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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS FUND BOARD
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MINUTES

**September 17, 2012
3:00 P.M.**

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON. TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION MAY BE COMBINED; AND ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED OR RELATED DISCUSSION MAY BE DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFB), Neighborhood Services, called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Present: MEMBERS TOUSSAINT, REID, RAMPTON, HOLMES, ORTIZ, BROWN-CESTERO, RUGGIERO (arrived at 4:20 p.m.), GUERRERO, THACKSTON and GREEN

Excused: MEMBERS KLINGER, YTURRALDE and POWELL

Also Present: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Fund, Neighborhood Services, ALMA ESTRADA, Neighborhood Services, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO and DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANGELA CROLLI

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

Minutes:

This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive

3. PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

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None.

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4. [Introduction of Board Members and staff](#)

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MARIA CASTILLO COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFB), Neighborhood Services, introduced ALMA ESTRADA, Neighborhood Services, and asked the Boardmembers to introduce themselves. MEMBER HOLMES stated she is a new member representing Ward 2 and looks forward serving on the NPFB. MEMBER GREEN is employed by Caesars Entertainment and has served on the NPFB for six years. MEMBER BROWN-CESTERO serves on behalf of Ward 3 and has served on the NPFB for five years. MEMBER REID has served for two years and has been with COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN'S office for seven years. MEMBER RAMPTON is pleased to serve on the board and is the neighborhood representative for Ward 1. MEMBER GUERRERO has served for three years and is a former City of Las Vegas employee and is the neighborhood representative for Ward 4. MEMBER ORTIZ represents Ward 3 constituents. MEMBER THACKSTON has been on the board for six years as a representative for COUNCILMAN ROSS Ward 6.

5. [Review of By-Laws and Responsibilities for the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board pertaining to the project selection process and agenda items](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFB), Neighborhood Services, reviewed the By-Laws. She thanked the Boardmembers for their participation to review, score and make funding recommendations to the City Council for the many wonderful projects applying for funding. She noted that BoardMembers have had training with the new Zoom program.

6. [Discussion for possible action nominating and electing the Chair and Vice Chair](#)

Motion made by FELIPE ORTIZ to Approve Member Brown-Cestero as Chair

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

GREG TOUSSAINT, KIMBERLY REID, RENEE RAMPTON, SHERESE HOLMES, FELIPE ORTIZ, MIKE BROWN-CESTERO, TONY GUERRERO, MICHELLE THACKSTON, GERRY GREEN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-KRYSTELL KLINGLER, ANTHONY RUGGIERO, YDOLEENA YTURRALDE, AJ POWELL

Motion made by MICHELLE THACKSTON to Approve Member Green as Vice Chair

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

GREG TOUSSAINT, KIMBERLY REID, RENEE RAMPTON, SHERESE HOLMES, FELIPE ORTIZ, MIKE BROWN-CESTERO, TONY GUERRERO, MICHELLE THACKSTON, GERRY GREEN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-KRYSTELL KLINGLER, ANTHONY RUGGIERO, YDOLEENA YTURRALDE, AJ POWELL

NOTE: Even though two Boardmembers were not sworn, the motion still carried with a quorum.

7. [Report on the FY2012-13 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet \(evaluation\) criteria](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO thanked the Members for the nomination.

MARIA CASTILLO COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFB), Neighborhood Services, distributed to the Members a summary with the name of the organization, the project description and the project location. The summary also includes the applicant requested funding amount, as well as the minimum request. This will help the Boardmembers make the final recommendation. The Boardmembers can begin rating the projects using the new ZoomGrants Program. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH referred to Page 5 of the summary where it indicates the total project funding request of \$81,200 with an available grant funding of \$55,000. To be able to fund at the maximum request, there is a \$26,000 difference. However, if the projects are funded at the minimum request of \$58,200, the difference is only \$3,200.

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The American Village II application in Ward 4 did not qualify because it did not meet the program criteria, but the other applicants submitted a completed packet prior to being rated. The Zoom Program has 10 questions each worth 10 points. She encouraged the Boardmembers to enter the rating before next week's meeting. After the final presentation, the Boardmembers will have time to finish the rating and decide whether all projects should be funded and at what level. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified with MS. CASTILLO-COUCH that the minimum requests were based for each applicant.

