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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS FUND BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
5TH FLOOR IT & PRNS LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
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MINUTES

June 1, 2015

2:00 P.M.

ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED; 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. BACKUP MATERIAL FOR THIS AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED FROM LUANN D. HOLMES, ACTING CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Present: MEMBERS HOLMES, SCHULTZ, TOUSSAINT, REID (arrived at 2:10 p.m.), ORTIZ, KIRK, SKILBRED, SKOUSON, JACKSON-RENTER, BORYSEWICH, BASTIAN and KRAMAR

Excused: MEMBER POWELL

Also Present: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, 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](#)

Minutes:

None.

4. [Discussion for possible action on the election of Chair and Vice Chair](#)

Motion made by FELIPE ORTIZ to Approve the appointment of Sherese Holmes as Chair

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

GREG TOUSSAINT, KIMBERLY REID, SHERESE HOLMES, FELIPE ORTIZ, LANCE KIRK, VICKY SKILBRED, BECKY SKOUSON, TANYA JACKSON-RENTER, BETH BORYSEWICH, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, BILLIE BASTIAN, LARRY SCHULTZ; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-AJ POWELL

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Motion made by CHRISTINE KRAMAR to Approve the appointment of Larry Schultz as Vice Chair

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

GREG TOUSSAINT, KIMBERLY REID, SHERESE HOLMES, FELIPE ORTIZ, LANCE KIRK, VICKY SKILBRED, BECKY SKOUSON, TANYA JACKSON-RENTER, BETH BORYSEWICH, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, BILLIE BASTIAN, LARRY SCHULTZ; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-AJ POWELL

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MEMBER HOLMES accepted MEMBER ORTIZ nomination as Chair.

MEMBER KRAMAR nominated LARRY SCHULTZ as Vice Chair. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, informed MEMBER TOUSSAINTS that there were not any specific requirements for the individuals holding these positions.

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, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, stated that the Bylaws the members received, which are included as backup, explain the board membership and meeting process. The role of the members during the scheduled meetings was to listen to the presentations, assess the projects and score each applicant in ZoomGrants. The first two meetings would consist of scheduled presentations, and recommended funding amounts would be assigned to each applicant during the third meeting.

6. [Review of the Neighborhood Partners Fund Program Guidelines](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, indicated that copies of the Neighborhood Partners Fund Program Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 were available if the members needed a copy; these guidelines are attached as backup. She explained that she had reviewed the applications to the best of her ability to ensure that they met these guidelines.

7. [Report on the Fiscal Year 2015-16 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet \(evaluation\) criteria](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, briefly went over the project descriptions for each of the 17 applicants on the Neighborhood Partners Fund Project Applicants Worksheet, which is attached as backup.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT noted that in past years, the minimum amount an applicant would accept had been used to pair down the grants, but the problem was that not every applicant was honest, as last year the applicants stated that they would continue with their project even if the minimum amount was not received, and not all did. He hoped that this year, the Board would give the most consideration to the project itself and not the minimum amount requested.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked if there was a report that listed the applicants that were granted money last year and the status of those projects. As the year has not yet closed, MS. CASTILLO-COUCH indicated no report was available. She did note that 14 out of the 15 applicants from last year did receive funding, but she would need to do a complete analysis to provide additional information, and she would not be able to do that until July. Usually, there were three to four applicants that received funding that did not complete their project. MEMBER BORYSEWICH commented that it would be helpful to know the status of the projects and if they were completed. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH informed MEMBER BORYSEWICH that the applicants did not receive funding directly and went on to explain the process which included getting cost estimates, utilizing licensed businesses and paying the vendors directly. MEMBER SKILBRED commented that since the invoices were paid directly from the City, no sales tax would be charged, so any tax amounts should be disregarded when reviewing the applicants budgets. MEMBER SKOUSON commented that she would like a column added to the worksheet that included whether the applicant had received funds before and if so, if the project was

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completed. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH indicated space was limited, but she would see if she could fit this information on the worksheet in the future.

8. [Discussion for possible action regarding Neighborhood Leaders' Presentations Schedule for June 1, 2015 and June 8, 2015](#)

Motion made by FELIPE ORTIZ to Approve the schedule as presented

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1
GREG TOUSSAINT, KIMBERLY REID, SHERESE HOLMES, FELIPE ORTIZ, LANCE KIRK, VICKY SKILBRED, BECKY SKOUSON, TANYA JACKSON-RENTER, BETH BORYSEWICH, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, BILLIE BASTIAN, LARRY SCHULTZ; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-AJ POWELL

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, announced that the eight presentations scheduled for this meeting could be found on the Schedule of Presentations, which is included as backup. TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, indicated that this item was agendaized as an action item and a motion to approve the schedule should be taken.

