

**Application for \$4,000 Grant for Park Benches & Stepping Stones
Quail Ridge Drive HOA - June 2014**

MY NAME IS BARBARA JUDY. I AM PRESIDENT OF THE QUAIL RIDGE DRIVE SUB-ASSOCIATION IN SUN CITY SUMMERLIN.

WE BOARD MEMBERS COME BEFORE YOU TODAY REQUESTING \$4,000 IN GRANT MONEY TO ENHANCE THE COMMON AREAS OF OUR COMMUNITY. OUR HOA CONSISTS OF 66 HOMES, WHICH ARE THREE ROWS OF HOMES ON TWO STREETS. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE MADE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. THE OVERALL ASSOCIATION, *DEL WEBB SUN CITY SUMMERLIN*, DOES NOT REGULATE OUR IMPROVEMENTS SO LONG AS IT IS NOT AN ACTUAL STRUCTURE. YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE LETTER STATING THIS FROM THE SUN CITY PRESIDENT.

SINCE 2008, WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING OUR *BACKYARD PARTIES* IN THE GREENWAY. ALL THE RESIDENTS BRING CHAIRS, TABLES, FOOD, AND SOCIALIZE. THESE BEGAN AS AN EXPERIMENT, AND IN SPITE OF SOME "NAY-SAYING", THE GATHERINGS BECAME SO POPULAR THAT PEOPLE ASKED TO HAVE THEM TWICE A YEAR. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE OUR WARD 4 COUNCILMAN STAVROS ANTHONY ATTEND AND HELP "*KICK-OFF*" OUR FIRST PARTY.

IT HAS BEEN OUR WISH FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO ADD BENCHES TO THE GREEN SPACE BETWEEN TWO ROWS OF HOUSES. AT PRESENT, THERE IS ONLY GRASS, TREES AND A STRIP OF GRAVEL 18ft WIDE DOWN THE MIDDLE. THIS IS WHERE THE BENCHES WOULD BE LOCATED.

TWO BENCHES FACING ONE ANOTHER IS THE EPITOMY OF NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS.

FOUR PEOPLE SITTING ON THOSE BENCHES IS THE EPITOMY OF CAMARADERIE AND THE BEGINNING OF NEW FRIENDSHIPS.

BENCHES HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO INCREASE “*ACTS OF NEIGHBORING*” IN CITY PLANNING, ACCORDING TO Sjaekveland (2001).

IN ADDITION TO OUR PARTIES, WE BELIEVE RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO WALK OUT THEIR BACK DOOR, HAVE A CONVENIENT BENCH TO REST AND RELAX, ENJOY THE FRESH AIR, AND VISIT WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS. OUR PLAN IS TO PLACE TWO BENCHES FACING ONE ANOTHER AT FOUR LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE AREA BEHIND THE HOUSES, MAKING IT CONVENIENT FOR EVERYONE.

ALSO, STEPPING STONES WOULD ENHANCE WALKING ACROSS GRAVEL AREAS BETWEEN HOUSES, AS THEY COME TO THE PARTIES OR TO SIT AND VISIT WITH THE NEIGHBORS. A WIDE PATH OF STEPPING STONES LOCATED BETWEEN THE HOUSES WOULD ALLOW THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS, OR USING WALKERS OR CANES, TO NAVIGATE MORE EASILY.

IN ESSENCE, THE GRANT MONEY WOULD BE USED TO PURCHASE BENCHES, STEPPING STONES, AND TO HIRE A HANDYMAN TO ASSEMBLE AND ANCHOR THE BENCHES. WE ALSO HAVE OFFERS FROM MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS TO ASSIST WITH THIS PROJECT.

THESE ITEMS WOULD INCREASE THE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTION, SAFETY, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND LIFESTYLE OF OUR HOA RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST FOR THIS GRANT. JUNE WOOD, OUR TREASURER AND MY PARTNER IN THIS ENDEAVOR, WILL BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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**OVERVIEW OF "BACKYARD"
QUAIL RIDGE DR. HOA**



**A GATHERING PLACE
WITH BENCHES**



WHISPER CREEK

OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

STREET LIGHTING

PROPOSAL \$3200

**15 ASSOCIATION
VOLUNTEERS
144/148 HOURS**

**128 HOMES
130 STREET LIGHTS
260 LED's**

FROM THIS

TO THIS

**MEANS
17,160 KWH
LESS USAGE
EVERY YEAR IN
WHISPER CREEK
FOREVER!**

**ALL VEGAS
HOMEOWNERS
BENEFIT**



Submitted At Meeting

**SAFE & ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE
COMMUNITY UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION**

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WHO WE ARE (1) AND WHY WE'RE HERE (2):

1. WHISPER CREEK IS A 14 YEAR OLD, 128 HOME HOA COMMUNITY LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST

2. SHORT TERM: OBTAIN A NPF GRANT THAT INVOLVES "HOMEOWNERS HELPING HOMEOWNERS" WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR CITY.

ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE: ON-GOING EFFORT TO RETURN OUR COMMUNITY TO NORMALCY. IMPROVE HOMEOWNER INTERACTION, COMMUNICATION AND VISABILITY.

3. HISTORY: FIRST FULL HOA BOARD BEGAN IN 2002

BY 2006 MAJOR ISSUES WITH SERIOUS HOME CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS (HVAC/ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING), HOA DUES UNDER FUNDED, MULTIPLE BOARD RECALLS, LAWSUIT, HOMEOWNER MEETING DISTURBANCES

2009: FIRST COHESIVE COMMUNITY ACTION – REPLACED ALL NATURAL GAS LIGHTING WITH LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRIC.

2014: SECOND COHESIVE COMMUNITY ACTION – CENTURY LINK ACCESS & UPGRADES

ABOUT OUR TWO PART PROPOSAL:

\$3200 LIGHTING UPGRADE & \$400 COMMUNITY PICNIC

1. HIGH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER VISIBILITY – HOMEOWNERS HELPING HOMEOWNERS

2. THIS PROPOSAL PROVIDES A DIRECT BENEFIT TO ALL OUR HOMEOWNERS

**A. IT IMPROVES THE ENVIRONMENT –
IMPACTS EVERYONE WITHIN & OUTSIDE OUR COMMUNITY**

**B: INCREASED SAFETY –
FEWER LIGHTING OUTAGES – IMPROVED M.T.B.F.**

C: DIRECTLY LOWERS HOMOWNER COSTS

3. SPECIAL LIGHTING UPGRADE NEWSLETTERS SHOWING INVOLVEMENT & PROGRESS

4. THE LIGHTING NUMBERS:

128 HOMES – 130 STREET LIGHTS – 260 LED's – 144/148 VOLUNTEER HOURS

5. AFTER THE WORK IS DONE:

A COMMUNITY PICNIC AND GATHERING – HOA \$ SUPPORT

A stylized graphic of a house. The main body is dark red with a yellow roof. The roof has a large yellow rectangle and four smaller yellow rectangles. The house is set against a light blue background with a yellow palm tree at the bottom left. The text 'McNeil' and 'Neighborhood' are written in yellow on the red background, separated by a small star. A red square with a yellow border is at the bottom right.

McNeil

Neighborhood

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Annual Willowdale Community Gathering

2014 Theme: Online Security

Topics to be covered

Password managers

How to detect fraud & bogus websites

Credit cards – magnetic strips vs. a chip

Public events:

Target hacked

Ebay hacked

Zero-day browser attack

Expiration of Windows XP

Heartbleed issue

Benefits:

- Introductions to old and new home owners
- Emphasis on knowing your neighbor
- Presentations touch on health, safety and security
- Participation much greater than newsletters or board meetings

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