8. [Discussion for possible action regarding Neighborhood Leaders' Presentations Schedule for September 17, 2012 and September 24, 2012](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFB), Neighborhood Services, explained that the 21 applicants were asked to appear at different times and each have ten minutes to make their presentation. Today 12 will make their presentation and on September 24, 2012, the remainder will present their projects. After the final presentation, the Boardmembers will be given time to enter the last rating and make final recommendations.

9. [Report on Neighborhood Partners Fund Board \(NPFB\) Grant Program Applications submitted by the Northwest Area Residents Association, Timblerlake Homeowners Association, Bonanza Village Homeowners Association, Lakes Homeowners Association, Centennial Point Homeowners Association, Cascade Homeowners Association, 18b Las Vegas Arts District, Cultural Corridor Coalition, Buena Vista Homeowners Association, Westchester Manor Homeowners Association, Molasky Corporate Center Owner Association](#)

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LAMAR BRILEY, President of the Northwest Area Residents Association (NARA), noted this is their first time applying for funding and indicated that NARA has been operational for 18 years. In 1995 NARA represented 388 homes and it currently represents 814 homes. NARA is not a homeowners association and all resources come from volunteers and membership dues. About 15 years ago they received a grant for six neighborhood association signs to be installed around the four-mile NARA triangle.

LEX ANDERSON, NARA Historian showed the old NARA sign. About two years ago discussion began about replacing the old sign, and after having researched the City of Las Vegas requirements, they have chosen a company and obtained City approval. He showed the replacement sign that would identify NARA'S seven communities; a total of seven signs. MR. ANDERSON indicated that MR. WHITE with Traffic Engineering, helped facilitate the City of Las Vegas logo for the new signs. NARA contacted National Signs who quoted the cost of \$185 per sign. However, Traffic Engineering could create the signs for \$170 per sign, install them and coat them with a special coating to protect them from graffiti. The signs will provide on-going identification of NARA as part of the community structure, as well as advertise and solicit volunteering opportunities for residents. The signs will reflect a professional association image, especially with the addition of the City logo promoting standards set by the City Council and Code Enforcement.

VICE CHAIR GREEN was pleased with the signs and verified with MR. ANDERSON that the signs will be placed on posts according to Traffic Engineering's guidelines. MEMBER GUERRERO was pleased with the special anti-graffiti coating.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified with MR. ANDERSON that Rural Preservation is a City of Las Vegas designation. MEMBER THACKSTON added that properties in Rural Preservation are usually half acres or larger and are allowed to have horses. NARA is a very active community and both MR. BRILEY and MR. ANDERSON do a lot for their neighborhood. MR. ANDERSON added that 18 years ago the area was very rural.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO informed the NARA representatives that the applications requests received this year exceed the funding capabilities. He asked if they would be willing to accept a lesser amount. MR. BRILEY replied they would be happy to receive any amount. CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO indicated that the Board would be making a recommendation at the conclusion of all presentations and staff would notify the applicants.

CHRISTINE KAZARIAN, President of the Centennial Point Homeowners Association, and ERIC TAROS, Community Manager for the HOA, were present. MS. KAZARIAN indicated that the association is looking to install solar lighting. The gated community was built without lights; the streets without homes are very dark. The very large community park is very

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dark. They started on Phase 1 this year with Phase 2 next year. Eight lights have already been put in and would like to install six more. MS. KAZARIAN recalled that the murder of ALYSA OTREMBA had a great affect on the Centennial Point community, especially on the neighborhood kids. She mentioned that recently, two young girls came to her door, told her they were scared to walk over to a friend's house because it was too dark. It was then she decided to apply for funding for Phase 2 this year instead of waiting until next year. The homeowners association plans many activities for the community; movie nights, Halloween and Christmas parties. They are neither a wealthy nor a poor community but they work very hard to delegate money that is spent.

MEMBER GREEN questioned the high cost and verified with MS. KAZARIAN that there were multiple bids. The cost is the same as hardware light. It would be a massive undertaking to bring electricity in those parts of the community. Solar lights are independent, low cost and energy efficient. MR. TAROS added that they received bids and used the most competitive bid for the project.

MEMBER GUERRERO confirmed with MS. KAZARIAN that they have a neighborhood watch program, surveillance cameras, as well as security guard at night. Their number one priority is to keep the community safe.