9. [Report on Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Grant Program Applications submitted by the Quail Ridge Drive HOA, Cultural Corridor Coalition, Four Winds HOA, The Greens, Equestrian Estates, Crossroads I, Crossroads III, Crestwood Neighborhood Association and Casa de Luz](#)

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, announced that the Equestrian Estates presentation was moved to the June 8, 2015 meeting, but the remaining applicants would be giving presentations in the order listed on the agenda.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced SHARON GOMEZ, Quail Ridge Drive Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES welcomed the applicant and explained that they would be allowed 10 minutes for their presentation and any questions the Board may have.

MS. GOMEZ stated that she is the Vice President of the HOA, Chairperson for this project and a 25-year resident of Sun City, Summerlin. She lives in the Quail Ridge Drive HOA, which is one of about 20 plus sub-associations in Sun City that takes care of the duplex homes. With her, were BARBARA JUDY, former President of the HOA, and her husband, BILL JUDY.

MS. GOMEZ explained that the sub-associations are responsible for the outside maintenance of the buildings and the landscaping. She thanked the Board for the grant money that was awarded to them last year for a project that involved the placement of eight park benches within a greenway area. The project turned out very well and provided an attractive setting, a place for sitting and enjoying the surrounding areas and an opportunity to visit with neighbors.

This years request to build a divider/barrier between the rock-landscaped front yards and the sidewalk addresses a safety issue in the community. She passed around photos showing the displacement of the rocks due to wind, rain, watering and landscape blowers, which in turn, presents a tripping hazard to the senior citizens that utilize the sidewalks. Over time, the rocks are diminished and are costly to replace.

She explained that the project involves purchasing 15-inch long scalloped-topped decorative bricks to use as a barrier in the fronts of 66 homes that are in the association. The cost exceeds the grant amount offered so the intent is to subsidize the costs with volunteer hours, donations and discounts on installation and products. The goal is to complete the project this year instead of spreading it out over two years, as it would be difficult to explain to the homeowners why everyone did not receive the same improvement; additionally, there was no guarantee of monies in the future. The photos MS. GOMEZ displayed of homes in another neighborhood that used the decorative brick barriers being proposed are attached as backup. The initial estimate of \$6,600 includes the cost of the estimated 2,171 bricks needed for the project, digging the trenches and placement of the bricks, but the hope is that this amount can be negotiated down to a lesser amount. The estimate for

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the cost of digging the trenches and the number of bricks needed was provided by a professional landscaper, and the cost of the bricks was researched at several retail outlets. Positive feedback has been received after the concept was explained to all homeowners in the association via two meetings and a newsletter that was mailed. MS. GOMEZ pointed out that while Sun City is a 55-and-older community, this association is older, as the original residents moved in approximately 25 years ago when the phase was developed. As such, age is a factor, and tripping and falling is a hazard for the residents.

MS. GOMEZ thanked the Board for their time and consideration of the grant money being requested.

In response to MEMBER TOUSSAINTS inquiry as to whether the front areas were common areas, MS. GOMEZ confirmed that they were.

MEMBER KRAMAR asked if the bricks were going to be mortared together or if they were just going to be set in the trenches. MS. GOMEZ explained that the landscaper advised them that the trenches were deep enough to hold them in place.

CHAIR HOLMES asked the applicant if they would be able to move forward with the project if they did not receive the entire amount requested. MS. GOMEZ stated that they would have to work with the professionals to see if additional discounts could be given and ask the residents to donate more time and money. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced PAM THOMAS, Cultural Corridor Coalition. MS. THOMAS introduced DANIELLE KELLY and DAWN MERRITT with The Neon Museum, which is one of the institutions that is part of their group. CHAIR HOLMES welcomed the applicant and advised them of the time guidelines.

