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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDING BOARD
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MINUTES

January 17, 2012
1:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR PAPPAS called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

Present: CHAIR PAPPAS and MEMBERS MILLER, McFADDEN, ASSELIN, CERVANTES, HARTLEY, McCOY and JORDAN

Excused: MEMBERS AKER, BJERKE, DAVIS-HOGGARD, and McGRATH

Also Present: SENIOR NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS OFFICER SHAWN BOLSTER and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

NOTE: During the course of the meeting, SHAWN BOLSTER, Senior Neighborhood Programs Officer, announced that MEMBER LOU De SALVIO had resigned from the board due to scheduling conflicts.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

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ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: - This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 400 Stewart Avenue, Vending Area; City Clerk's Bulletin Board, 400 Stewart Avenue, 2nd Floor Skybridge; Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue

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None.

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4. Report on Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Applications, submitted at the December 8, 2011 meeting: Aid For Aids of Nevada, Community Counseling Center, Golden Rainbow, HELP of Southern Nevada, Womens Development Center

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SHAWN BOLSTER, Senior Neighborhood Programs Officer, stated the first item on the agenda is the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) presentation. Applicants will have 10 minutes to make a presentation, with time reminders given at three and five minutes. Board members were given worksheets with presentation scores to make notes. CHAIR PAPPAS stressed to the applicants how important it is to limit their presentations to five minutes to allow board members time to ask questions. She verified that none of the eight board members in attendance had any disclosures to make.

ANTIOCO CARRILLO, Executive Director of Aid for Aids of Nevada (AFAN), thanked the Board for considering AFANS application. The funds will be used for housing units, the expedition of services processes, and to help offset the organizations costs. AFAN recently moved to a new, bigger location and is in the midst of merger discussions.

GREGORY WILKINSON, Casa de Esperanza resident, reviewed the benefits afforded him by AFAN, which include taking him off the street, improved mental and physical health, and personal safety and hygiene factors. He then reviewed benefits that extend to the community and society as a whole. JENNIFER MORSS, former Executive Director of AFAN and current Board Liaison, discussed AFANS recent acquisition of a new property that enabled offering housing to more than 20 individuals through the one-bedroom cottages and a 12-room group home located on this property. She then reviewed salient points of their application and tied it in to specific services that can be provided with grant funds.

MEMBER McFADDEN appreciated AFANS cost-cutting measures that would help to spread any grant funds received. MS. MORSS explained AFANS efforts at a sustainable lean budget are one of the reasons they are considering a merger. It will also provide additional opportunities and services to clients. MEMBER MILLER received clarification on AFANS audit system from MS. MORSS. CHAIR PAPPAS thanked them for the presentation and appreciated MR. WILKINSONS discussion on his experiences with AFAN.

RONALD LAWRENCE, Founder and Executive Director of the Community Counseling Center (CCC), introduced KEVIN MIYASATO, Assistant Executive Director of CCC, who primarily runs CCCS HOPWA program. He also recognized KAY VELARDO, Agency Administrator for CCC, and SHAUN MOLLICA, Development Director for CCC. In response to MEMBER MILLER, he stated the organization was founded over 20 years ago.

MR. MIYASATO read a handout he submitted for the record and confirmed for MEMBER McCOY that the funds requested are specifically for salaries. In response to MEMBER MILLER, he clarified how the merger discussions came about. MEMBER JORDAN received confirmation that the merger will not create a duplication of services and even the Board of Directors will eventually be cycled and merged into one. The merger has been in discussions for six months and there is an urgency to completing it within 6-9 months. MR. MIYASATO then provided an overview on federal regulations relevant to their organization and on the methods in which they attract clients.

LEA CARRASCO-ZANINI, Executive Director of Golden Rainbow (GR), submitted a handout and a booklet as backup documentation and explained the purpose of their grant application was for a living program that will provide stable housing for clients, in addition to GRS continued operation of 10 units that house between 20-25 people per unit. Their efforts to work smarter and closer with community partners have led to asking for significantly less than other applicants. VICTOR GUZMAN, Tailor and Golden Rainbow client, described the impact of GR on his life.

CHAIR PAPPAS received clarification from MS. CARRASCO-ZANINI on the differences between GR and AFAN. MEMBER McFADDEN thought GR was providing an excellent example of collaborations that get the maximum funds directly to the clients. MS. CARRASCO-ZANINI stated that GR prides itself on its community partnerships. MEMBER MILLER stated that GRS cash match, private donations and efficient funding methods are impressive. CHAIR PAPPAS appreciated the partnerships these applicants are forging because the needs are far greater than the funds available.

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MS. BOLSTER pointed out that the applicants present provide a combined total of 39 housing units in Clark County set aside specifically for people with AIDS. There is no duplication of services among them, but there is not enough money to serve the entire population. She discussed the recent U.S. Conference of HIV/AIDS held in Chicago and explained why agencies and organizations are being strongly advised to merge if at all possible.

