

City of Las Vegas

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS FUND BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

June 9, 2014

2:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR TOUSSAINT called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR TOUSSAINT and MEMBERS THACKSTON (arrived at 2:26 p.m.), REID, MOULTON, SKILBRED, HOLMES, ORTIZ (excused at 3:00 p.m.), KIRK, SKOUSON, BORYSEWICH (arrived at 2:07 p.m.), GARNES, JACKSON-RENTER and POWELL (arrived at 2:32 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk

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, 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.

4. [Report on Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Grant Program Applications submitted by the Quail Ridge Drive HOA, Whisper Creek HOA, McNeil Neighborhood Association, The Greens, Western Highland Business Association, and Willowdale Estates HOA](#)

Minutes:

Quail Ridge Drive Homeowners Association (HOA) BARBARA JUDY, President, and JUNE WOOD, Treasurer, were present. MS. JUDY read and submitted as backup the HOAs written request and photos depicting the before and after condition of the grounds where the selected benches would be placed.

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MEMBER SKOUSON commended MS. JUDY on her presentation and stated that the residents were very active but the elderly in the community need assistance in getting around. COUNCILMAN ANTHONY visited the neighborhood and found a strong sense of community, which he loves and feels many neighborhoods have lost.

MEMBER REID discussed with MS. JUDY that the walkway would be located on HOA property and that the HOA was in agreement.

MEMBER SKILBRED asked what portion of the project would be cut should the Board only approve minimum funding of \$3,400. MS. JUDY replied that a couple of benches or a portion of the walkway would have to be cut. The HOA would have to manage with the funding received.

MS. JUDY indicated to MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER that there were no benches, as much of the funding has been spent on upgrading the landscaping. The pictures shown on the easel with benches, copies of which were not submitted as backup, were to serve as an example. She advised MEMBER BORYSEWICH that the selected benches are made of recycled plastic.

Whisper Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) BOB ZANGGER, President, and RICK RYCHTARIK, Treasurer, were present and submitted as backup a photo copy of the proposed streetlight, a description of the neighborhood and a description of the two-part proposal. MR. ZANGGER explained that when the community was first constructed the residents power bill was very high because of the type of lighting utilized. Therefore, their hope is to obtain funding in order to change to LED lighting and give the savings to the homeowners. LED lighting is also brighter, thereby adding safety. There are a total of 260 bulbs to replace. The requested funding is a minimum of \$3,200.

As a resident of this community, MEMBER GARNES felt that this is a very good project and the first for this community. MR. RYCHTARIK indicated that the community has a lot of construction defects and there are many politics, but since 2009 there has been an attempt to rebuild the community and work together with the HOA members to do all the work.

MEMBER ORTIZ commented that adding LED lighting is a good way to help improve safety, reduce cost and bring the community together. He expressed his support for the project as it meets all the goals of the NPF.

MEMBER SKILBRED liked the energy-efficient aspect of the project. She suggested covering the top of the lights to help keep the light down. MR. RYCHTARIK remarked that LED's do not emit light upward. MR. ZANGGER thanked her for the suggestion.

McNeil Neighborhood Association - CHRIS CHEBEGIA, Vice President, and SHAWNA WALDMAN were present and disseminated and submitted as backup a copy of the McNeil Neighborhood logo. MS. WALDMAN commented that since the webpage was started, there has been great participation. The neighborhood holds an annual block party, during which funds are raised. The funding received last year was used to paint the fire hydrants. This year they would like to place signs throughout the community. The \$2,000 requested funding should be enough and any deficiencies would be made up.

MEMBER REID stated that COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN was very supportive of this project. The McNeil neighborhood is at the top of the list of associations in the ward and has a lot of support.

MEMBER KIRK confirmed with MR. CHEBEGIA that the signs being erected would be similar to neighborhood watch signs on light posts and welcoming people into the neighborhoods. MR. CHEBEGIA stated it is what the residents selected.

MS. WALDMAN advised CHAIR TOUSSAINT that the signs would be made of metal that met the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) sign standards for durability and safety.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified with MR. CHEBEGIA and MS. WALDMAN that there are no monument signs throughout the neighborhood.

MEMBER THACKSTON ascertained that the City of Las Vegas had given approval.

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MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER discussed with MR. CHEBEGIA that the signs should last about 20 years.

MEMBER SKOUSON was very impressed with the creativity and commended the Association for being proactive and having a webpage, stating that this is a very active association.

