

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: DECEMBER 1, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE ZAP PROGRAM

Minutes:

A videotape was shown, but a copy was not submitted.

As the videotape was shown, COUNCILMAN BARLOW recognized the Zap Program, a project that uses utility boxes as a canvas for art, thus eliminating graffiti and vandalism. The Zap artists who participated in beautifying Historic West Las Vegas overwhelmingly impressed the residents by expressing the meaning of Historic West Las Vegas through art.

Funding for this project was possible through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act, National Endowment for the Arts and the Nevada Arts Council. The Councilman gave thanks to representatives from the Arts Commission, the Las Vegas Urban League, the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Las Vegas Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, the Left of Center Art Gallery, the West Las Vegas Advisory Board and the West Las Vegas Arts Center, as well as many individuals from the community who were instrumental in realizing this project.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW recognized the following eight artists who participated in the project: NOELLE GARCIA, ADOLEO GONZALEZ, KYLA HANSEN, JAMES HOUGH, DARREN JOHNSON, K.D. MATHESON, MARIO SMITH and JOSEPH WATSON. Those that were present came forward and each spoke about their themes.

MR. JOHNSON said he painted faces of local leaders throughout the West Las Vegas educational corridor.

MR. WATSON commented that he painted success stories to provide a message that anyone can grow to his/her highest potential. He thanked the community for its input.

MR. SMITH thanked his family and friends for their support and said he painted a box dedicated to African dance performances. He hopes this wonderful project is expanded to other areas.

MR. GONZALEZ said his pieces are titled Spirits of Color, and he was very grateful for the opportunity to participate. COUNCILMAN BARLOW announced that MR. GONZALEZ is a wonderful artist. One of his pieces is located at the Metro Memorial Park.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW gave his sincere thanks to these great artists for sharing their art with the West Las Vegas community and the City.