

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 6, 2011

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA GRAFFITI COALITIONS ANTI-GRAFFITI YOUTH ART CONTEST WINNERS

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting PowerPoint Presentation by Staff

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW recognized a project that highlights positive efforts by Las Vegas youths in the fight against graffiti. Graffiti vandalism is the most costly property crime in the City of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. Approximately \$30 million in public and private funds are spent annually to address graffiti vandalism. The City of Las Vegas has partnered with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) DARE Program, the Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and Vector Media Las Vegas to sponsor the fourth annual anti-graffiti art contest. The contest seeks to teach students that the difference between art and graffiti is permission. The theme for this year's contest was fight graffiti and WIN (We Inspire Neighborhoods), highlighting the importance of a graffiti-free community. All the artwork created will encourage the community to respect each others' property. The winning artwork will be displayed on bus shelters.

The Councilman invited LIEUTENANT SCOTT BLACK, Director of the Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition, and SERGEANT MARK SHARP, Youth Education Section of Metro to the podium. LIEUTENANT BLACK indicated the anti-graffiti program was added to the DARE program in 2007 to address the need for an educational component in the fight against graffiti. He acknowledged and presented certificates to CAPTAIN VINCENT CANNITO, DEBBIE REYES, OFFICER JOHN LYBBERT, Supervisor of DARE Officers, OFFICER GERARD CAHOON, SERGEANT ANTHONY LONGO and DETECTIVE JOHN DeSCHUTTER. LIEUTENANT BLACK thanked JACOB SNOW and TRACY BOWER from the RTC, and HEIDI GONZALEZ, Vector Media Las Vegas, for their generosity and for sponsoring the program. He also acknowledged LISA CAMPBELL, Senior Neighborhood Planner, who has been a member of the Graffiti Coalition for several years.

SERGEANT SHARP invited the first place poster contest winner, KRISTA KACHNIK, student at John Dooley Elementary School, along with Principal MS. DONADIO, teacher MRS. WEST, and OFFICER BRIGHTWELL, Henderson Police Department to come forward. He also presented the second place winner, FERMIN PEREZ, from Ruby Thomas Elementary School, and acknowledged Principal MR. KUBALA, teacher MS. DANGLE, and DARE OFFICER JANET BECK. COUNCILMAN BARLOW indicated this is a great program for the students that will help keep "etch and sketch" off public and private properties.