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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS FUND BOARD
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MINUTES

June 8, 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:

CHAIR HOLMES called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present: CHAIR HOLMES and MEMBERS SCHULTZ, TOUSSAINT, ORTIZ, KIRK, SKILBRED, SKOUSON, JACKSON-RENTER, BORYSEWICH, BASTIAN and KRAMAR

Excused: MEMBERS POWELL and REID

Also Present: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney (excused at 3:17 p.m.), TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney (arrived at 3:17 p.m.), and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes:

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. [Report on Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Grant Program Applications submitted by the Desert Shores HOA, Huntridge Neighborhood Association, La Mancha Summerlin Property Owners Association, Mello Avenue Neighborhood Association, Westchester Manor HOA, Stupak Neighborhood Success Team/PALS, Summercrest Estates, Willowdale HOA and Equestrian Estates](#)

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NOTE: MEMBER TOUSSAINT disclosed that he lives in Desert Shores and serves on a committee. He asked DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY BOB SYLVAIN if he needed to abstain from scoring this applicant. After confirming with MEMBER TOUSSAINT that he received no financial benefit, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN advised MEMBER TOUSSAINT that he could score the applicant.

NOTE: MEMBER BORYSEWICH disclosed that she is on the Board for Desert Shores and asked if she should abstain. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN confirmed this was not a paid position and that MEMBER BORYSEWICH did not derive any financial benefit or interest from it. As such, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN informed her she did not need to abstain.

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, introduced ANN COPELAND, Desert Shores Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES welcomed the applicant and announced that they were allowed 10 minutes for their presentation, which included questions and comments from the Board.

MS. COPELAND, Community Relations Manager at Desert Shores, announced that there are 3,351 homes in Desert Shores, and one of the goals over the next year is to increase community involvement. With the pool under renovation and not yet open this season, the HOA is requesting grant money to assist with putting on a special Labor Day party. Normally 1,200 to 1,500 residents attend, but the HOA is looking to build on this event and get more people involved. Las Vegas Entertainment will be offering hamburgers and hot dogs for sale, and the HOA will pay for the residents to receive free snow cones, lemonade and cotton candy. In addition to raffle drawings, Dave, The Human Jukebox will be deejaying and hosting fun games and different competitions for the kids. The HOA has partnered with Allstate, who will be providing sunglasses and 200 beach balls.

CHAIR HOLMES opened the floor for questions and comments. In response to MEMBER ORTIZ inquiry, MS. COPELAND stated that the event has been held for the past 26 to 27 years, and the Boy Scouts and lifeguards included some of the young people that volunteer.

MEMBER SKOUSON commented that Desert Shores is in Ward 4, and the City partners with them quite often through the Council Office, including participating in the annual National Night Out event. She stated that this is a great community that is well kept. Las Vegas tends to be a place where neighbors do not talk to each other, so ways to involve the whole community through an event like this is a plus.

CHAIR HOLMES asked the applicant if a successful event could still be held if the entire \$3,000 to \$5,000 requested could not be funded. MS. COPELAND indicated that they would have to cut back but would still put on the best event that they could with whatever monies they had. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant for their presentation.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced MELISSA CLARY, President, Huntridge Neighborhood Association (Association). MS. CLARY distributed an information sheet relating to the proposed project, which is attached as backup. CHAIR HOLMES welcomed MS. CLARY and provided the time guidelines for the presentation.

MS. CLARY stated that the Vice President and Project Manager, who could not attend due to a minor emergency, has lived in this neighborhood, which is just south of the historic Huntridge Theatre, for more than 16 years. MS. CLARY described what the project entailed. There are five homes that the association is considering planting the public right-of-way. The sidewalk essentially serves as an urban trail system for the newer part of the Huntridge area. The older homes built in the 1940s do not all have sidewalks, so that would be a future project. The Association has obtained permission from the five property owners and is proposing to plant honey mesquite trees, which have deep roots and rarely require watering. This project will be the starting block that will eventually lead to a nice urban canopy. The landscaping will help retain moisture in the ground, producing a cooling effect, and will provide shade as the trees mature.

MS. CLARY stated that this was a pretty basic, straightforward project. The hope is to procure discounted trees through the relationships the City employees that live in the neighborhood have. She is also working with the State and their nursery

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located at Floyd Lamb Park. The Association is asking for the full \$4,600 in order to get off to a good start and to get the neighbors behind the project and volunteer.

