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**YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP)  
GRANT REVIEW BOARD  
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET  
PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS 3RD FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov)**

**MINUTES  
January 16, 2014  
3:30 PM**

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR DAVIS called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR DAVIS and MEMBERS FIGUEROA (excused until 4:04 p.m.), REID, THACKSTON, LOPEZ, REYES, ZIER, DEWITTE, RODRIGUEZ, SHATTLER, SKILBRED, SALAZAR (excused until 4:04 p.m.), REYES-JERONIMO (excused until 4:04 p.m.) and SKOUSON (excused from 6:02 to 6:04 p.m.)

NOTE: MEMBER GABRIELLE NEWELL resigned as of 1/7/2014.

EXCUSED: MEMBERS MILLARD and MITCHELL

Also Present: LISA CAMPBELL, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

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, 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](#)

Minutes:

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2014](#)

Motion made by DEBORAH REYES to Approve

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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5. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Applications submitted by Desert Pines High School, Doolittle Leaders of Tomorrow Teen Council, East Las Vegas Youth Council, Hollingsworth Elementary School, Jalens Gift Foundation, Gods Angels and Company, Green Machine with Angel Wings, Las Vegas Academy, Mirabelli - Sweet Wonderful Assume Teens \(S.W.A.T.\), North West Youth Empowerment Council](#)

Motion made by DEBORAH REYES to Hold in abeyance to 1/23/2014 the applications for God's Angels and Company and Green Machine with Angel Wings

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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## Minutes:

As applicants made their presentations, CHAIR DAVIS advised each of them that they would be given ten minutes to present and the Board members would be given ten minutes to ask questions. Each application will be considered, and the groups would be advised regarding the Board's recommendations, which will be presented at the 2/19/2014 City Council meeting for approval.

Desert Pines High School - Math Club - LILLIAN CABALLERO, CRISTIAN FLORES, EDGAR ACOSTA, ALEXIS DURDEN, JUANA HERNANDEZ and KEVIN PERDOMO shared in narrating a PowerPoint Presentation that was submitted as backup. They requested approval of the requested funding, noting that this program will assist students in improving their grades so that they can graduate from high school. The grant will help pay for the expense of providing snacks. Any remaining funds will be used to purchase sweatshirts for the participants.

MS. HERNANDEZ disseminated a copy of her transcript, a copy of which was not submitted, to demonstrate how her math grades improved after being in the Math Club for only two weeks.

MEMBER REYES discussed with MR. CABALLERO that approximately ten students would be tutored, but the goal is to advertise with the sweatshirts and recruit more students in need of assistance.

BO SHIH, Math Club Advisor, indicated that the math proficiency rate for this school is one of the lowest in the city. The math club came to be as a measure to provide assistance to the students when half of the math teachers left. Providing the tutors is a great help to the students and the teachers.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ suggested using the funding for books and not for the purchase of sweatshirts. MR. CABALLERO replied that the sweatshirts will help raise awareness and as a tool to get the students excited.

MEMBERS LOPEZ and THACKSTON commended MS. HERNANDEZ on bringing her math grade up and on sharing her transcript.

MEMBER SKOUSON verified with MR. CABALLERO that there are 15 tutors in the club but no count on the number of students that need assistance.

MEMBER THACKSTON liked that the students being tutored assist in tutoring others once they are capable, and that the teachers are available to assist. MR. SHIH said that the students who tutor improve their math skills by helping others. His goal is to make the students feel that learning math can be enjoyable.

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Doolittle Leaders of Tomorrow Teen Council - Healthy Me Fun Fitness Day - KEXAUNNI COOPER, KEARA WILLIAMS, BREZHCINE JOHNSON and SHANTRIECE TOSTON shared in making a PowerPoint Presentation, which was submitted as backup, for their project to promote health and wellness. A breakdown of the budget was given, and they requested approval of the \$1,000 grant.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ discussed with the group that donations will be received from healthy vendors and from teachers, and then suggested contacting Walmart for donations as well.