MS. THOMAS passed around some information showing what was done with the grant money received last year. The Cultural Corridor has been going through a transformation with projects like the pedestrian bridge, banners and trail. They would like to continue the beautification of the neighborhood by starting with a mural project that focuses on empty buildings to improve visitors impressions. There is a pre-conceived idea of the neighborhood which is characterized by the first block of blight seen as one enters. Thousands of local and out-of-town visitors pass through on a monthly basis and assume the whole neighborhood is run down. Many of the empty buildings lack regular maintenance and are full of graffiti. The building formerly known as the Ukulele Lounge, located at 620 North Las Vegas Boulevard, is the building that sits closest to the entryway at Bonanza Road and Las Vegas Boulevard and needs the most work. A Call to Artists was put out to design a mural that would both discourage and reduce the visibility of graffiti. ERIC VOZZOLA was chosen based on his mural experience and design. Neighborhood volunteers, including employees from Zappos, will help paint the mural under MR. VOZZOLAS direction. If enough funds are received, the intent is to also reface the street sign associated with this property to completely change the look.

The hope is that the project will improve street presence, create a better perception of the neighborhood, discourage future graffiti, promote collaboration amongst the different organizations and residents in the neighborhood and bring a cultural and artistic element to the neighborhood.

MS. THOMAS confirmed for MEMBER SKOUSON that the picture displayed, but not submitted for the record, was the design being considered. MS. THOMAS noted that although this design is what was presented by MR. VOZZOLA, additional discussion may need to take place regarding the graffiti element so that the mural is easy enough to re-paint in the future.

MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER asked what was in place to maintain these murals in the case of tagging. MS. MERRITT stated that the goal was to get the materials in order to be able to restore the mural themselves. The design currently has a subtle gradation, which, if tagged, would be difficult to repaint, so something that is more hardline and graphic may need to be considered.

MEMBER KRAMAR asked if this project was subject to approval by the Las Vegas Arts Commission. MS. MERRITT previously spoke to NANCY DEANER, Director, Office of Cultural Affairs, who informed her that this project did not have to go through the Las Vegas Arts Commission. She also confirmed for MEMBER KRAMAR that MR. VOZZOLA was a local artist. While they hoped to be able to pay MR. VOZZOLA \$1,290, as was listed in the budget, or at minimum, a \$500 honorarium, MR. VOZZOLA was excited to be involved in the project and signed on even though he was originally

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told he would not be paid anything.

MEMBER KIRK commented that he liked the community involvement and the beautification and asked about the current property owners involvement. MS. THOMAS stated that permission had been received from the property owner, who was also excited about the project.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH expressed concern with the conservative design and was hoping for something that was more of a graphic format to dissuade people from wanting to tag over it. MS. MERRITT believed the design to be beautiful. Ten to 12 artists submitted designs, and MR. VOZZOLA was chosen based on his thoroughness, thoughtfulness in dealings with him and his experience with murals.

In response to CHAIR HOLMES inquiry regarding the minimum amount required to still go forward with the project, MS. THOMAS indicated that they could still complete the project if granted \$3,500. MEMBER ORTIZ remarked that this project merits full funding, as there is a real disconnect between Las Vegas Boulevard at the freeway and the Neon Museum. CHAIR HOLMES thanked MS. MERRITT and MS. THOMAS.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced MARVIN MINUSHKIN, Vice President, Four Winds Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES advised the applicant that they would have 10 minutes for their presentation and any questions the Members may have.

MR. MINUSHKIN thanked MS. CASTILLO-COUCH for her assistance with the process. He stated that the requested funding would be for Phase IV of their park renovation. The project would allow the addition of shade trees, park benches, the removal of grass to further enhance water conservation, installment of pavers, fountains and a seasonal canopy for family activities. He commented that the City's continued effort to help communities maintain their curb appeal and amenities spoke volumes that the City and staff cared.

MR. MINUSHKIN and DAVID HORN, Treasurer and Secretary, Four Winds HOA, described some of the projects completed from grant funding received in previous years, all of which have been a positive addition to the community's pride and the neighborhoods goals. Pictures were displayed, but not submitted for the record.

MR. MINUSHKIN stated that the proposed project involved the removal of approximately 500 square feet of grass for water conservation, which would be done by community volunteers and the Board of Directors, the preparation of the installation of two trees, pavers, fountains, the installation of up to four benches and the preparation and installation of posts to hold the seasonal canopy. MR. HORN presented the different options of benches still being considered.

MR. MINUSHKIN provided the breakdown of projected costs, cash donations from the HOA and the grant amount requested, with the projection of 194 volunteer hours.