MEMBER SCHULTZ thanked MS. CLARY for her presentation and asked for clarification on the Star Nursery quote, as it appeared as though the trees had already been delivered. MS. CLARY stated that was Star Nursery's format and confirmed that the project had not been started; it could not be done without the grant funding, as there was no budget.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT asked how the five homes were selected. MS. CLARY explained that the homes selected are the most barren locations requiring the least amount of excavation and prep work, are highly visible and the Association was familiar with these property owners. MEMBER TOUSSAINT questioned who owned these right-of-ways. MS. CLARY informed MEMBER TOUSSAINT that these were public right-of-ways through the City, but because they are a mature community, no one wishes to maintain it, and the City is swamped. There would be an agreement with the property owner to water the landscaping; noting that the Association is willing to bring in water as needed. The hope is that this will be a larger planning discussion in the future.

MEMBER BASTIAN inquired as to who would be responsible for the upkeep of the landscaping. MS. CLARY indicated that the upkeep would be done by the neighbors on a volunteer basis. The agreement with the property owner states that they will do the deep waterings to start, and the pruning will be done by volunteers. As this is a lower income neighborhood, everyone already helps those residents that need help.

MEMBER KIRK commented that he liked the neighbors coming together to provide the sweat equity. He stressed the importance of the maintenance and water component mentioned by the other Board members to ensure the sustainability of the landscaping so that it would still be there in five to 10 years. MS. CLARY noted that those specific trees were recommended by the City Planners because they require minimal maintenance. She stated that everyone would be watching for downed limbs or trees that needed to be replaced.

MEMBER ORTIZ commented that this project merits very serious consideration. There are many neighborhoods that are under attack from the homeless. The more activity, the more cohesiveness there is amongst the residents, making it easier to chase off individuals that do not belong there. He commended the applicant for the job they are doing. MEMBER BASTIAN echoed MEMBER ORTIZ's comments and stated she fully supported this project. She found a sense of ownership and pride in other neighborhood associations that came together to do similar exterior beautification projects and that people did maintain the landscaping. She provided the example on Bonanza Road, across from the Las Vegas Senior Center, noting that that area was very much alive and cared for.

CHAIR HOLMES asked the applicant if they could move forward with the project if the minimum \$3,100 requested could not be funded. MS. CLARY stated that it would be questionable, and she would have to check with the Project Manager. It could be done, but it would not be the significant push the Association was hoping for. She urged the Board to consider the full amount. MEMBER HOLMES thanked MS. CLARY.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced ROBERTA JONES, Mello Avenue Neighborhood Association. CHAIR HOLMES advised the applicant of the 10-minute timeframe allotted for presentation, questions and comments.

MS. JONES introduced GARY FRANKLIN, neighborhood representative. She explained that the requested funding was for a gate that would prohibit traffic going east/west from Jones Boulevard to Bradley Road. This is an older equestrian neighborhood with parcels greater than one acre. She stated that the neighborhood has been inundated with traffic since the construction of Interstate 215, the closing of Bradley Road and all the development in the area. The concern is not so much with the traffic numbers as much as speeds reaching 75 to 80 miles per hour on Mello Avenue.

MR. FRANKLIN pointed out that of all the streets in that immediate area, Deer Springs Way and Mello Avenue are the only two that go through from Jones Boulevard to Bradley Road. Deer Springs Way does not have that many residences on it, and there is going to be a traffic light installed on Deer Springs Way. He reiterated the high speeds in which people drive on Mello Avenue, and commented that someone is going to get hurt, as the drivers do not pay attention to the tractors, children or people on bicycles using that street. When the City temporarily closed off Mello Avenue due to construction, it was nice. MR. FRANKLIN stated that there are only 20 homes on Mello Avenue and the rest is undeveloped land. Six to

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seven homeowners chose not to participate because supporting the gate would cost them money, and they live on the end of the street so they do not see the speeds the other homeowners do. All of the other streets in the area have something to mitigate the traffic. Speed bumps cannot be installed on Mello Avenue because there is no underlayment that the City needs, and it would cost more money to bring the street up to code with sidewalks and streetlights than to install a gate. He noted that the City referred them to this Board.

MEMBER SCHULTZ wondered what the crash gate looked like and how it would induce a reduction in speed. MS. JONES explained that the gate looked like a typical community gate that would only open for fire and emergency personnel. MR. FRANKLIN pointed out that the gate would be at the end of Mellow Avenue at Jones Boulevard, so drivers could not take their street to get to Jones Boulevard or Bradley Road. When MEMBER SCHULTZ asked if signage was part of the proposal, MS. JONES indicated that it was not and that the City would place any required signage.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked if there were speeding problems prior to the City temporarily closing the street. MS. JONES confirmed that speeding has been an on-going problem, with over 600 cars travelling their street daily. When asked if there were any neighbors or residents opposed to the gate, MS. JONES stated that there was not 100 percent support for the gate, but there was a considerable majority. She mentioned that there was a good turnout at the neighborhood meeting.