FUILALA RILEY, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer at HELP of Southern Nevada (HELP), discussed the programs and positions that will benefit from the requested grant funds. She also stated that HELP had helped to facilitate two mergers, one in 2008 and one in 2009, and was willing to offer assistance to the other applicants if needed. KIM PRICE, Director of Emergency Resource Services for HELP, explained its distribution process, the role of case management, and its community partnerships. MS. PRICE also recognized HELP staff member, JENNIFER VARSALLONA, who was in attendance.

MEMBER McFADDEN received confirmation from MS. RILEY that Nevada reported 6,547 AIDS cases in 2011. CHAIR PAPPAS also received confirmation that HELP does not duplicate the food card services of GR because it has a different clientele. MS. RILEY clarified for MEMBER McCOY that although HELP has a program that also provides food cards to the homeless, that program is funded completely separate from its HOPWA program. CHAIR PAPPAS explained that HELP staff verifies all expenditures to ensure funds are being appropriated correctly. MEMBER MILLER had MS. PRICE expound on their procedures for working with individuals without identification.

MS. BOLSTER announced that MEMBER LOU DE SALVIO had resigned from the board due to scheduling conflicts.

BRIDGET CLARIDY, Womens Development Center (WDC), reviewed the programs that would be impacted by grant funds and cited statistics on the families and individuals WDC helps. The housing program helps individuals to maintain employment. The job development program and case coordinators help keep clients on track. WDC also has close community partnerships with AFAN and GR. She pointed out that additional funding was not requested this year.

MEMBER McFADDEN received confirmation from MS. CLARIDY that a recent grant award had not started yet, but it would only be serving disabled households. She also explained to MEMBER MILLER that WDCS ineligibility for Ryan White funds last year, due to a lack of specific Ryan White case management, led to seeking out a partnership with AFAN. In response to CHAIR PAPPAS, MS. CLARIDY discussed the transition services provided by WDC and told MEMBER JORDAN WDC is not looking to merge with other agencies because it is a housing-based agency. MEMBER McFADDEN stated WDC was doing a fabulous job solo.

See Item 5 of the December 8, 2011, Community Development Recommending Board Meeting for related backup.

RECESS: 2:43 P.M. 3:00 P.M.

5. [Report on Community Development Block Grant Public Service \(CDBG\) Applications, submitted at the December 8, 2011 meeting: Community Counseling Center, Co-occurring Disorders Program; Blind Center of Nevada Inc., Day Program; Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas, College Bound; Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Public Restrooms; Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Resident Empowerment Program; Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, St. Vincent HELP Apartments; Clark County Public Education Foundation DBA The Public Education Foundation, The Public Education Foundation Family Literacy Program; Communities In Schools of Nevada, Rancho High School Freshman Success Program; After-School All-Stars Las Vegas, What's Cool After-School](#)

CHAIR PAPPAS reminded the applicants of the presentation requirements.

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RONALD LAWRENCE, Founder and Executive Director of the Community Counseling Center (CCC), introduced KEVIN MIYASATO, Assistant Executive Director of CCC, KAY VELARDO, Agency Administrator for CCC, and SHAUN MOLLICA, Development Director and Grant Writer for CCC. MR. LAWRENCE then discussed the services and programs offered by the CCC and outlined where grant funds will be utilized.

CHAIR PAPPAS asked MR. LAWRENCE to quantify his high success rates. MEMBER McFADDEN stated that an extended family member with issues has been able to function with continued support. MEMBER MILLER received further clarification on the CCCS use of the global assessment of functioning. CHAIR PAPPAS received confirmation on the staffing levels, experience and licenses.

SHAWN BOLSTER, Senior Neighborhood Programs Officer, reviewed the Community Development Block Grant application process. CHAIR PAPPAS stated that funds are scarce. MEMBER McFADDEN concurred.

VERONICA WILSON, Executive Director of the Blind Center of Nevada (BCN), reviewed the organizations history and highlighted the program to benefit from the grant funds. She introduced one of its members, MARLISE SMALLUTER, who described her personal experience with the BCN.

MEMBER McFADDEN had MS. WILSON clarify the BCNS federal funding for 2010-2012 and describe predictions relating to Baby Boomers. MEMBER MILLER was pleased that the BCN installed solar panels and was told by MS. WILSON those funds came from a lottery grant. CHAIR PAPPAS thanked MS. SMALLUTER for speaking.

DEBBIE SMITH, Vice President of Development at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas (BGCLV), appeared with SONJA HARRIS, Director of Federal Grants, and ANGELINA COOK, a former BGCLV member who is in her first year at Nevada State College. MS. COOK described her personal experience with one of the BGCLV programs and explained how it has shaped her future. MS. SMITH described in detail the program that will benefit from the grant funds and clarified for MEMBER McCOY how the BGCLV differs from religious institutions. She also provided MEMBER JORDAN with information pertaining to the BGCLVS collaboration with organizations that provide similar services. MS. SMITH also told CHAIR PAPPAS that MS. COOK has been the only High School senior, but that other participants are on track to go to college.