MR. HORN confirmed for MEMBER SKILBRED that the grass removal was eligible for the turf rebate. In response to MEMBER ORTIZ inquiry regarding the design, MR. HORN indicated that the HOA would like to keep an open concept to avoid potential problems with teenagers. After MR. HORN explained for MEMBER BORYSEWICH that the park area consisted of two lots approximately 7,000 square feet each, MEMBER BORYSEWICH commented that there would not be much grass left. MR. HORN noted that there is a lot on the south end that was mostly grass where children could play.

With regard to MEMBER BORYSEWICH'S concerns regarding vandalism of the permawood, MR. HORN reassured her that there has been no vandalism of the permawood surrounding the flagpole which has been in place since 2012. MR. MINUSHKIN stated that after 9 p.m., children are only allowed in the park if accompanied by an adult, and the additional lighting and camera system that were added through past programs have helped.

CHAIR HOLMES asked if the project would go forward if the minimum \$3,000 could not be funded. MR. HORN stated that it would be difficult, but they could proceed if the costs of the benches were curtailed. MR. MINUSHKIN commented that their volunteer network helps and noted that there had not been a dues increase in three years for the 169 homes in the HOA. CHAIR HOLMES thanked MR. HORN and MR. MINUSHKIN.

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MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced ROXANNE SPANO, who introduced LOU DEZARN, President, The Greens Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES welcomed the applicants and provided the time allotted for presentation and questions.

MS. SPANO thanked the Board for their past support, as this was their third time coming before the Board. The 123-home community, located on Washington Avenue and Decatur Boulevard, saves approximately 4,000 gallons of water annually after converting to xeriscape in 2008 and converting sprinklers to drip lines. As it is not feasible to go around and re-program the 29 clocks currently spread throughout the community every time it rains, the HOA is proposing to install rain clip sensors and new timer clocks so when it rains, the sprinklers shut off and do not turn back on until the ground is dry. The proposal would reduce the number of clocks down to six computer programmable clocks. This system should save an additional one million gallons of water per year.

CHAIR HOLMES opened the floor for questions. MEMBER KRAMAR asked if this system was being used in any other public spaces. MR. DEZARN stated that their landscaper had placed these sensors in other locations throughout Las Vegas, but he did not have that specific information with him. He confirmed for MEMBER TOUSSAINT that the sensors also register soil moisture, so the sprinklers may not turn on for several days after it rains. He informed MEMBER SCHULTZ that a probe is inserted in the soil to measure the moisture; this is attached to the clocks so that everything works in conjunction. MR. DEZARN pointed out that the computer system has the ability to create a history for the property and starts water reduction based on that history.

In response to MEMBER SCHULTZS inquiry regarding the estimated water savings, MR. DEZARN noted that it rains in Las Vegas approximately 27 days per year, and the water savings figure was based on the communitys current daily water usage. Although xeriscaping is in place; the community still utilizes 70 valves.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked what the estimated decrease was in homeowner assessments. MR. DEZARN replied approximately \$10, or about five percent. MS. SPANO pointed out that the sensors also depict when the temperature is below freezing and will not water during that time.

Based on the manufacturers projected estimate, MR. DEZARN informed MEMBER KIRK that the lifespan of the sensors in Las Vegas was approximately 20 to 22 years. MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked about the installation and implementation costs involved. Although the current irrigation system is old and will be replaced in the future utilizing the reserve fund, MR. DEZARN noted that the sensors could be connected to the current irrigation system. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER inquired as to the cost per unit. Based on the 70 valves currently being used in the community, MR. DEZARN replied that it was suggested six units, at a cost of \$1,200 to \$1,300 per unit, would be needed.

MEMBER SKILBRED commented that saving an estimated one million gallons of water was a lot. At a recent meeting with the Southern Nevada Water Authority, it was stated that every drop of water internal to the house was recaptured and returned to the lake and that water loss was due to external sources. MR. DEZARN re-stated that the xeriscaping completed so far had provided a savings of four million gallons of water, and there were plans for more xeriscaping throughout the community.

CHAIR HOLMES asked the applicant if the project could move forward if less than the minimum amount requested was funded. As this project would be in the best interest of the community, MR. DEZARN indicated that the project would still be done. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicants for their presentation.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced ED RECTOR and VICTORIA BRIDGES-HUDSON, Crossroads I Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES advised the applicants of the time allotted for their presentation and any questions from the Members.

MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON stated that with the installation of security cameras and cul-de-sac lighting done with the funds received from the Board the past two years, the community has grown in spirit and vandalism and tripping due to the lack of lighting were down. She explained that this years project would be to add lighting to the entry to the complex.

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CHAIR HOLMES asked for questions or comments from the Board. MEMBER ORTIZ asked MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON to explain where this community was situated for those unfamiliar with the area. MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON noted that the cross-streets were Stewart Avenue and Lamb Boulevard, and described what surrounded the community. MEMBER ORTIZ noted that for many years, due to the downturn of the economy, this area had abandoned and unoccupied units, but with the better lighting provided through funding by this Board, and other improvements, there has been an improvement in occupancy. MR. RECTOR pointed out that the new lighting enhances the camera images to help identify any violators, so past funding received had been well spent.

MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON informed MEMBER BORYSEWICH as to the location of the two walkway lights and 15 large lights. She also indicated that the residents were aware and in support of the height and location of the lights being proposed. MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON confirmed for MEMBER SKILBRED that the proposed lighting was energy efficient and would reduce electricity costs. MR. RECTOR remarked that the illumination given off from the new lights was so much greater than what the old lighting gave off. MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON stated that other complexes were coming to look at the difference in the lighting. She informed MEMBER SCHULTZ that the new lighting utilized LED technology.

When asked by CHAIR HOLMES if the project could still be completed if the minimum amount requested was not funded, MS. BRIDGES-HUDSON confirmed that it could be. She also mentioned a coalition with the police department that was being developed to come in and work with the neighbors to educate them. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicants for their presentation.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced ED RECTOR and DOROTHY CHAVEZ, President, Crossroads III Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES announced that the applicant would be given 10 minutes for their presentation and questions and comments from the Board. MS. CHAVEZ thanked the Board for this opportunity, commenting that their community was inspired after seeing how the program worked with the Crossroads I community. She noted that the Crossroads III community was plagued with graffiti; the City comes in and handles anything outside the community but not inside. The property has been neglected for several years, and there have been several personal lawsuits that have come up. Some of the issues in the community MS. CHAVEZ mentioned included trip hazards in the cement, inadequate lighting, car and property vandalism, homeless squatters, drug traffic and illegal dumping, which is an added expense for the HOA. While Metro has been very helpful, the impact of these problems has been a lost sense of security for the residents.

MS. CHAVEZ said that the hope is that installing security cameras would benefit both the HOA and the 168-unit community and enhance the existing trespassing program. The HOA could not afford to install all of the cameras needed at one time, so the proposed project would be a multi-phase project. The community is also scheduled to begin a neighborhood watch program and will be adding to the security system as funds allow.

MEMBER SCHULTZ noted that the supplier's proposal was heavily labor oriented and asked if other suppliers were solicited. MR. RECTOR stated that the prices of the two or three other companies that provided quotes were higher. He also noted that the company that was chosen was the same company used at Crossroads I. MEMBER SCHULTZ asked if the video would be transmitted wirelessly or stored locally and who would be monitoring the video. MS. CHAVEZ indicated both forms would be utilized. MR. RECTOR stated that whoever had the access code could monitor the video from their home computer or laptop. MS. CHAVEZ clarified that the monitoring would be done by HOA Board Members. MEMBER SKOUSON asked about the monitoring schedule and if the equipment would function in low-light since lighting was an issue. MR. RECTOR stated that there would be 24-hour surveillance, and if there was a problem, the video could be reviewed for that time period. He also remarked that they were going to try to get the lighting enhanced through Nevada Power.

After MEMBER TOUSSAINT expressed his alarm with the high labor costs versus equipment costs, MR. RECTOR stated that some of the wiring had to be buried, so a significant portion of the costs would be for trenching. MR. RECTOR confirmed for MEMBER BORYSEWICH that some of the costs would be paid using HOA dues. MEMBER BORYSEWICH expressed concern that seven cameras would not be able to cover all of the problem areas. MR. RECTOR explained that this would be an on-going process and reiterated that the HOA could not afford to do everything at once. MS. CHAVEZ clarified that the seven cameras would be installed in the areas where the biggest problems existed.

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MR. ORTIZ commented that this area has been underserved and remarked that this type of project allows the community to fight back and band together. He noted that this is a poor community, with only about 20 percent of the HOA dues being collected. He believes the project merits good consideration, as the residents want to take an active role in taking back their community.