MEMBER JERONIMO-REYES verified that there would not be a guest speaker for the event. MEMBER REID then confirmed that LATISHA HIGGINS is the groups advisor.

CHAIR DAVIS discussed with MS. TOSTON that the project could go forward without full funding as they would try to raise the funding from other sources.

East Las Vegas Youth Council - Batteries Included - CRISTINA CONTRERAS, ADELA CARRILLO, SYMPHONY BLUMER, TALIA MANDUJANO, DIEGO OCHOA, ADAM GUTIERREZ and EDGAR NUNEZ described their project by going over a detailed PowerPoint presentation that was submitted as backup. Youth and adults will come together to use the requested funding of \$995 toward the Youth Councils mural project, which will promote diversity and break down barriers. A dedication of the mural would be held in the neighborhood on 1/25/2014.

MEMBER SKOUSON discussed with the Council's supervisor, MALACHAI WILLIAMS, that the nearby condominium complex has donated snacks and paint.

MEMBER SHATTTLER received confirmation that the all the walls are connected in the area where the mural is being painted.

To MEMBER REYES, the group indicated the dedication event would be held at the complex with about 20 youth participating.

MEMBER THACKSTON discussed with MS. CARRILLO that painting assistance has been volunteered from community members. The group should invite other youth councils to assist in order to help get the walls done. Regarding donations, MEMBER THACKSTON suggested seeking paint donations from businesses, such as Lowe's, Sherwin-Williams, etc.

MR. OCHOA indicated to the Board that the Council would find a way to go forward with the project despite lack of funding from the YNAPP.

Hollingsworth Elementary School - We Want to Help Others - LELAND FENTON, ALINE HEINEMANN, AMY ACEVEDO, YARELI HEREDIA, SISMAI RODRIGUEZ, CAROLYN RIVERA, ADIANA GONZALEZ and DIANTHA PRIPUTEN used a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which was not submitted, to describe the project, which is to purchase blankets and socks to distribute at hospitals to make hospitalized youth feel like they are being hugged. As a young group, they wanted to show that they are not too young to help others. Posters will be made to display at the school so that other students can see how they are helping the community and perhaps become interested as well. She requested the Board's approval of the requested funding.

MEMBER REID verified with the group that they will help patients up to 14 years old.

MEMBER SHATTTLER commended the group on their presentation and discussed with MS. FENTON that they came up with the idea by discussing ways of helping patients and they decided to help patients at Sunrise Hospital. MARI NEEDHAM, group advisor, clarified that the group will be working with University Medical Center, given that the grant is specific to the City.

MS. FENTON indicated to MEMBER SKOUSON that approximately 1,000 bundles will be prepared for donations.

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CHAIR DAVIS verified with the group that this project could be completed without full funding. MS. NEEDHAM remarked that all the details of this project were student generated, including preparation of the PowerPoint. The group also thought about how to complete the project without funding.

Jalen's Gift Foundation - JANNELLE PINEDA and CELINE BROWN presented their project, which is to provide care packages at hospitals to those who have lost a newborn, in order to help family members remember the baby. They showed and described the items that would be included in the care box; blanket, frame, sympathy card and a scrap book. MS. PINEDA said they hope to bring hope and comfort to those that have lost babies. This is a way of helping families through their loss.

To MEMBER REID, MS. PINEDA indicated that 100 boxes would be prepared and divided between two hospitals. She added that they will try to raise the difference in funding, should they not receive full funding. They have contacted Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores for donation of materials.

MEMBER SHATTLER discussed with MS. BROWN that they became interested in this organization after the loss of her baby brother and the loss of MS. PINEDA'S niece.

Las Vegas Academy Batteries Included - Speakeasy Senior Prom - YADIRA FLORES, T.J. BRAND, COURTNEY JONES, CYNTHIA HAEN-DINGH and KENDRA PATTERSON used a PowerPoint Presentation that was submitted as backup to describe their project, which would provide a fun environment for seniors. The \$1,000 funding would be used toward materials, and other donations were being sought. This event would help seniors come out and have fun and give youth an opportunity to help and interact with seniors.

