

Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)

PUEBLO ROOM
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS NV 89106

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 11:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

UAWG MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOHN STEINBECK, LARRY HAYDU STEVE KRAMER, RYAN TURNER, CAROLYN LEVERING, RACHEL SKIDMORE, MIKE WILSON, CHRIS SPROULE, RICK DIEBOLD

UAWG ALTERNATES PRESENT:

SOLOME BARTON

UAWG MEMBERS ABSENT:

KEVIN NICHOLSON, KASH CHRISTOPHER, JEFF LYTLE,

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

John Steinbeck, UAWG Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Misty Richardson advised quorum present.

II. Public Comments

- No comments

III. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair announced that 2.96 Million was granted to the Urban Area and that he was appreciative of all the effort put forth by the community to make it happen.

IV. Approval of the February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion by, Mike Wilson: **To approve as submitted**

Seconded by, Carolyn Levering

No discussion motion carried

V. Update on the status of FFY2014 grant awards and funds that may be available for de-obligation and subsequent re-obligation

The Chair advised that there were three sub items to this item and that he appreciated that Kelli Anderson from DEM was present to provide assistance if needed. He then turned over item a. to Karen Taylor and Larry Haydu.

a. Review and approve IMT project change request (PCR) to allow excess training funds to be used for equipment in the amount of \$10,866.90 (FFY2014 SHSP \$8,500 FFY14UASI \$2,366.90)

Larry Haydu explained that there was approximately just over \$10,000 and that they would like to reallocate it to buy some additional equipment for the IMT, specifically a color plotter and associated software needed to run the plotter for GIS needs.

Motion by, Carolyn Levering: **To approve**

Seconded by, Ryan Turner

No discussion motion carried

b. Review and approve MMRS project change request to de-obligate funds in the amount of \$83,000 for use under a new Investment Justification (IJ).

Chris Sproule stated that part of his ongoing sustainment plan for MMRS has been to reduce personnel costs. As a result of that he will be able to de-obligate \$83,000.

c. Review and approve Investment Justification for new equipment for Las Vegas Fire & Rescue up to the amount of \$87,540.48

Chris Sproule stated that he became aware of this project after he knew he was going to have funds to de-obligate. Chris stated he would turn the item over to Will Grass, but that he was aware that this project was in alignment with MMRS Target Capabilities so he felt it was logical to turn the funds over to his project. Will Grass LVFR HazMat, advised that they would need \$87,450.00 for the project, understanding that they would get \$83,000 from this body and that the balance would be paid by City of Las Vegas. The equipment is survey and monitoring equipment. One of the components is plume modeling hardware and software. Henderson already has one version of this software but they will get an upgrade with this, the intention is to support with a more regional approach. This will also allow for better radiological capabilities and the third component is remote monitoring with this software package. Will explained the three components in brief. Carolyn Levering clarified that the \$83,000 is an estimated balance, but that they couldn't be exact until after the close out at the end of March. She requested that the language of the motion indicate "any funds remaining be de-obligated and re-obligated to this project." The Chair asked Kelli Anderson if that language was ok. Kelli asked that the money be completely de-obligated and then a new Investment Justification be done for it to be completely clean and reissue the Award. She then stated that she had to a program change submitted to the feds and it could take up to 2 to 4 weeks. Kelli stated that MMRS is for salaries and now asking for equipment is a program change.

Motion by, Ryan Turner: **To approve the MMRS PCR to de-obligate funds in the estimated amount of \$83,000 or whatever the amount is at the end of March 31, from the City of Las Vegas and then re-obligate those funds into the IJ for LVFR for the same amount that is de-obligated**

Seconded by, Rachel Skidmore

No discussion motion carried

VI. Update on the status of FFY2015 grant awards and project status

The Chair asked Kelli Anderson if he could address a previously discussed item before the meeting with this agenda item, she stated she believed so. (*inaudible side bar conversation held*)

The Chair advised that the intent was to just give an update, he then asked Kelli if she had anything she would like to update under this item and she said she was looking at the spreadsheet and it didn't appear as though much spending was happening yet since September 2015.

