

**Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board**  
**City of Las Vegas City Hall, 495 S. Main St.**  
**Council Chambers**  
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**MINUTES**

**July 17, 2023**  
**3:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Minutes:

CHAIR McCURDY called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR McCURDY and MEMBERS NEAL (excused until 3:43 p.m.), MONROE-MORENO (excused until 3:35 p.m. when she joined via teleconference), STEELE (excused until 3:38 p.m. when he joined via teleconference), McNEAL, and GARCIA ANDERSON

NOTE: ASHA JONES, Chief of Staff, was present as the Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee for MEMBER HORSFORD

EXCUSED: MEMBERS CREAR and SCOTT

ALSO PRESENT: KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, BRYAN SCOTT, City Attorney for the City of Las Vegas, and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Las Vegas

**2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; the City of Las Vegas website – [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and the Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov).

**3. Public Comment:** Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

None.

**4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023**

Motion made by Ruth Garcia Anderson to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

For-William McCurdy II, Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Janice McNeal, Ruth Garcia Anderson, Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee; Excused-Dina Neal, Cedric Crear, Nic Steele, Dontae Scott;

**5. Report by Karen Schnog, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, regarding the Summary Budget Status Report for the Southern Nevada Community Project Fund**

Minutes:

KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, stated that the account total is \$6,926.44. There were no questions or comments from the Members.

6. Presentation by Joanna Jacob, Government Affairs Manager for Clark County, regarding legislation passed during the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session

Minutes:

JOANNA JACOB, Government Affairs Manager for Clark County, said at CHAIR McCURDY'S request, she was present to provide a brief overview of the bills that passed in the recent legislative session that have the potential to impact or help some of the residents within the SNEC (Southern Nevada Enterprise Community) area. She displayed a handout with descriptions of each bill, which was submitted and attached as backup, noting the document has hyperlinks that navigate to the bill language and legislators' votes.

She indicated that the handout includes an overview of things that have the potential to help small businesses, workforce training opportunities for youth, and items that include funding that can help the SNEC area.

AB (Assembly Bill) 77 was presented by ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE YEAGER and modeled after something he observed in Missouri, where a program was put into place to help new or emerging businesses access government opportunities. This bill will create the Office of Entrepreneurship within the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Funding was received to set up the office, as well as a website to help new businesses that have been operating in Nevada for less than five years. The number of state contracts that can be accessed by these new and emerging businesses will be tracked, and reporting will occur annually beginning November 1, 2025.

MS. JACOB stated that AB310 was championed by MEMBER MONROE-MORENO and will set aside \$32 million for permanent, supportive housing, which is housing that is partnered with services to help those in need. The funding allocated is intended to be used for both housing and services. The Nevada Housing Division will establish the criteria, and the bill will fund grants that organizations can apply for to build and staff permanent, supportive housing within the community. She highlighted that MEMBER MONROE-MORENO included language in the bill regarding coordination with the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing, which was put into place by former Assemblyman TYRONE THOMPSON and was intended to bring service providers and state agencies together for a coordinated role on housing in the state. There is also an opportunity for community input. The bill passed with almost unanimous support through the legislative process.

She indicated AB391 was sponsored by a committee and was presented by MEMBER MONROE-MORENO with enabling language that will allow local governments to prioritize hiring local or within a specific ZIP Code or area in order to build a pipeline into trade professions.

AB428 is a revenue and economic development bill that creates education pathways to solve the teacher shortage. She noted there were three components to the bill, including the establishment of a Teacher Academy College Pathway for K-12 (kindergarten through twelfth grade) students to learn about what it takes to be a teacher in the community. The program is intended to get students licensed sooner, as well as help them to become eligible to earn dual education credits, scholarship support, or guaranteed placement. She also highlighted Section 1 of the bill, noting that language in the bill requests the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation to look at three priority areas for career pathways for middle school students. One of the priority areas mandated in the bill is education; however, there is still the opportunity for two additional pathways.

SB (Senate Bill) 126, which was championed by MEMBER NEAL, grants approximately \$1.9 million to the College of Southern Nevada for the Nevada Grow program. Funding is intended to continue the operation of the program and fund things such as counseling training, data scrubbing for businesses, and marketing for the program. The Vegas Chamber and the African Chamber of Commerce and Tourism are working to support the program by putting together a marketing strategy and selecting someone to partner with them.

SB240, also championed by MEMBER NEAL, provides additional funding for the Nevada New Markets Jobs Program. This year, the program will be funded with \$170 million. MS. JACOB noted that \$30 million will be allocated to impact qualified equity investments and is intended for smaller, low-income, community businesses defined in the bill as either being more than 50 percent owned by minority, women, disabled veterans, LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning) owners or engaged in manufacturing. This bill also opens up the possibility to certify investments at a lower level starting July 1, 2024.

