
Oversight Panel for Convention Facilities in Clark County
MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2018
11:00 AM
Las Vegas Convention Center
3150 Paradise Road • Las Vegas, NV 89109

OVERSIGHT PANEL

Present unless otherwise noted.

Bill Ham • Chair
Tom Thomas • Vice Chairabsent
Gary Bogan
Robert Cilento
Michael Crome
Ron Frye
John Littell

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
Executive Staff in Attendance

Rossi Ralenkotter, Chief Executive Officer
Steve Hill, President/COO
Luke Puschnig, Esq., CEM, Legal Counsel
Ed Finger, Chief Financial Officer
Jacqueline Peterson, Chief Communications & Public Affairs Officer
Cathy Tull, Chief Marketing Officer
Terry Jicinsky, Senior Vice President of Operations
Terry Miller, LVCVA Owner's Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Ham called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR BY THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the floor by the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Member Michael Crome moved and it was carried by unanimous vote of the voting members present to approve the April 9, 2018, agenda of the Oversight Panel for Convention Facilities in Clark County, as well as the October 25, 2017, minutes of the Oversight Panel for Convention Facilities in Clark County.

LAS VEGAS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY STAFF REPORTS

Rossi Ralenkotter, LVCVA Chief Executive Officer, expressed his appreciation to the Las Vegas Convention Center District (LVCCD) Committee and Oversight Panel for Convention Facilities in Clark County.

Steve Hill, LVCVA President/COO, introduced the items on the agenda.

A. Las Vegas Convention Center District Phase Two LVCVA CEO and President/COO Approval Authority

Terry Jicinsky, LVCVA Senior Vice President of Operations, requested the LVCCD Committee recommend to the LVCVA Board of Directors to: 1) Authorize an increase of approval authority for the LVCVA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to \$1M per contract procurement transaction associated with the LVCC District Phase Two Expansion and Phase Three Renovation projects; and 2) Authorize the CEO to delegate approval authority to the President/Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the same.

Committee Member John Lee entered the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Chair Chuck Bowling emphasized the role of the LVCCD Committee in reviewing items prior to presentation to the full LVCVA Board of Directors. Committee Chair Bowling discussed the importance of maintaining a sense of urgency during the LVCCD expansion and renovation project, expressed his support of the item, and requested that the signature of the LVCVA Chief Financial Officer (CFO) be included in the approval authority of items in addition to the LVCVA CEO and President/COO for the purpose of transparency.

The LVCCD Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the LVCVA Board of Directors to approve item A. with the addition of the signature approval of the CFO for any contract approved under this delegation.

This was an information item. Not an action item.

B. Las Vegas Convention Center District Phase Two Design Status Presentation

Mr. Jicinsky facilitated a presentation of the design status for the Phase Two Expansion project.

Mr. Hill stated that the design presented was a preliminary design and the presentation would be an “update of the process.”

Rob Svedberg, Tvsdesign, delivered a PowerPoint presentation of the schematic design phase of the LVCCD expansion and renovation project.

Committee Member Carolyn Goodman inquired about connectivity throughout the Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC), as well as access from the Las Vegas Strip (Strip). Mr. Svedberg explained the intermodal transportation circulating the LVCC campus, the impact of convention traffic on the Strip in relation to various entry points on the campus, as well as the proposed people mover in the design. Committee Member Goodman stressed the importance of connectivity on campus, to which Mr. Svedberg elaborated on breakout spaces and interactive experiences that “enliven the experience” of moving throughout campus. Committee Member Goodman suggested a backup plan be in place in case the people mover needs maintenance or is not functioning properly.

Committee Member John Marz inquired about a traffic flow study on the Strip relating to the various projects, to which Mr. Svedberg answered that the study was currently underway.

Mr. Svedberg added that there would be less convention traffic on the Strip compared to the traffic activity brought by the former Riviera Hotel & Casino.

Committee Member John Lee noted the presence of Hyperloop One in North Las Vegas and its potential significance in the future.

Chair Bill Ham suggested the use of in-depth computer modeling of the multiple modes of transportation around the LVCC for a true analysis of traffic relating to the project.

Mr. Hill emphasized the importance of connectivity on campus, the inclusion of a people mover in Phase Three of the LVCCD project, and explained that the proposed design of the people mover was still in its conceptual phase. Mr. Hill also discussed the incorporation of neon in the building design as branding for Las Vegas and noted that the colors presented in the design would be altered throughout the process.

Mr. Ralenkotter discussed transportation in Las Vegas relating to the movement of convention attendees, the extending of the monorail, increased pedestrian traffic, wayfinding throughout the LVCC, and the people mover on campus. Mr. Ralenkotter noted the importance of community collaboration on transportation issues.

Committee Member Goodman asked if McCarran International Airport was involved in transportation discussions, to which Mr. Ralenkotter confirmed that McCarran was among various entities collaborating on the future of transportation in Las Vegas. Committee Member Goodman stressed the importance of involving McCarran in any transportation plans or discussions.

Committee Member Lee noted the problematic transportation system in Southern Nevada and inquired about future transportation plans in the destination. Mr. Ralenkotter discussed the work of the Transportation Steering Committee domestically and locally, the transportation study of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), the need for intermodal movement of visitors in the destination, and the importance of community collaboration for the future of transportation in Southern Nevada. Committee Member Lee asked Mr. Ralenkotter where the leadership begins, to which Mr. Ralenkotter explained that the leadership would be the collective efforts of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and RTC, with input from the hotel industry and local governments.

Committee Vice Chair Larry Brown asked if pedestrian walk time had been surveyed, to which Mr. Jicinsky answered that the surveys specify how visitors travel to the LVCC, but not specifically pedestrian walk time. Mr. Svedberg also suggested that congestion impacts the desirability or tolerance of walking. Committee Vice Chair Brown stated that he was interested specifically in walking tolerance on campus, to which Mr. Svedberg explained how the people mover could facilitate movement throughout campus. Mr. Ralenkotter elaborated on the purpose of the people mover on campus in relation to movement from one side of the campus to the other, as well as throughout a single trade show.

Committee Chair Chuck Bowling thanked Mr. Svedberg and staff for the presentation, stressed the importance of creating a world class facility, expressed his excitement for the project and future presentations, and thanked Mr. Ralenkotter and staff for their work over the past several years.

This was an information item. Not an action item.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

There were no comments from the Panel.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR BY THE PUBLIC

Aleta Dupree discussed the importance of disability and diversity, wayfinding throughout the LVCC, and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bill Ham adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: *TBD*

Courtney Lipski
Executive Assistant to the LVCVA Board
of Directors

Bill Ham
Chair