The Chair asked if anyone wanted to report on their projects.

Ryan Turner advised that the spec committee had met with the manufacturer of the equipment they were ordering and that the committee was working with adding it to their fleet maintenance. They haven't yet spent any money yet because it takes 9 to 10 months to build it.

Rachel Skidmore advised that the ARMOR team has submitted to PCR's to the State. She then detailed the first PCR that was submitted in November where a portion was approved because it was equipment about to fall out of warranty within a couple of weeks, so a portion

of that PCR was pulled, she would like to seek approval from this body for that and for the second portion is that the original PCR still stands, She then turned it over to Rick or Roger from ARMOR. Rick Breeden advised that the project plan is going to continue to push forward with the exception as the new project manager, since Jeff Villard retired, he failed to purchase the warranties under the grant. He explained that they would still be purchasing the equipment with those funds but now would be splitting those funds in the line item to cover warranty, this split is what they are asking for approval for from this body. Rachel clarified the request and the funding sources.

The Chair called for questions seeing none he asked for a motion.

Motion by, Ryan Turner: **To approve the PCR of the \$100,000 OSHA FIT testing line item separate in half to pay for multiple warranties**

Seconded by, Mike Wilson

The Chair asked Kelli Anderson if that motion worked for her purposes, she stated that it was a program change and would be very complicated. She wanted to know which one was the priority.

No discussion motion carried

VII. Update on the Las Vegas Urban Area Risk Profile and status of FFY2016 funding, and update on Homeland Security Working Group

The Chair stated that in his earlier opening comments he said we were 29 out of 29 and that we continue to be in disagreement with DHS with how we are rated, although we are very happy that they decided to continue to fund us. He said it seems that there are very slight margins that would move us from the low 20's to the mid 30's, they couldn't see any other changes aside from the threat. We will be working on improving our THIRA next year with more concentrated effort than we have done over the past few years.

Rachel Skidmore, stated that they actually have a meeting with DHS today. He expressed her appreciation of Gonzo in assisting with the meeting.

Irene Navis advised that Monday the 29th we have the next UAWG meeting where we will review project proposals. Project proposals will be due on the 22nd, she stated that the UAA would appreciate a courtesy copy to CCOEM so that we can work closely with DEM.

VIII. Presentation of Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Priorities and inclusion of new priorities into Las Vegas Urban Area Strategy

Irene Navis stated that anyone that didn't get a chance to attend the Commission meeting last week on Friday the annual ranking of the Priorities according to the Core Capabilities that were identified for the State, are as follows:

Protection Mission Area – Cyber Security
Prevention and Protection – Intelligence and Information Sharing
All Mission Areas - Public Information and Warning
All Mission Areas – Operational Coordination
Response Mission Area – Operational Communication

Irene stated coincidentally enough those are identical to what this group had in the last draft of the Urban Area Strategy and with this groups concurrence she asked to finalize the Urban Area Strategy with those and include the changes added some months ago and include any other timeline and date updates that are provided. She advised she will finalize this draft and get it back out for comment and finalize at a future meeting. She stated that she wanted to

get concurrence today through a motion to adopt the Commission Priorities and add them to the Urban Area Strategy.

The Chair stated that he would entertain a motion but first wanted to take a moment to state that the priorities are exact as they were 2 years ago and similar to last year, this says that the priorities of this community are the same. He then asked for the members to talk about projects they are thinking about submitting and possible coordinate some. He then advised that Clark County would be submitting on a secondary Fire Dispatch center as well as briefly mentioned a small project of ARES/RACES and by small he stated under \$5,000. The Chair then opened the item to the floor for informal project concepts to be mentioned with the intent to be for possible coordination of projects with those mentioned to be formally presented at an upcoming meeting.

Craig Cooper, LVFR mentioned that the bomb squad has identified some needs for portable x-ray equipment. (unknown speaker) then advised that the task force armor section has been 10 years in the making and there is newer technology now with the area rays, they would like to update these kits, no dollar amount at this time. There are also radiological back packs, to enhance RAD capabilities. Bomb Squad/Hazmat team equipment items are for regional use.