MS. CHAVEZ indicated that they applied for the maximum amount of \$5,000 but noted that through the program, approximately 3,500 hours have been accumulated towards the labor of the funding of the project. She confirmed for CHAIR HOLMES that the project would still move forward if the entire amount requested could not be funded. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicants.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced ASHLEY LEE, President, Crestwood Neighborhood Association. CHAIR HOLMES provided the time limit allowed. MS. LEE stated that this neighborhood association just started three months ago. JEREMY STORMS mentioned how he has been searching the archives trying to find out what the sign at the corner of Burnham Avenue and Franklin Avenue looked like in order to re-create it, but he has not had any luck.

Since this is a new association, MS. LEE commented that they wanted a project that stood out and that the neighborhood could buy in to. Three meetings have taken place so far, with 20 plus people at each meeting. The proposed sign would bring authenticity, a sense of pride, identity, awareness and unity to the neighborhood. She described the proposed mason work and restructuring of the sign to be done. This community is next to The Huntridge, which is also on board with this project. MR. STORMS pointed out that this was the only neighborhood in this area that did not have a sign.

CHAIR HOLMES opened the floor for questions. MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that his wife went to Crestwood Elementary School, so he is familiar with the area and excited about what the association is doing. MEMBER KIRK remarked that he liked the community involvement and the fact that the budget was low and, therefore, manageable. He did ask the applicant if they thought it was possible to obtain cash contributions from the community in order to raise ownership in the community. MS. LEE stated that cash contributions were left off of their application since this was their first grant but noted that she is a professional fundraiser and procuring cash contributions would not be a problem.

MEMBER SCHULTZ commented that the identified volunteer hours seemed to consist of actual sweat equity; shoveling and moving dirt and gravel. MS. LEE stated that the volunteers are all lined up and committed.

CHAIR HOLMES asked if the \$2,900 minimum amount requested was not granted, could the project still move forward. MS. LEE indicated that not as much rock would be put down, but the association wants to make the corner beautiful and would definitely move forward with the sign. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant for their presentation.

CHAIR HOLMES provided the time allotment after MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced BRIANA MACKEY and PASTOR DAN WINCKLER, Casa de Luz. MS. MACKEY stated that Casa de Luz has been operating in the Gateway District for almost six years. Their annual Christmas event grows every year, with more than 600 volunteer hours represented at this years upcoming event. The event brings Christmas to a neighborhood in need, which for some, is their only holiday experience. A hot meal is prepared and served by the volunteers to all of the residents that attend, and the children all receive gifts and new shoes. The neighborhood is transformed into a winter wonderland, with snow being brought in. The funding helps offset some of the costs, but work is done all year long to procure in-kind donations and volunteers. They do receive a tremendous amount of donations, but there are still expenses and any help received in offsetting those, makes a difference. Last year, over 1,200 residents were served, which was up from the 800 served the prior year. The event is now a tradition in the neighborhood and something that the children look forward to all year long. MS. MACKEY stated that they appreciate the Boards consideration in supporting this event.

MEMBER SCHULTZ stated that he was delighted with the number of external organizations recruited to support the event and the number of children touched. MS. MACKEY believes there is a lot of support because these organizations can see that this event, for many in the neighborhood, is the only holiday celebration they have to enjoy. It is a well-thought-out event that includes live entertainment. She informed MEMBER TOUSSAINT that this is a one-day event, with a full day to prepare the space. MEMBER SKILBRED commended the applicant because they bring so much fun and joy to a holiday that so many may not otherwise experience. It is a well-balanced event, mixing family, fun and necessity, along with the number of organizations volunteering. MS. MACKEY anticipates that the event will continue to grow and noted

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that they also offer portrait services to the families as a keepsake.

At the request of MEMBER ORTIZ, MS. MACKEY explained where the event is located.

When asked by CHAIR HOLMES if they could move forward with the event if the minimum amount requested was not received, MS. MACKEY indicated that they would still put on a beautiful event, but some of the big wish list items might have to be curtailed. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant for their presentation.

10. [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:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, noted that there are nine presentations scheduled for June 8, 2015, and asked if the Board would like anything changed with the setup of that meeting. The Board indicated that they were comfortable with the way this meeting went.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH thanked everyone.

11. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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