

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE NEVADA CHILD SEEKERS AND THE ORGANIZATION'S POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for the Nevada Child Seekers Day and Copies of Certificates of Accomplishment to Kayla Barnum, Jaenae Dees, Samantha Iniguez, and Samantha Applegate

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized the four local winners who participated in the U.S. Department of Justice's poster contest for National Missing Children's Day: 5th grader, KAYLA BARNUM; 1st grader, SAMANTHA INIGUEZ; 3rd grader, SAMANTHA APPELGATE and 4th grader, JAENAE DEES. KAYLA is eligible to enter a national contest for the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony on May 12th.

The parents and teachers present were recognized for their efforts, as they are proud of their children/students' artwork and wished for missing children a safe return.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON also recognized Nevada Child Seekers, a local organization celebrating their 25th anniversary. As a member of the Board of Directors, the Councilman works closely with community members who devote much of their time and effort in ensuring our children are protected. Through the organization's abduction, prevention, education and outreach programs, children learn about the buddy system, being aware of their surroundings and the dangers of going with strangers. In honor of the organization's 25th anniversary, the Councilman presented the proclamation to Executive Director, STEPHANIE PARKER, on behalf of the Mayor and Council. He highly praised MS. PARKER for leading such an important organization and thanked the board members and staff members present for their continued efforts as well.

MS. PARKER applauded the efforts made by the board members, staff and volunteers in the community. She pointed out avenues, such as the aforementioned poster contest, that provides for opportunities in which parents and teachers can have dialogue with children about child safety. Lastly, she expressed appreciation for the Mayor and the Council's partnership with the organization.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON and MS. PARKER invited everyone to participate in an upcoming event, Dash and Stroll, on March 13th at The District and the Green Valley Ranch Hotel. This event will give the community an opportunity to come out and support the programs and enjoy the food, games and entertainment. Individuals can register at www.nevadachildseekers.org or call 458-7009.