MS. JONES answered MEMBER TOUSSAINTS questions as to the age of the community, what changed to cause the increase in traffic and if Mello Avenue was a City street. She also confirmed for MEMBER SKILBRED that the intent was not to gate the entire community, but to just place the gate at the entrance to Mello Avenue. MEMBER SKILBRED commented that Mello Avenue was a residential street under rural preservation, and the intent was to have traffic on Deer Springs Way.

MEMBER KRAMAR asked if there was a plan in place for maintenance of the gate. MS. JONES understanding was that the City would maintain the gate. MEMBER ORTIZ commented that essentially there is a battle going on between rural and city folk. The project does merit consideration due to the preservation of rural life.

MR. FRANKLIN drew a diagram for MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER outlining the traffic flow in the area, the traffic light to be installed at Jones Boulevard and Deer Springs Way and the placement of the crash gate. He was agreeable to the extra time it will take to get to his house with the crash gate in place because it will stop drivers from going so fast. He explained the only individuals with access to the gate would be emergency personnel.

CHAIR HOLMES asked if the project could move forward if the entire minimum amount could not be funded. MS. JONES stated that this was an elderly, limited income neighborhood, but they would move forward with whatever funding they received.

CHAIR HOLMES thanked MS. JONES and MR. FRANKLIN for their presentation.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced DOUG VAN GILDER, President, La Mancha Summerlin Property Owners Association. CHAIR HOLMES provided the timeframe allowed.

MR. VAN GILDER introduced JEAN PERRY and SHARON CONOBLE, who are relatively new residents in the community. He has lived in La Mancha since 2001 and provided the location of the small, 44 single-story home community, which is in a very desirable area. The community is very unique in that it is surrounded by a Lutheran church, an elementary school, a Catholic church and school, estate homes and a park. The community, which was built in 1993, is experiencing a change with many original property owners selling their homes within the last 16 months.

MR. VAN GILDER described the projects that were done with the grant money received the last two years from the Board. The previous management neglected the landscaping for approximately five years, so this year the Association completed some major tree trimming, removed overgrown bushes and did some planting, which resulted in overspending the budget. He showed some pictures of what was being proposed this year to improve the front entrance. This involves moving large rocks throughout the community with a bobcat, removing the gravel and planting dwarf boxwoods to hide the power cement box in order to be more consistent with other associations. There is also an area that needs to be built up to prevent dirt from washing down. Inside the gate, the intent is to plant mixed-color ice plants, which are a heat-tolerant low ground

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cover that require low maintenance. Additionally, residents will donate the red yuccas to be planted. He explained that with the change of ownership occurring, the desire is to create curb appeal. MR. VAN GILDER noted that this project has sparked discussion and brought neighbors together to discuss different ideas.

After being asked by MEMBER SCHULTZ if monies were available for maintenance, MR. VAN GILDER explained that money is budgeted to cover maintenance each year.

If the Board could not fund the entire amount requested, MEMBER SCHULTZ asked the applicant if they would proceed with the project. MR. VAN GILDER indicated that the project would have to be postponed, as the association fees would not go that far. The major work involved running the water lines and moving the rocks. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant for their presentation.

CHAIR HOLMES welcomed KATE LINDSAY, Westchester Manor Homeowners Association (HOA), and the several homeowners that were present. She advised the group that they would have 10 minutes for their presentation and questions and comments from the Board.