MEMBER KIRK was impressed with the fundraising and asked if the standard had been met. MS. WALDMAN replied that the Association received guidelines to follow for the signs. MEMBER ORTIZ stated that MUTCD is the national standard for signs, and if the Association went through the process, it met the standards.

MEMBER MOULTON asked about graffiti concerns, and MS. WALDMAN replied that signs similar to neighborhood watch signs tend not to get tagged.

The Greens Homeowners Association (HOA) ROXANNE SPANO stated she has lived in the neighborhood for many years, and it has very tall trees that block the light throughout the neighborhood. The goal of this project is to install solar, motion sensor lighting along the walkway around the entire community as well as surveillance cameras around the pool, where there has been some crime activity.

MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER regarded this as a great idea and said COUNCILMAN BARLOW is in support because his office receives numerous calls about the lack of lighting in the neighborhood. MS. SPANO said that the hope is that the additional lighting will curtail the crime.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH discussed that the neighborhood recently instituted a Neighborhood Watch program and is just starting to get people to participate in it. The current budget only allows them to have security personnel on premise for eight hours during the night. The lighting will be installed in the dark areas along the walkway and on the eastern portion of the neighborhood where people have jumped the fence.

MEMBER POWELL discussed with MS. SPANO that the door to the pool has a lock, but they have replaced it repeatedly because the kids break the lock, so they started bolting it. MEMBER POWELL stated the school is responsible during school hours; therefore, he suggested contact be made with the school.

CHAIR TOUSSAINT thought there are rules against taking pictures of minors; he asked City staff to look into it.

Willowdale Estates Homeowners Association (HOA) TRAVIS PULLEN submitted as backup and went over the outline of the Annual Willowdale Community Gathering. He stated that the gathering would be focusing on educating the residents about online safety, fraud prevention and other valuable information, because there have been many high-profile stories about viruses that have led to theft. He indicated the annual events have great participation and that the food would be funded by the HOA.

MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER stated that this is necessary information, especially for the senior community given the magnitude of identity theft. MR. PULLEN commented that it is a simple concept but necessary.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH discussed with MR. PULLEN that there would be 70 percent participation and the participants would be taught fraud prevention and provided with tools for managing passwords. MR. PULLEN noted that many seniors over 60 are well versed in the use of computers; they just need some education and tools for fraud prevention, like so many other people.

MEMBER THACKSTON asked how the \$3,600 funding request would be utilized, and MR. PULLEN explained that it would fund the several-hour event, which would include entertainment for the children and several other components. Some of the money would also go toward promoting the event. The food has been funded through the HOAs budget.

MR. PULLEN answered for MEMBER SKILBRED that there have been five annual events held thus far.

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MEMBER BORYSEWICH pointed out that the budget sheet reflected an expense of \$3,000 for Affairs to Remember to cater the food. MR. PULLEN replied that it should be for the HOAs total cost of the food. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, remarked that the cost of the food was included. MEMBER SKOUSON provided a breakdown of the expenses listed and noted that food was not listed. MEMBER KIRK stated that the letter submitted does list caterer breakdown, cleanup, etc.

Western-Highland Business Association RENEE POOLE, President, explained that the requested funding would be used toward the creation and distribution of newsletters to inform the residents of the knowledge gained at meetings. The intent is to produce at least four newsletters.

MEMBER ORTIZ verified the boundaries with MS. POOLE, and then expressed his full support because the area abuts the railroad tracks and because this area has had to deal with the homeless, graffiti and many absent homeowners. The newsletter has attracted people to consider leasing in the area.

MEMBER KIRK asked how the newsletter would be distributed. MS. POOLE answered that the contracted printer would prepare and distribute the newsletters.

CHAIR TOUSSAINT discussed with MS. POOLE that this Board funded a similar project last year, which was very productive and helped spread information on what the City of Las Vegas offers and on many of the benefits that residents were unaware of. MS. POOLE stated that she has witnessed a change in her neighborhood since they started having meetings and preparing the newsletters.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH noted that there is an adult nude bar in the neighborhood and asked if all business owners attend the meetings. MS. POOLE replied that Little Darlings has not had a negative impact on her business and many of the business owners do not attend. She commented that the majority of the businesses that would receive flyers are located on Sahara Avenue and said there are new businesses opening from the Arts District due to the inexpensive rent rates.

5. [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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None.

6. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

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The meeting was recessed 2:41-2:42 p.m., 2:54-2:58 p.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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