the track layouts, the spectators will get a great view from any vantage point, which will spread people and prevent concentrated areas. Nellis Air Force Base Captain John Price agreed with the concept and was glad to see the County was conscious of large amounts of people congregating and parking under the flight path.

5. **Renewable Energy Initiative.** The County provided an update on the \$1 million grant by the Department of Energy to study renewable energy. One of the County’s concerns for the park and in general is the offsetting of power usage. The County is trying to find ways to off-site costs, in no way is the County expecting that this site will fully accomplish this, but they are studying for ways to use cutting edge technology within parks as part of the grant. As an example, the County is currently working on a bid package that would place solar energy on top of covered parking. The County briefed the committee that a scope of work has been submitted to DOE for approval and it would allow all the County to partner with UNLV-CER to select a company to install renewable energy a demonstration project to study, monitor and see if proposal would work in other parks. Mr. Popp briefed the group that the County’s interests lie in reducing higher energy consumption such as sport lighting. The County will be putting out a request for information and will work with Nellis Air Force Base, BLM, North Las Vegas and UNLV-CER to look at what is available in the industry that is safe and compatible with NAFB and BLM. Ultimately, the County will request that UNLV-CER make a selection and recommend to the County the source of renewable energy feature to study. This process will all be done under an interlocal between the two agencies.
6. **Resource Committee.** There was no meeting of this Committee. Mr. Popp did provide a power point presentation of the flora and fauna and species of what the County would like to preserve and left in its natural state.



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7. **Next meeting. August 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Joshua Room.**
8. **Public Comments & Discussion.** It was expressed, by Don Wall and other members of the Committee that Congress is dragging its feet and that putting the Nellis Dunes into an Omnibus package only slows the process and could even hurt the passage of the bill. Mr. Wall suggested that letters be sent to Dean Heller citing support of this bill for Nellis Dunes.

Captain John Price asked for clarification on the economic support area next to the motor speed way and that he has heard a lot of different ideas and rumors for development. Mr. Popp explained that the land in North Las Vegas is zoned for commercial/industrial usage. The proposal calls for uses that are compatible with the land use for the area. The County intends to comply with the land use and has an interlocal agreement with BLM, North Las Vegas, and Nellis Air Force Base that provides provide further information on what can and cannot be developed. For example, there will not be any permanent habitable structures built under the flight path. Captain Price asked if the land is going to go to North Las Vegas. Mr. Popp explained that the land would be conveyed to Clark County but under the jurisdiction of the City of North Las Vegas and all actions would be subject to City of North Las Vegas approval. That corridor is light industrial; we can always go with different types of commercial and some warehouses that are compatible with some industrial usage. Johanna Murphy from North Las Vegas offered to provide Captain Price with land use maps and zoning information for the area to help understand what could be developed. The interlocal is also compatible with the City of Las Vegas' Master Plan. Captain Price stated his concern about the revenue generation figures that have been projected for the economic area.. Mr. Popp explained that HR 765 required all revenue to be used for the development of the park, which includes both the County's and BLM areas. The original price tag to develop the park ranged between \$25-30 million but that was using 2007 figures from a study the County conducted. Since the economic downturn, the County expects that cost to be much lower.

9. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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