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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2006**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

Consent  Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Las Vegas Mayors Urban Design Awards Program - All

**Fiscal Impact**

No Impact

Augmentation Required

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Amount:

Funding Source:

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

At the 2005 Lincoln Land Institute Big City Planning Director's meeting, the issue of promoting design excellence was introduced. Two cities, Denver and Milwaukee, have programs which have been highly successful. The city of Las Vegas has based this proposal on these programs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Las Vegas Urban Design Awards Program outline
2. Mayors Design Awards Information from Denver and Milwaukee

Motion made by OSCAR B. GOODMAN to Approve

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

LOIS TARKANIAN, LAWRENCE WEEKLY, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

TOM PERRIGO, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Department, explained that MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development Department, was invited to participate in the Big City Planning Directors Meeting held annually at Harvard University and sponsored by the Lincoln Land Institute and the American Planning Association. One of the many ideas that MS. WHEELER brought back is the idea of the Mayor's Urban Design Award Program. This program has been modeled after two very successful programs; one in Denver and one in Milwaukee.

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MR. PERRIGO explained that the Mayor and Council would select committee members to volunteer to serve on the committee. The committee receives projects that can be nominated by anybody and then the committee would rank those projects and makes a recommendation to the Mayor. The Mayor would then make a final decision in all award categories. The award recipient would be honored at an annual banquet. The banquet would be funded by private sponsors.

MR. PERRIGO further stated that this year's award categories would be in pedestrian friendly design and mixed use developments. Staff feels it is time to start recognizing those builders that are raising the bar in terms of design and bringing better projects to the community to improve the overall design of the community. MR. PERRIGO recommended approval.

MAYOR GOODMAN verified with MR. PERRIGO that the each Councilmember will nominate someone to serve on the committee.