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COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HISTORY

The Department of Comprehensive Planning accepts and processes applications for land use in Clark County. These applications are processed by department planners who review each application for conformance to existing zoning, ordinances, land use plans, and assess the appropriate fees. Each application is then entered into the system and placed on the agendas to be heard by the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee Town Advisory Boards, Planning Commission and often the Board of County Commissioner's Zoning Meeting. The Department then coordinates with Public Works, Air Quality, Business License, Regional Transportation Commission and other agencies for additional information needed to process an application.

Land Use Planning

Clark County has a land use plan for each of the 11 urban and rural planning areas. These plans are updated to guide the area's growth since the board adopted a new ordinance in 2003 to make master plans more reliable. Over each five year period, most of the unincorporated county's 11 master plans will undergo updates. The entire update process takes about 12 months. Citizen participation is considered a crucial link in the process. There are many neighborhoods, including rural preservation areas, which need to be protected. Non-conforming zone changes and mixed use development need to be considered. Land Use Plan Update Open Houses are a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to guide Clark County planners with their vision of how they want the neighborhood to grow and develop. It's important that everyone who is interested in this process have their voices heard in order to accommodate as many ideas as possible.

Administrative

The Comprehensive Planning Department's Administrative Team keeps track of the application process throughout the approval cycle. Staff ensures that correct fees have been applied to each application.

Staff is responsible for processing customer requests such as receiving, processing and mailing or faxing zoning letters, and plotting maps for printing. Staff assists customers with any transactions involving the purchase of materials from the Comprehensive Planning Department including maps, land use plans or copies of Planning Commission or Board of County Commission meetings on DVD.

The Notification and agenda processing team is responsible for compiling information from land use applications to create zoning maps, notification address lists and public printing and mailing public hearing notices for each Planning Commission or Board of County Commission meeting.

This team is also responsible for proper placement of land use applications on the appropriate agendas which they review and edit along with public hearing notices.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MILESTONES

1909 Clark County created

1946 Ordinance 10A –earliest zoning code on the books

1946 1st Clark County Master Plan created

1954 1st Land Use map for Las Vegas Valley adopted

1955 Ordinance 91 added chapter 29A to ord 61 which repealed 10A

1957 The zoning map for the Las Vegas Valley was adopted

1968 1st Land Use Plan for Las Vegas Valley adopted

1978 Donald "Pat" Shalmy, Director

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1979 Water Quality Management Plan

1982 Zoning transferred from the Building Department to Comprehensive Planning

1983 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Adopted

1984 Richard B. Holmes, Director

1985 First Regional Flood Control Plan

1985 First Population Element

1986 Airport Environs Plan Overlay

1988 Clark County Geographic Information System Design

1988 Nuclear Waste Division created to oversee Yucca Mountain

1989 Impact legislation resulting from Pepcon explosion moved heavy industrial to Apex

1989 Nova Horizon vs. Reno revised Land Use Plan update process

1989 1st Spring Valley Land Use Plan updated

1991 Habitat Conservation Plan adopted

1992 First Adult Use Overlay ordinance adopted in M-1 only

1994

Clark County population reaches 1 million

1994

Planned Community Overlay District adopted

1995

Long Term Desert Conservation Plan adopted

1996

Red Rock Overlay District adopted

1997

Gaming Enterprise District Overlay adopted

1998

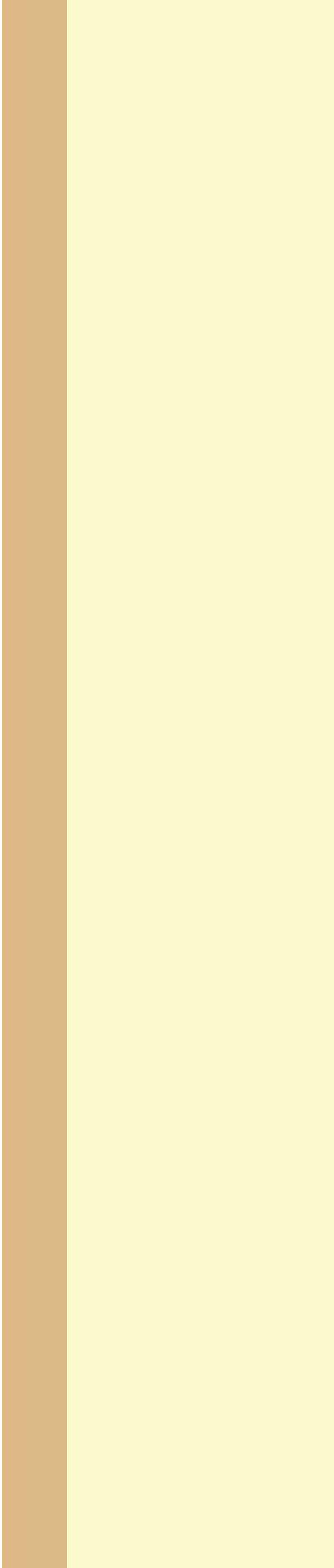
Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act passed congress

1999

Rural Neighborhood Preservation District Overlay adopted

1999

Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition created per NRS



1999	John Schlegel, Director
2000	First Multi-jurisdictional Consensus Population Estimates completed
2000	Las Vegas Strip designated America's only Nighttime Scenic Byway
2000	Titles 26, 27, 28, and 29 become Uniform Development Code Title 30
2000	Major Project Team established for Master Planned Communities
2001	Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan adopted
2002	Transition Corridor Overlay District adopted
2002	1 st Yucca Mountain Impact Assessment Report accepted by BCC
2003	Open Door Info Mapper brings development data to desktop

2003 Ordinance adopted to update land use plans every 5 years

- Northwest - Adopted 11/07/2007
- Laughlin - Adopted 05/16/2007
- Lone Mountain - Adopted 08/06/2008
- South County - Adopted 08/06/2008
- Spring Valley - Adopted 11/17/2004
- Enterprise - Adopted 12/08/2004
- Sunrise Manor - Adopted 09/07/2005
- Winchester/Paradise - Adopted 08/03/2005
- Northeast Plan - Adopted 09/06/2006
- Whitney - Adopted 03/21/2007

2003 Redevelopment Agency formed

2003 2nd Adult Use Overlay District adopted

2004 Barbara Ginoulis, Director

2004 Moapa Valley Visioning report competed

2004 PM10 State Implementation Plan was approved by US EPA

2004 Growth Task Force created

2004	Yucca Mountain Monitoring Program created
2004	Species Account Manual published
2004	Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) Design Overlay District adopted
2004	Indian Springs Visioning Report completed
2004	158,000 Yucca Mountain Perspectives Newspaper Inserts distributed in Review Journal- First effort of it's kind
2005	South County Land Use Plan updated for future Ivanpah Valley Airport
2005	Mixed Use Development Overlay District established
2006	Carbon Monoxide State Implementation Plan was approved by US EPA