MEMBER ORTIZ asked DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO if they have to change the covenant restrictions to install solar lights since they are a low-light community. His concern is that it might be a project that could be disallowed. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO asked MS. KAZARIAN if solar lights are in compliance with their CC&RS. MR. TAROS clarified that when MS. KAZARIAN spoke about low lighting she was referring to the lack of lighting, not about restricted low-lighting. MEMBER THACKSTON confirmed that this community does not have lighting restrictions. What happened to ALYSA was tragic and it occurred in the vicinity. She understands the residents concerns and the HOA want to provide additional lights to ensure the residents safety.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO announced that the amount of applications requests received this year exceed the funding capabilities and asked the association if they would be willing to accept any amount allocated. MS. KAZARIAN replied that if that should happen, they would focus on the park first. MR. TAROS added they would be very happy to receive whatever amount the Board recommends.

DOTTIE and TED MILLER, Timberlake Homeowners Association, gave their presentation about the pigeon control project. Their neighborhood is overwhelmed by pigeons and the Department of Agriculture recommended a solution by feeding pigeons OvoControl P, which affect their reproductive cycle. This method is new and has been successful in other cities. Studies show an annual reduction of the pigeon population of approximately 50%, and this type of contraception is registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Pigeons carry diseases that could be fatal, they nest in roof heaves and their toxic acids go through roof tops. A team of eight men and six women will monitor the feeder and fill it with the OvoControl P as needed. The feeder must be monitored for a week prior to filling the feeder with the contraception. The estimate invoice from the vendor is \$3,542.85, which consist of 14, 30-pound bags of feed and the large tripod feeder, as well as batteries and solar panels. The community has donated \$1,000, leaving \$2,600 for the grant request. Pigeons are multiplying rapidly and are a nuisance to the community. The City of Henderson and Clark County are using this solution, and she believes some of part of the City of Las Vegas as well but she was unable to verify. They would like to try this type of pigeon contraceptive to promote a healthier and cleaner community.

VICE CHAIR GREEN verified with MRS. MILLER that the one bag will feed 80 pigeons and they already have over 200 bags. The supply would last about a year.

MEMBER RAMPTON verified with MRS. MILLER that the feed will affect other birds, but MR. MILLER added that the feeder will be placed in an area where pigeons congregate the most. There could be a chance that other birds would eat the contraceptive bait. CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO referred to the information submitted by MRS. MILLER that the process is reversible. Once the OvoControl P is no longer used, the bird population will return. MR. MILLER verified for MEMBER HOLMES that only one feeder will be available because it is too expensive.

MEMBER THACKSTON asked if the feeder will be on someone's house or a park. MRS. MILLER responded that there is one particular home that has a pigeon problem and the homeowner has agreed to have the feeder on the grounds of the home. The pigeons have to eat every day in order for the contraceptive to work.

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH stated that food and other sources in neighborhoods are attracting these pigeons, and the Department of Agriculture will come out and talk to homeowners about what they need to do not to have this recurring problem.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO discussed with MEMBER REID that the feeder is automated and it will not have to be filled everyday and once empty it will be refilled. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified that the OvoControl P will not be harmful to pets or humans.

MEMBER ORTIZ asked if there might unintended consequences in violating City ordinances if ducks or exotic birds eat the bait. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO was unable to determine whether there is a violation of a code. She is relaying on the homeowners' representative testimony that the bait is a harmless substance. MEMBER ORTIZ remarked that he does not want to be in a position to vote for money for something that later could result in a issue. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO replied that the City is not authorizing the use but only issuing the requested grant amount.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO stated that the amount of applications received this year exceeds the funding capabilities and asked MRS. MILLER if they would work with what the Board may allocate. MRS. MILLER was willing to accept any amount.

SWAYZINE FIELDS, President of Bonanza Village Neighborhood Association, and JOHN RAY were present. MS. FIELDS showed photos of the current state of the entryway to Bonanza Village, an older neighborhood in West Las Vegas established in 1946. The association has been working with residents to keep up their homes, and would like to start by enhancing and beautify the Bonanza Village entryway. The \$1,000 grant is to refurbish crushed rocks and replace dead plants. The project was discussed at their homeowners association meetings and overwhelmingly everybody supported the project. If the association receives the funding, the residents are willing to do volunteer the labor. This will help establish neighborhood pride. They do not have a formal HOA, but they have volunteers and some money is donated by the residents. Their neighborhood partner is AHERN, but economically they cannot donate the rocks at this time. MS. FIELDS asked for the Boards support.

Even though MEMBER YTURRALDE was not present, CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO remarked that she is a strong advocate of the Bonanza Village neighborhood.