DAVID LITTLE, Director for Property Facilities Management of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, described in detail the Public Restrooms Program (PRP) and how it will benefit from the grant funds and provided program statistics. MEMBER McFADDEN stated this was a fantastic service provided at one of the lowest costs per client. MR. LITTLE briefly described some of the difficulties he has faced with this program and clarified for MEMBER HARTLEY other sources of funding available to the PRP. CHAIR PAPPAS suggested the PRP might consider approaching businesses affected by the service for additional support.

PHILLIP HOLLON, Vice President of Plaza Services for the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, introduced his team members MAURICE PAGE, Director of Residential Services, ANTONIO TOAFILI, Resident Empowerment Program (REP) Supervisor, SABRINA TOLLSON, Case Manager for the REP, ERIC MYERS, Chief of Campus Security, PAULA ZIMMERMAN, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada Assistant Controller, JOSH POIRIER, Program Accountant, and DYLAN WYCOFF, successful REP client. MR. HOLLON then described in detail the history of the REP and how it will benefit from grant funds. MR. WYCOFF reviewed his own experiences with the program and requested the boards support of the REP.

MEMBER McFADDEN received clarification on funding fluctuations. CHAIR PAPPAS had MR. HOLLON clarify where women are referred since the REP is specifically for homeless men. MR. POIRIER explained the programs various funding sources and grants that have been applied for.

MR. HOLLON introduced St. Vincent HELP Apartments (SVHA) team members PATRICIA VONS, Licensed Social Worker, MICHAEL PETIS, Project Administrator, and JACQUELINE McQUEEN, current SVHA client. MR. HOLLON proceeded to describe the SVHA in detail and identified how grant funds will be spent. MS. McQUEEN expressed her

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gratitude for the program and provided an overview of her experience with the program.

MEMBER McFADDEN praised MR. HOLLON for seeking funding from Clark County. MEMBER HARTLEY received clarification on the SVHAS fund matching requirements. CHAIR PAPPAS asked for additional information on the SVHAS recidivism rate.

PAMELA EGAN, Vice President of Strategic Operations for The Public Education Foundation (PEF), submitted a brochure folder and statistical fact sheet for the record and introduced DAVID VORCE, Chief Financial Officer for PEF, and other members of her team. She described the services provided by the program and said the requested funds will help add a fourth school to the program. In response to MEMBER McFADDEN, she explained PEF has informal agreements with the schools.

CHAIR PAPPAS voiced concern that there were other similar organizations providing similar services, but MS. EGAN explained PEF works very closely with a number of these organizations and has strong partnerships with entities, such as the Clark County School District, in order to provide wrap around, supplemental support services. CHAIR PAPPAS loved that this program recognized it was not just the children that need education, but that education begins at home. PRINCIPAL CYNTHIA MARLOWE, who took over Kit Carson Elementary School last year, reiterated CHAIR PAPPAS statement and explained that the school is working to make parents feel important and help them understand that they matter.

DANIELLE DREYSER, Affiliate Executive Director for Communities in Schools of Southern Nevada (CISSN), discussed the Rancho High School Freshman Success Program (FSP). She reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and a brochure that were submitted for the record. MS. DREYSER explained to MEMBER JORDAN that CISSN collaborates with a number of existing organizations in order to prevent a duplication of services. For this reason, the focus of each program is slightly different. MS. DREYSER clarified for CHAIR PAPPAS the benefits of hiring an additional employee, reviewed the program goals, and reiterated the focus of the FSP. In response to MEMBER McCOY, she discussed various schools using this program and where the model was taken from.

JACKIE LOCKS, Executive Director of After School All-Stars (ASAS), introduced RANNA DAUD, Associate Director of ASAS, ERIKA AGUILAR, Program Director at ASAS, JUAN AGUILAR, former student and current staff member, and fifth grader AXEL. MS. LOCKS then reviewed the history of the organization and a fact sheet submitted for the record. MS. DAUD provided a synopsis of the students schedules in the program. AXEL discussed his personal experience with the program and how much he enjoys the ASAS.

MEMBER MILLER received confirmation from MS. LOCKS the ASAS is different from programs such as SafeKey because ASAS is able to tailor its programs to the specific needs of the school and, unlike SafeKey, ASAS is completely free. MEMBER McFADDEN requested information on ASAS student success tracking system. In response to CHAIR PAPPAS, MS. LOCKS clarified ASAS does not turn any student away, but there is a waiting list because the numbers of students they can enroll is directly proportionate to the funding received.

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6. **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED**

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PHILLIP HOLLON, Vice President of Plaza Services for the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, stated how wonderful it is to see so many new faces on this board, although it breaks his heart to hear how limited funding is. By listening to the various presentations, he has gained insight into a number of programs and developed ideas for future collaborations and partnerships.

SHAWN BOLSTER, Senior Neighborhood Programs Officer, indicated she will be communicating with the board members how some of the new collaborations are working.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Shawn Bolster, Senior Neighborhood Programs Officer

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