MS. LINDSAY stated that Westchester Manor is a small, 96-unit condo complex in northwest Las Vegas. She announced that past grants awarded have helped add signage and improve landscaping and security that they would otherwise not have been able to do. The community has been struggling since 2008, and this year the funds requested are to help with exterior lighting. They have been working on the lighting project for five years. Pictures were distributed, which are attached as backup, showing how they would like the lighting to appear. The community has 40-year-old lighting, and it was not realized how bad the lighting was until the clubhouse was renovated. There is some carport lighting that has not been replaced in 20 years; more light equals less crime, which is the objective of the project. The project will be done in phases completion of the carport restoration and exterior lighting. Replacing the light fixtures in the center of the complex will improve the lighting for 12 buildings. Photos of projects completed with previous grants were displayed, which included the fence around the pool area. The community has gone from neighbors not talking to one another to a community where everyone talks to each other. The homeowners that were present stated in unison We Are Community! They are working on developing and improving the complex and their activity as homeowners.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked for clarification regarding the fixtures. MS. LINDSAY explained that the motion sensed and aged lighting in the carports was being replaced with timed fluorescent fixtures. A cost study revealed that the difference between the motion sensed lights and the proposed fluorescent lighting that would stay on and then automatically go off at a certain time was negligible. When asked by MEMBER BORYSEWICH if anything other than fluorescent lighting was considered, MS. LINDSAY stated that LED lighting will be used in other areas in the community, but within the carport, the blast of light on all the time was needed to deter vandalism and theft. The homeowners present commented how dark the complex was and expressed concern going out at night. Another homeowner stated that she could not afford for the association dues to increase and asked the Board for their help.

MS. LINDSAY answered MEMBER SCHULTZ questions related to the different types of lighting and confirmed that there was already a plan to budget for the shorter lifespan of the fluorescent lighting.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT disclosed that he serves on an educational committee for homeowner associations with MS. LINDSAY. He and his wife attended the community's 45th anniversary party which had a great turnout. He remarked that this project is a good cause.

MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER stated that COUNCILMAN BARLOW is in full support of this project. MS. LINDSAY expressed their love for COUNCILMAN BARLOW, as he helped get their mailboxes replaced, which are now referred to as Barlow Boxes.

CHAIR HOLMES asked whether the project would move forward if the amounts requested could not be entirely funded. MS. LINDSAY stated that the HOA would move forward with portions of the project. The carport project has to be done, either through grant monies or wise budgeting on the HOAs part, so they would work with whatever amount they receive. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant and homeowners for their presentation.

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MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced SHERRY ALEXANDER, Stupak Neighborhood Success Team. MS. ALEXANDER stated that she is with the Stupak Community Center, which is located behind the Stratosphere. Several members of the Youth Adventure Club and Youth Council were also present: ANTHONY COLEMAN, MASON COLEMAN, FABIAN MONTINO, JACKSON COLEMAN, LESLIE SOTO and RAY NELSON.

CHAIR HOLMES welcomed everyone and reminded MS. ALEXANDER that they were allowed 10 minutes for their presentation, which included questions and comments from the Board.

The Youth Adventure Club and Youth Council members gave a presentation explaining the fitness program, the hope to expand the program from one to two times per week, to add more children in the area and informed the Board of their community service project, which entails supplying 20 families with energy efficient curtains to help reduce their energy bills.

The \$5,000 requested would be to continue the fitness program, covering the costs of 30 children per session. The funds would cover pool fees; equipment, such as suits and goggles; food and supplies for the community service partner, as well as entry fees for their adventure to Wet n Wild.

METRO OFFICER MICHAEL LEE, Police Athletic League (PALS), stated that PALS has partnered with MS. ALEXANDER at the Stupak Community Center for approximately three years. He is really proud of these kids, especially with regards to the swim program. The first year was a challenge, but still fun, and the second year, the team took first place. This is a really good program; the kids are great and are motivated and dedicated. He commented that it was nice to see kids involved with police officers in a positive way.

MS. ALEXANDER explained that the Spartan Race is a 9-plus-mile obstacle course that takes place all over the country. She expressed how very proud she was of the 17 kids that trained, participated in and completed the race in January. Five of the kids present ran in that race. She remarked that the program promotes success in school and in the kids home life.

MEMBER SKOUSON thought that this was a great presentation and appreciated the Youth Adventure Club being a part of it.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked how the 20 families would be selected. MS. ALEXANDER replied that the families are chosen based on the kids that participate on a consistent basis and the familys financial need.

MEMBER SCHULTZ commented that this is a very heart-warming proposal that resonated with him. It took a lot of courage for the kids to make their presentation to the Board, and they did a great job. MEMBER TOUSSAINT has fond memories of growing up in this neighborhood but stated that he did not have all of the fun these kids are having. He wished them good luck.

MEMBER ORTIZ remarked that this area is underserved, and the project merits the full amount requested. Every child will benefit, and the value received in the long run is worth the investment.