MEMBER GUERRERO verified with MS. FIELDS that she contacted the Las Vegas Water District to ask what the total cost would be to maintain the entryway. Regarding the postcards, she explained that they are mailed to residents concerning scheduled meetings.

VICE CHAIR GREEN verified with MR. RAY that it would be easier to place rocks on both sides of the entryway. They want to make the residents aware that something is being done at the entryway with the hope that they will do something similar to their own homes. MEMBER RAMPTON stated they will have to make sure the plants are kept alive and whatever is done, that it will be long-term.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO stated that the amount of applications received this year exceeds the funding capabilities. MS. FIELDS was willing to take what the Board allocates, at least for the cost of the rock.

DONNA TOUSSAINT, representing The Lakes Homeowners Association, described the project. After 9/11 they wanted to bring the community together, so they held their first a festival attended by 600 people. Last year over 10,000 people attended this free event. Entertainment is provided by local schools, a Santa Village is created for children, with activities such as free pony rides, a petting zoo, and a solar powered bubble machine. The Regional Transportation Commission donated a bus where children did arts and crafts. There is no admission fee and the only thing cost is for food. The association also adopts animals that are left by families who move out of their homes. This year they plan on having cars and crafts shows. The event put smiles on people faces and creates inspirational stories. She recalled one of a little boy who had leukemia and wanted to go to Opportunity Village but his mother could not afford the admission fee. She took to the Lakes festival and while there he asked Santa for a bone marrow transplant. Later she learned that he got his wish and is now recovering. The U.S. Congress recently sent a commendation letter to the Lakes Homeowners Association for their volunteer work and for giving back to the community.

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MEMBER HOLMES remarked that she has been to the parade and it is wonderful. As a teacher at MJ Christensen, the students looked forward to performing, and that the entire community gets involved. MS. TOUSSAINT stated that this year COUNCILMAN BOB BEERS will be the light boat parades Grand Marshall.

MEMBER ORTIZ verified with MS. TOUSSAINT that they reuse the big banners and only the date change on an attached small banner. She also verified for MEMBER GUERRERO that trophies are purchased and given to everyone who participates, whether they volunteer, decorate their homes or boats. MEMBER RAMPTON stated she has attended the festival while at a private party at the Lakes; the festival is open to everyone.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO stated that the amount of applications received this year exceeds the funding capabilities. MS. TOUSSAINT replied they will work with whatever amount is allocated by the Board.

NANCY STONE, Cascade Homeowners Association, distributed a photo of Park 2 showing the placement of the lights to complete the project. The five HOA members unanimously agreed to improve safety and make improvements. The park was built in all phases but lights were not installed in Park 2; therefore, the funding requested will allow the installment of lights in Park 2 to improve safety of the walkways. The association held workshops, attended the grant seminars and informed the community about the project. Residents will prepare a pot-luck lunch to celebrate the installation of the lights. Two association board members have agreed to oversee the installation of the lights. The funding amount is \$4,000 to purchase and install the LED lights, which will be on eight-foot steel posts. Cascade Homeowners Association is not a gated community but strives to improve the quality of life of its residents. MS. STONE thanked MARIA CASTILLO COUCH, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFb), Neighborhood Services, for her help during the entire process.

VICE CHAIR GREEN liked the project and was pleased to see the community involvement and verified that lights were never installed. MS. STONE explained that it was not a priority at the time; in fact, the park also lacks a shade structure. MEMBERS REID and THACKSTON were pleased that the project will be completed.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified with MS. STONE that at last year's celebration, many people signed up for the neighborhood watch and they expect more to sign up this year. MEMBER TOUSSAINT liked the project because it involves the entire community.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO remarked that the amount of applications received this exceeds the funding capabilities. MS. STONE replied they will work with whatever amount is allocated but asked the Board to keep in mind that this simple community does not spend money on anything else.

PAM THOMAS, Secretary, Cultural Corridor Coalition, and CERES HILL, Cultural Corridor Coalition, were present. MS. THOMAS stated that the Cultural Corridor is a neighborhood collaboration of businesses, including the Mob Museum and other cultural institutions located along Las Vegas Boulevard. These organizations promote the culture resources in the neighborhoods. The Cultural Corridor Coalition seeks funds for their annual event, "December to Remember", a community tradition that shares ethnic traditions with the community that will bring the community closer together. It will celebrate Las Vegas' cultural diversity, as well as create awareness of downtown's cultural institutions and promote the area as a safe and fun destination. The project team consists of staff and volunteers to provide administrative support. The Cultural Corridor Coalition reaches out to ethnics and religious groups to organize and promote the community celebration of diversity. Last year's Neighborhood Partners Fund grant was used to subsidize visitors' free admission or reduced admission day. In an effort to include all institutions equally, the funds will be used to promote the neighborhood to benefit all organizations.

