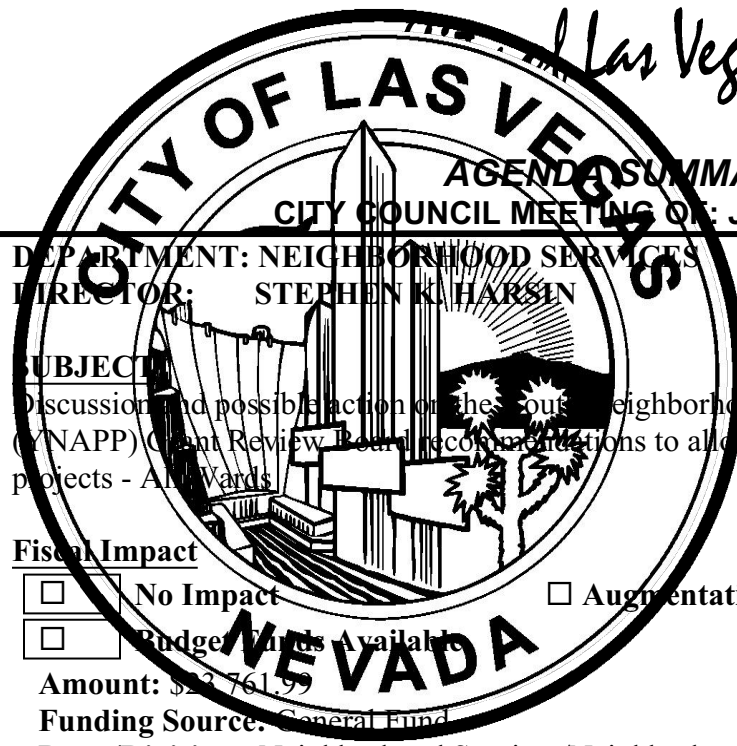




Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 46.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 6, 2010

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEPHEN K. HARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) Grant Review Board recommendations to allocate \$23,761.99 for 27 youth-initiated projects - All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

☐ Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$23,761.99

Funding Source: General Fund

Dept./Division: Neighborhood Services/Neighborhood Initiatives Division

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) is designed to encourage neighborhood youth to take an active role in improving the quality of life in city of Las Vegas neighborhoods and directly responds to two of the City Council priorities: (1) Support and encourage livability, and pride in our neighborhoods; (2) Revitalize and invigorate our mature areas and the urban core. The \$23,761.99 allocated to this year's YNAPP project teams will leverage a community match of \$227,659.03 in volunteer labor, in-kind donations of goods and services, and/or financial contributions.

RECOMMENDATION:

The YNAPP Board recommends that the Mayor and Council approve funding for 27 self-help, youth-initiated projects for a total of \$23,761.99 and authorizes the Director of Neighborhood Services to execute the agreements upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. 2009-2010 Funding Cycle Grant Recommendations for YNAPP
2. Submitted after Meeting Executed YNAPP Agreements

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

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

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, explained that the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) offers grants up to a \$1,000 for youth groups to implement projects and improve neighborhoods throughout the City. The YNAPP

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board is comprised of 15 members, eight adults and seven youths, and this year the board is recommending 27 youth-initiated projects to be funded for a total of \$23,761.99, and the 27 youth groups are pledging \$227,659.03 in volunteer labor, donations and in-kind services.

MR. HARSIN introduced DONNA TOUSSAINT, YNAPP member, who stated that the youth groups put together the projects, created a budget and presented the projects to the Board. She acknowledged their impressive work and wished the media would emphasize this program. She thanked KELLY WOODS and ALMA ESTRADA and all Neighborhood Services staff. She proudly introduced DAVID ALEXANDER LOPEZ and EMMA TAGLIAFERRI.

MR. LOPEZ felt honored to being selected and finds it an excellent opportunity to serve the community. The YNAPP Board is recommending 27 projects. He provided examples of projects that will provide community services and host community events.

MS. TAGLIAFERRI thanked the youth groups and the YNAPP Grant Review Board members for volunteering their time. She presented the Mayor a t-shirt with the logo "No Magic Just Hard Work from the Palo Verde High School Choir. MAYOR GOODMAN asked those members to stand and be recognized.

MS. TOUSSAINT thanked the Mayor and City Council for its continued support of YNAPP. She urged the entire Council to come and watch some of the deliberations.

COUNCILMAN ROSS asked MR. HARSIN to explain the \$227,659.03 amount. MR. HARSIN explained that City provides seed money to help youth groups to be innovative and reach out to the community. People are offering services and money or whatever it takes to make these youth successful.

COUNCILMAN ROSS stated this is a testament of the willingness of the citizens of the City to help engage the youth in doing positive, constructive things in their neighborhoods and communities.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW echoed COUNCILMAN ROSS' comments and encouraged the youth groups to invite him to any activities the youth are hosting. This program makes the City a better place, and he thanked the youth groups for giving back to the community.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked all participants to come forward and give their names and the name of their project. MS. TOUSSAINT pointed out that the quilts were made by the youth groups, who had to learn how to sew. The quilts will be donated to Child Haven and to other children in need.

COUNCILMAN REESE thanked the City Council staff for helping the youth groups put these projects together. The Council is grateful to the youths for what they do, and he also wished they would be recognized by the media. The youths put in a lot of time into the projects and they care about their communities.