MEMBER SCHULTZ asked if the Board was unable to fund the minimum requested, if they would be able to proceed. OFFICER LEE stated that the hope was to get the full amount, but they would never turn a kid away; they would make it work. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the kids for their wonderful presentation.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced LAURIE KELLY, Summercrest Estates. MS. L. KELLY provided some of the history of the community, explaining that a Homeowners Association (HOA) was never formed. She pointed out that there is a lot of water damage, graffiti and structural damage to the 3,500 linear foot perimeter wall. The funds requested are to assist with repairing the water damage and remove the graffiti, as there is no HOA to help.

MS. L. KELLY stated that this is their first time requesting funds, as they just became aware of this program in March. It is preferred to complete the project in one phase, instead of returning next year to ask for additional funds. Original owners JOHN NELSON, GEORGE TULLY and CHARLOTTE KELLY were present, as was BETTY SCHWIDER, who has lived in the community for seven years. MS. L. KELLY commented that Summercrest is a lovely community with many

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original owners. The area consists of mostly cul-de-sacs, and while there is a lot of pride of ownership within the neighborhood, it does not appear so on the outside.

As this is a large project, the full \$5,000 is being requested. It was calculated that if every homeowner donated \$200, the project could be completed without any help, but there are a handful of seniors on a very tight budget that cannot afford to give \$200 and some that just do not care. The funds requested are to cover these people. MS. L. KELLY stated that the general contractor they found comes highly recommended, and she has seen his work. The project estimate came in just under \$16,000, with the exception of the waterproofing of the wall, which will be done by the residents.

MS. L. KELLY explained the various phases of the project, which include knocking down the damaged stucco, removing the dead grass and weeds and putting weed killer down, waterproofing the exterior wall, re-stuccoing and painting. The entire project should take about six weeks. She explained that it has been 15 years since any maintenance has been done by the City. When she called COUNCILMAN ANTHONYS office is when she learned of this program. Residents have already donated \$2,150 of the \$8,900 pledged, and a checking account has been opened. Team Captains have been assigned to each street, and correspondence is posted in order to keep the 89 homeowners informed. Seven hundred dollars was collected from the 14 off-site property owners that rent out their homes after letters were sent to them.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH remarked how good the presentation was and wondered why, with the tenacity displayed in getting the project done, the community did not form an HOA. As far as waterproofing the exterior walls, she asked what the impact would be if the interior wall continued to get drenched. MS. L. KELLY explained that the Team Captain, as well as herself, are asking the property owners to do a slow drive by along the back of their property to check the irrigation to ensure that this job will last a decade. There is so much excitement about the project that she does not anticipate any problems. To address the question regarding the formation of an HOA, MS. L. KELLY stated that when she first started knocking door-to-door, she took a tally of property owners that wished to form an HOA, and she found that 50 percent of the people chose to live in that community specifically because there is no HOA.

MEMBER SKOUSON congratulated the applicant on their presentation and commented how impressed she was that they were involving everyone. It is difficult getting people to donate money, and they were able to obtain a good mix of both volunteers and residents wanting to donate. She expressed that this was a great project and would result in even more cohesiveness in the neighborhood than already exists.

MEMBER SCHULTZ thought that this was a great project and commended the applicant. However, after MEMBER SKOUSON confirmed for MEMBER SCHULTZ that each individual property owner owned the wall and would be responsible for it, he questioned the need for a release from the property owner authorizing the work. MEMBER ORTIZ asked ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO to comment. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO stated that if the work was being done on private property, some sort of a signed authorization and release would need to be obtained from the property owners. MS. L. KELLY stated that she would create the document, which ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO stated did not need to be notarized.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT suggested informing the property owners that eventually the water damage could cause the wall to fall apart, and since they owned the wall, it would be their responsibility to cover the costs of any repairs. If the property owners understood their liability, they may be more receptive to checking their irrigation systems.

MS. C. KELLY stated that 90 percent of the water damage was probably done in the first 10 years. MR. NELSON stated that the builder did try to mitigate the problem by drilling seep holes in various areas, but that failed due to lack of consistency throughout the perimeter of the community.

MEMBER SCHULTZ asked the applicant if they could go forward with their project if the minimum amount requested could not be funded. MS. L. KELLY stated that they were determined, and she was confident that they could complete the project. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant for their presentation.

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MEMBER KRAMAR wished to recognize MR. NELSON, as he is a former member of the City of Las Vegas Citizens Leadership Academy.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced TRAVIS PULLEN, Willowdale Homeowners Association (HOA). CHAIR HOLMES welcomed MR. PULLEN and advised him that he would have 10 minutes for his presentation and any questions and comments.