MEMBER GUERRERO asked if they have advertised on the radio to reach the Hispanic community. MS. THOMAS responded that this is their first time promoting the event on the radio. Promotion events have been done only through TV, but she will contact the radio stations. MEMBER TOUSSAINT discussed with MS. THOMAS that attendance to this event has varied. They hope to attract at least 9,000 people downtown. The event starts the Thanksgiving weekend and runs until the first week of January. MEMBER RAMPTON stated she joined as a grandparent for an annual fee of \$45 that allows admission to all the arts museums.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO remarked that the amount of applications received this year exceeds the funding capabilities. He acknowledged with MS. THOMAS that they are willing to work with whatever the Board allocates.

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KEVIN SCHLEICHER, Buena Vista Homeowners Association, stated that they are a community of 208 homes located near Lake Mead Boulevard and Buffalo Drive. Previous grants were used to paint walls, wrought iron fences adjacent to Pueblo Park, improve security lighting and provide handicap parking. This year's funds will be used to improve the appearance of the swimming pool area and replace the deck canvas cover as it is in disrepair and becoming an eyesore. They contacted few companies and were told the cover cannot be repaired. The grant will help replace it with partial funding from the HOA. The project team consists of HOA board members, residents who use the pool and the management company. If funding is allocated, they plan on holding a community event in November and announce the receipt of the grant at that time.

MEMBER GUERRERO states that the 17-year old community has mature landscaping and lighted streets. They have discussed about repairing the cover for a couple of years. He announced that he will be abstaining from voting on allocating funds for Buena Vista, as he is the President of the HOA. MEMBER RUGGIERO commended MR. SCHLEICHER on the continued beautification of their community.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO remarked that the amount of applications received this year exceeds the funding capabilities. MR. SCHLEICHER replied they are willing to accept any allocation amount.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO asked that Boardmembers disclose any affiliation they might have with any of the applicants before the presentations are made in the event they need to abstain from voting.

DICK GEYER, President, of 18b Las Vegas Arts District, and DAVE SOTO, Treasurer and Boardmember, 18b Las Vegas Arts District and co-founder of Advise Media Group, were present. MR. GEYER indicated the neighborhood association began in 1998 with the first downtown festival, which is now First Friday. Even though the economy affected this community, they are moving forward to develop this part of the city. Previous grants were used to install streetlights. The multi-phase program will develop an 18b Las Vegas Arts District website. They applied for \$5,000 but will certainly take whatever amount is offered.

MR. SOTO explained that the program will help residents and businesses in the Arts District, especially for First Friday events. The portal will be part business directory and part news publication, events and promotions. Many of these businesses have no other way to advertise. Individuals have their own face book page but there is no way to reach out to the community. Hopefully this will help businesses and keep them open longer and help them grow. The total project cost is \$8,000 but their request is for \$5,000, and his company is donating their time, as well as interns from the Community College of Southern Nevada.

MEMBER RAMPTON stated that she contacted her son, who is a web developer in New York City and he told her that this type of program is the most widely used.

MEMBER GUERRERO verified with MR. GEYER that the address reflected in the documentation is his home address but the Arts Factory has been the center of the Arts District. Monthly meetings have been held and they are active in the community. The website will help promote existing businesses, as well as attract new businesses.

MEMBER ORTIZ stated that this project will bring economic development and bring more people downtown, which is one of the City Councils priorities. This is a valuable project that could bring great financial results, and the program can be utilized on mobile devices.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO announced that Western-Highland Association will not be presenting today but will make their presentation at the September 24, 2012 Neighborhood Partners Fund Board meeting. He urged the Boardmembers to go on-line and begin rating those associations who made their presentations, possibly before next Monday. Once all presentations have been made and rating completed for the remainder of the associations, the Boardmembers can begin to deliberate and make their recommendations. The Board can bring their own laptops as there is a minimal amount of laptops available.