MEMBER REID commended the group on their presentation and PowerPoint.

MEMBER SKOUSON verified with the group that donations were being sought from various agencies, including Port of Subs.

MEMBER REYES discussed with MR. BRAND that outreach will be done to the seniors via invitation to seniors 60 and over. The organizers will be in costume as well. The group hopes to be able to provide music and show pictures throughout the night to flashback. Finger foods and punch will be provided, as well as specialty foods, in consideration of the seniors' dietary needs.

Mirabelli - Sweet Wonderful Assume Teens (S.W.A.T.) - SOMAG GEARY, CLARISSA LUNA and JUSTICE RODRIGUEZ presented their project, Hip to Snip, which will be to work with the Heaven Can Wait Animal Society to use animals to provide companionship at prisons. This will help the City's goal to keep the streets clear of stray animals and make the City safer and cleaner, yet help prisoners stay in a calm state. This idea came from one of the members who spends a lot of time helping animals. Youth and adults will work together and help take care of the animals until they can be matched with people. The \$1,000 in requested funding will help with necessary items to provide animals with a temporary home while they are recovering from surgery. MS. LUNA added that this funding would only help neuter/spay 25 animals.

MEMBER DEWITTE requested clarification on the requested amount, because the budget submitted reflects a donation of toys in the amount of \$900 plus \$300 for the same. MR. GEARY explained that should they run short, some of the money would be used to obtain supplies for the center.

MEMBER REID indicated that this year there is not enough grant money to provide full funding to all the applicants; therefore, she asked if this project could move forward without full funding. MR. GEARY stated that their goal is to lower the stray animal population, so whatever they receive to help the cause somewhat would be appreciated.

MEMBER SKOUSON said the budget submitted shows a lot getting done with the minimal fee of \$25, to which MS. LUNA responded by saying that the \$25 fee would only be for spaying/neutering. MR. GEARY interjected that it would

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depend on the funding, as the money would be managed to ensure it is used to address the most important needs. He added that collection boxes will be placed at Walmart, Target and Albertsons. MEMBER SKOUSON suggested putting boxes at pet-related stores as well.

MEMBER THACKSTON indicated that COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN could request donations through her newsletter, given that Mirabelli is located in Ward 1. She noted the donation drive for animals in Ward 6 was a huge success because people love their animals.

MEMBER REID suggested also contacting mom and pop stores for donations. MR. GEARY assured the Board that all suggestions would be considered.

North West Youth Empowerment Council - ANGIE COLLINS, DANIEL CONTRERAS, ALYSSA SIGUEIROS, AVIVA LESSNICK, MARESYA LIVINGSTON, KARA OZUNA, HANNAH JONES and DARRAH WESTBAY showed a DVD on the project, but it had no sound, and they gave a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which was not submitted as backup. The project for last year was to provide Suitcases of Love with necessary materials for high school students. This year, the group got an idea from Project 150 to purchase and provide graduation gowns for graduates that cannot afford them because without a gown, graduates cannot walk at the graduation ceremony. They are affiliated with three organizations to help distribute caps and gowns to those who mostly need them, and they work with Jostens to receive a discounted rate. There will be a total of 33 hours of combined service.

MEMBER ZIER commended the group on the presentation. As a worker with Title One Hope, she was aware of what this group has done, for which she thanked them.

MEMBER FIGUEROA suggested teaming up with other groups to do the same project and help more graduates.

To MEMBER REYES, the group indicated that with \$1,000 they can help at least 33 graduates, given the discounted rate. If they do not receive full funding, they will seek other funding from other sources.

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](#)

Minutes:  
None.

7. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:  
The meeting was recessed 4:01-4:05, 4:16-4:21, 4:38-4:45, 4:53-4:55, 5:03-6:02, 6:13-6:16 and 6:31-6:56 and adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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Lisa Campbell, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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