Ryan Turner, advised they are looking at three things: building out an Emergency Operations Center in a 5,000 sq. ft. former data center, for Hazmat they need a similar piece of equipment that the LVFR discussed, this would allow them to go to a type 2 team so that they can detect the non-detectable substances and third they need to harden several pieces of critical infrastructure specifically city facilities to basically monitor that critical infrastructure via security cameras.

Larry Haydu, CCFD addressed Ryan Turner about Mesquite Fire and Rescue also putting together a Hazmat Team. He then stated that the Rural Division would be submitting for some additional communication equipment to keep them synced up with the rest of the county. He then stated that there was a small Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Bunkerville and that they needed about \$5,000 for so that they would be functional if something were to transpire in Mesquite or even a little south. The Chair then asked about the IMT, Larry said that the IMT is at a stalemate and that he needed to get the area Emergency Managers together so that they could plan how they were going to fund the IMT going forward aside from grants and how they are going to pay for deployments, he is hopeful to sit down this next year to figure out the funding. As far as funding, he stated he believes that they are back to just one class this coming year and that they have tried to become self-sufficient with having our own instructors. There will be a little bit of training and they will look at buying some more equipment.

Solome Barton, City of North Las Vegas will be submitting for an upgrade to their surveillance system in the City, connecting their PD to surveillance to include their libraries.

Rachel Skidmore, LVMPD advised that they will be submitting their sustainment budget for the Fusion Center, and that they will be emphasizing an enhancement this year for the Strip Camera Program. She mentioned the Real Time Crime Center and the enhancement of those cameras, new ones and new proposed locations.

The Chair then advised he was considering improvements for the EOC at Station 18, he wasn't sure if he would be submitting for sure as there were ongoing conversations about reasonability's of other funding options. He wanted the group to know it could come up depending on conversations this week.

Irene Navis, mentioned DHS's recent Regional Resiliency Assessment of the local Waste Water Treatment systems. As part of that program there are recommendations that align with

core capabilities, Irene advised that the grant guidance allows for submittals of projects based upon the findings of that assessment. Because Wastewater representatives are not usually found at this table she asked that those attending go back to their wastewater people to look and see if there are projects that they may have that they would like to seek funding for as a result of the local assessment.

The Chair thanked everyone and asked for a motion.

Motion by, Carolyn Levering: **To approve the Commission priorities for the update of the Urban Area Security Strategy**

Seconded by, Steve Kramer

No discussion motion carried

IX. Citizen Corp Reports

- **Amateur Radio Emergency Service – No Report**
- **Community Emergency Response Team –** Rick Diebold, reported that the first graduation of a CERT class will take place tomorrow night, it's the first one in many many years. There are about 37 that have attended and will be graduating.
- **Medical Reserve Corp –** Steve Kramer, advised that the new Coordinator was just hired, Deb Moran. She just started on Tuesday.
- **Neighborhood Watch - No Report**
- **Volunteer In Police Service – No Report**

X. Public Comments

- Ryan Turner, advised that as a point of discussion Mayor Hafen and the Henderson City Manager, from a strategic standpoint (mention of Reid not being in office next year) is trying to figure out exactly how to create the buy in regarding working towards a multiagency training event. He mentioned that when they were visiting the Congressional delegation last week, there was discussion of inviting whoever the Secretary is at the time, now Secretary Johnson, and the Congressional Delegation to do some type of event to show what the UASI is and the importance. Ryan advised them that to put on an event like this it would require a lot of hours and it would be best to utilize an existing exercise and that Henderson alone could not plan this but it would require the whole jurisdiction support.
- Carolyn Levering asked about the next meeting and if they would be prioritizing projects. The Chair clarified it would just be presentations.

Next UAWG meeting: Monday, February 29, 2016 at 11:00 A.M., Clark County Fire Department, 2nd floor, 575 Flamingo Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

XI. Adjournment

Motion, by Carolyn Levering: **To adjourn**

Seconded, by Ryan Turner

No discussion, motion: carried

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