MR. PULLEN stated that Willowdale was a community of approximately 60 homes. Prior to becoming Treasurer of the HOA last year, he noted that the community had received grant money in previous years for repair of a block wall and installation of security cameras. COUNCILMAN BARLOW attended their First Annual Security Awareness event, which focused on computer security. This years request for funding would be to hold another event, with the intent to get law enforcement to give a presentation. He shared a recent event of where a visitor that was moving had their car broken into, and one of the items taken was a rifle, so the presentation would be appropriate. Community members take security for granted because they are in a nice, gated community where everyone knows each other. He has ideas for three or four more events during this awareness campaign. There is a common connective element with these events of improving health, security and safety.

After last years experience, which was his first year doing this, he discovered that a scaled down event would still accomplish the theme. It was found that events that included activities for the kids and where food was provided were better attended than those that did not. About half of the community showed up at the last event, which the HOA was happy with.

MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER stated that COUNCILMAN BARLOW is definitely interested in this area; he had great things to say about the event and is in support.

MEMBER KIRK liked that the HOA was putting up almost more money than what they were asking for. MR. PULLEN stated that the HOA considers the event to be important and will do it no matter what, but any funds granted would help supplement to make for a bigger and better event. He provided the cross-streets of the community for MEMBER ORTIZ.

CHAIR HOLMES asked if the event would move forward if the minimum could not be funded. MR. PULLEN stated that the event would move forward, but, if needed, one or two of the attractions would be cut out. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the applicant for their presentation.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH introduced MICHAEL McDONALD and ERIK KING, Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association. CHAIR HOLMES provided the time guidelines.

MR. KING explained that the funding request was for an entryway monument. A photo of the monument was distributed and was attached as backup. He discussed the different locations where the monument could be placed, taking into account the City right-of-ways. A grant was requested for this same project last year, but one of the vendors did not come through, so the project was never done. MR. McDONALD expanded on that, stating last years vendor was a City-approved vendor, the rock was picked out at the quarry, but the vendor stopped returning their calls, and, therefore, the grant money was never used. He noted that the vendor the HOA will be using this time has a proven track record with the City, and the landscaper would be donating his time and material. The logo was briefly discussed. MR. McDONALD noted that after crime started coming into the community, the neighbors bound together and improved the landscaping. This made a difference in bringing the community back and lowering the crime rate. MR. McDONALD remarked that theories do work; it literally takes a community to drive out the crime element.

MR. KING noted that the proposed layout was on the back side of the photo that was previously distributed. MR. McDONALD pointed out some surrounding commercial property and talked about an agreement from the 1980s between the City and the developer to retain the trees to maintain the feeling of what the neighborhood was. MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked how the monument would be situated in relation to Rancho Drive. MR. KING explained that the hope was to place the monument at an angle, but they needed to work with the right-of-way people to see what would work. He also confirmed that the neighbor had no objections to the monument.

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MEMBER BASTIAN thanked the gentleman for bringing this project to the Board. She was born and raised in Las Vegas and spent much of her childhood in this area. She believed it to be incredibly responsible for them to come forward as residents to maintain the historical value, so there continues to be legacy locations in the Las Vegas community. Las Vegas has changed so much over the years, and it needs to be remembered where we came from and create memory places for people that have been here as long as she has. She supports this project. MR. McDONALD commented that all the work the Board does helps. He shared a story about a Fortune 500 business owner from San Francisco that bought a house in Las Vegas because of it being located in a historic neighborhood.

MR. KING provided the dimensions of the stone being considered. MEMBER BASTIAN asked how graffiti or the replacement of any components would be handled. MR. McDONALD stated that they are trying to keep the monument as plain as possible to maintain the historic aspects, so no components should need replacing. The HOA would work with the City or a private company that utilizes sandblast beads to remove any graffiti. MEMBER SKILBRED mentioned that it might be worth treating the rock with a product that paint does not adhere to and conveyed that Peccole Ranch is currently using it. MR. McDONALD thought this was a good idea, as he has been fighting graffiti his entire life.

MEMBER SCHULTZ asked if the project could still be done if the minimum amount could not be funded. MR. McDONALD stated that he would like to think so, but he deferred to MR. KING, who stated it may require going door-to-door to ask for donations, but he thought they would still be able to go forward with the project. CHAIR HOLMES thanked the gentlemen for their presentation.

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](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that the next meeting was to decide on the funding amounts and asked if the Board needed to review what needed to be done prior to then. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, indicated that the Board members needed to complete and input their scoring.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH clarified for MEMBER SKOUSON that the two applicants in the Stupak neighborhood were separate organizations.

6. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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