Lastly, SB450 was championed by MEMBER NEAL and will provide relief to the residents of Windsor Park in North Las Vegas. Funding will allow those residents to relocate and is allocated for restitution for some of those residents. The bill received a lot of support, and funding was received from various sources.

CHAIR McCURDY thanked MS. JACOB for the presentation and for her working during the legislative session. MEMBER GARCIA ANDERSON also gave thanks.

7. Discussion for possible action regarding the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) 2023 Distressed Area Recompete Grant

Minutes:

MEMBER STEELE stated that through the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program, the EDA (United States Economic Development Administration) will invest up to \$200 million into persistently distressed communities. It is partly a workforce development program, as well as project implementation, and is broken up into three different application categories. The first category is the Strategy Development Grant, for which each applicant can apply for up to \$750,000 with a total of \$12 million to be awarded across different organizations. The second category is the approval of a Recompete Plan, for which organizations submit a plan for future consideration. Additionally, applicants have the option to apply for both the Strategy Development Grant and the Recompete Plan, which he recommended the Board consider doing. This would not only give the Board the opportunity to obtain funding to hire staff to implement some of the projects within the purview of the Board but would also position the Board for future consideration by the EDA. The Recompete Plan would allow for investments up to or on average between \$20 and \$50 million per region. He noted the Members could develop an assessment of future projects followed by developing a plan to address contributors to the prime-age employment gap within their respective areas.

CHAIR McCURDY said this was good timing for the Board and believed the membership composition on the Board puts it in a strategic position to be successful in a grant award. MEMBER NEAL agreed and suggested a small working group be created, as school and legislative travel will be starting soon. She felt the majority of things that need to be aligned already exist and need to be aligned with collaborative partnerships, as the Board already has programmatic structures in place.

MEMBER GARCIA ANDERSON was excited and thought there were a lot of opportunities to bring about change within the SNEC (Southern Nevada Enterprise Community) district. She thanked staff for bringing this opportunity to the Board's attention.

CHAIR McCURDY requested KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, convene a working group noting SHANI (no last name given) with the County has been in touch with MS. SCHNOG. He asked MS. SCHNOG to let the Members know how they can be of help within their respective roles.

MEMBER MONROE-MORENO agreed with the comments made and wondered about the next steps. MS. SCHNOG stated that staff will convene a collaborative meeting among stakeholder groups to create a strategy, which will then be submitted for the grant. She verified she would send out an e-mail to the Members to set up meetings.

Motion made by NOTE: A motion was not made and no action was taken on this item.

For: 0; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 7; Excused: 2

Did Not Vote-Dina Neal, William McCurdy II, Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Nic Steele, Janice McNeal, Ruth Garcia Anderson, Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee; Excused-Cedric Crear, Dontae Scott;

8. **Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items.** Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual members shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether or not such proposed items are within the purview of the Board and/or whether such proposed items shall be placed on a future agenda. No discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur and no action shall be taken.

Minutes:

MEMBER NEAL asked for clarity on how the recently passed homelessness bill would be implemented. She believed the bill was looking for a master plan and that an additional \$100 million was invested by the resorts for a total of \$200 million. She felt this was an item that the Members must ensure will impact their respective jurisdictions. MEMBER NEAL noted that SB (Senate Bill) 400 was vetoed.

CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT asked if the Member would like the item to be agendized for a future meeting. MEMBER NEAL suggested the Governor's Office provide a status update, as she was unclear how the implementation of the funds will work. MR. SCOTT stated that the City of Las Vegas would be changing management staff soon and that the item may need to be delayed until new management staff is in place. He informed the Member that he would be retiring on August 10th.

9. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. No subject may be acted upon by the Board unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

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TASHIKA LAWSON stated that she was recently reading through Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 279 regarding the redevelopment area, which the SNEC (Southern Nevada Enterprise Community) overlaps. She wished to know more about the revolving fund that is referenced in the statute. She noted that one of the grantees was Nevada Business Opportunity Fund and wished to know how much money is left to loan out to businesses. MS. LAWSON also wished to know about grants currently available through the City, County, and State for small businesses. Additionally, she requested updates on the African American Museum through the SNEC Board. Lastly, she spoke on food insecurity, noting there is a failing grocery store, and wondered why none of the entities that are governing the community are addressing that issue. She also wished to know if there would be an update to the community on the closure of Walmart.

CHAIR McCURDY asked MS. LAWSON to submit her items to staff.

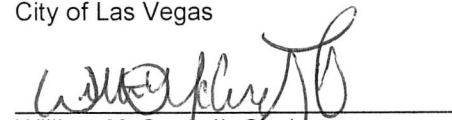
10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk  
City of Las Vegas

  
William McCurdy II, Chair

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