CATHERINE LINDSAY, President, and LEE ELLIS, Vice President of the Westchester Manor Homeowners Association, and MIKE STOCKS were present. MS.LINDSAY referred to photos and described the improvements made with last year's \$4,500 grant award and referred to photos of the improvements they are would like to make this year if their grant is approved. Improvements include repairing and replacing sidewalks for better access, especially on the way to the

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clubhouse. Residents are willing to monitor the work and vendors have identified areas that need the most improvement. She was grateful for the previous grant as it had a huge impact on the community.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT pointed out that the proposal includes 8.1% sales tax and that the association could probably use a tax credit. He verified with MEMBER RUGGIERO that the City of Las Vegas will replace sidewalks slabs if it is in the public right-of-way. However, the sidewalks depicted in the photos are located on the interior. MEMBER TOUSSAINT remarked that they might look into getting a lower price if the sidewalks are in the park area with public access. CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO suggested MS. LINDSAY contact MEMBER YTURREALDE, who is the Council representative for Ward 5, to see if she qualifies for the City's help. MS. LINDSAY added that several vendors committed on providing discounted services, such as the landscaper and general contractor. She confirmed for CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO that they will accept any grant amount the Board allocates. MS. CASTILLO COUCH, remarked that the final bid invoice will be without tax.

MS. CASTILLO COUCH explained that the Molasky Corporate Center qualifies because they are an Owners Association.

RICHARD WORTHINGTON, President of the Molasky Corporate Center Owners Association, CEO of the Molasky Group Companies, 100 North Civic Parkway, ANNA JUAREZ, Association General Manager, and PAMELA PUPPEL, Director of Community Relations, were present. MR. WORTHINGTON thanked the Board and stated that the Molasky Corporate Center Owners Association is a non-profit entity; an association between the private owner of Molasky Corporate Center and the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Total employees at the Molasky Corporate Center are about 1,000 people. The Molasky Corporate Center is seeking this grant to further the program called "Free Bike Share". The idea is for employees to have a healthier alternative to public transportation when going to coffee shops or restaurants during their breaks or lunch hour. This furthers the green sustainability program developed in their building. As the chair of Las Vegas Downtown Alliance, he is interested in the redevelopment of downtown Las Vegas. Part of the program is to encourage other businesses to have bicycle-friendly programs. This will be a multi-phase project; the first phase was the purchase of 10 bicycles and equipments. It is a very innovative project, the only one of its kind in Southern Nevada.

After the announcement of the program, the feedback for demand has been phenomenal. The program will be launched on Friday with the Mayors attendance. Those using the bicycle will sign a user agreement and leave a deposit in case the bicycle is lost, and will receive get a lock and a helmet. They can use the bicycle free of charge anywhere in the downtown area for a two-hour limit. Reservations can be made but the user must show up 15 minutes before the reservation time. This program has been successful in other cities and it will be a great role model project for downtown. The grant will help acquire additional 10 bicycles, which are made by the Electric Bike Company. The bicycles will make it easier for people to go to nearby coffee shops and restaurants without taking the car and look for parking.

MR. WORTHINGTON stated that both MS. JUAREZ and MS. PUPPEL have researched and contacted bike companies to secure better pricing. McGees, a local bike shop, donated bike racks and baskets worth about \$800. In-house counsel developed rules and protocols and attorneys worked on releases. After Friday's launch, they will be busy promoting and encouraging the program. Jason's Deli and the coffee shop have expressed interest in donating incentives to encourage the program. Maintenance staff has made a commitment to maintain the bicycles. The requested \$5,000 will be used to acquire 10 bicycles. They have spent about \$6,500 of their own cash and received in-kind professional services worth about \$4,475 for legal work and signed a contract with a public relations firm at a cost of \$2,500. The hope is to keep this program in place and start a trend in downtown Las Vegas.

MEMBER GUERRERO confirmed with MR. WORTHINGTON that the bicycle user will sign a waiver in case of injury. This is a convenience for employees to use during their coffee and lunch breaks; the use has a two-hour limit.

MEMBER ORTIZ was pleased with the project and asked MR. WORTHINGTON if he would be willing to share the legal work for future sites. MR. WORTHINGTON replied that he would be glad to share the resources, not only with large companies but small businesses that may not want to spend money to hire a law firm. In fact, Zappos is considering implementing this project.

CHAIR BROWN-CESTERO liked the unique, innovative project. He verified with MR. WORTHINGTON that they would be grateful to whatever amount is allocated. If the full amount is not granted, they will only acquire five bicycles and will have to co-invest more. They think of themselves as a neighborhood and this program will create a great sense of community.

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None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Liaison to the Neighborhood Partners Board (NPFb)

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