

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 4, 2011

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL MISSING CHILDRENS DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copies of Certificates of Recognition for Francisco Mora-Garcia, McKenzie Smith and Dhimantha Daswatta and Copies of Art Work

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON introduced the winners of the Missing Child Art Contest sponsored by the Department of Justice. The first place winner was FRANCISCO MORA-GARCIA from Ruby Thomas Elementary School; second place winner was MCKENZIE SMITH from Bruner Elementary School and third place winner was DHIMANTHA DASWATTA from Dondero Elementary School. The first place winner is eligible to enter the national contest and will be sending his poster to the Department of Justice to be judged for a national award. If he wins, he will be flown to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Missing Childrens Day ceremony. The Councilman welcomed FRANCISCO'S mother, MELBA, Principal DENNIS KUBALA, and his art teacher, SHANNON DAVIS. He also welcomed DHIMANTHA'S father, PALITHA DASWATTA, his teacher, MRS. KUEHNER, and art teacher, MRS. GIANCOLA from Bruner Elementary School. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON congratulated the winners and awarded them a Certificate of Accomplishment.

The participants spoke on what inspired them to create the posters; the feeling of sadness for the families of the missing children.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON presented a proclamation to STEPHANIE PARKER, Nevada Child Seekers Organization. He asked that every citizen make every effort possible to assist in finding the missing children and educate their own children on the importance of being safe and aware of their surroundings. MS. PARKER applauded the Mayor and Council for their support and the children for their inspiring posters. She asked everyone to join her in singing Happy Birthday to COUNCILMAN WOLFSON, who is a huge advocate for children.