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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 15, 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](#)

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CHAIR HOLMES called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Present: CHAIR HOLMES and MEMBERS SCHULTZ, TOUSSAINT, REID, KIRK, POWELL (arrived at 2:10 p.m.), SKILBRED, SKOUSON (arrived at 2:11 p.m.), JACKSON-RENTER, BORYSEWICH (excused 4:16 to 4:19 p.m.), BASTIAN and KRAMAR (excused at 4:36 p.m.)

Excused: MEMBER ORTIZ

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](#)

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BRIAN STUCKI introduced himself. CHAIR HOLMES advised MR. STUCKI that he would have three minutes to speak. MR. STUCKI commented that after listening to the audio of the June 1, 2015 meeting, he believed it was misrepresented in that there was a consensus of the Mello Lane community to install the crash gate. As a consensus was one of the eligibility requirements of this grant, he did not believe the community qualified for the funding. He moved to this street approximately one year ago, he has invested a lot of money and if the funding is received, his fear is that trying to stop the installation of the gate will be too great of a battle.

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MARCIA GEIL stated that she is at the opposite end of the street from MR. STUCKI, and she is also opposed to the gate and receiving grant monies. She does not believe the traffic is much greater now than when she first moved to this location 17 years ago. There is no consensus in the neighborhood, and there has been a lack of notification. She also expressed concern that once the funds are approved, the project will be harder to stop.

BEATRIZ ROMERO stated that she has lived at this address for five years and concurs with her neighbors. When the road was temporarily closed due to construction, she felt it was a hassle and added three miles to her commute. There are good and bad drivers everywhere, and there will always be those that speed. She believes there is a City employee living on Mello Avenue that is only speaking to those individuals that are for the street closure.

EDWARD ROMERO stated that his mother, who owns the house that he and his family live in but could not attend today's meeting, is also opposed to the gate and the funding. There has been very little communication with the residents who are on the west side of Mello Avenue closest to Jones Boulevard, and they are the ones who would have to drive all the way around. He reiterated the fear that if the grant funding was approved, the project would be pushed through, so he wanted these concerns heard and addressed now. Of the 20-21 residents on Mello Avenue, seven or eight are opposed to the installation of a gate, so that is not a majority.

After MEMBER SCHULTZ asked if the Board could procedurally ask questions, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO informed him that no questions could be asked during the Public Comment portion.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meetings of June 2, 2014, June 9, 2014 and June 16, 2014](#)

Motion made by GREG TOUSSAINT to Approve

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

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

5. [Review of evaluation scores on the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Grant Program applications](#)

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, explained that ZoomGrants takes an average of the scores that are entered. The averages that can be found on the attached backup were as of 10:30 a.m. and totaled over the \$55,000 funding amount limit.

6. [Discussion for possible action and recommendation of funding for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Neighborhood Partners Fund Board projects](#)

Motion made by GREG TOUSSAINT to Approve funding in the following recommended amounts: Casa de Luz - \$5,000; Crestwood Neighborhood Association - \$2,800; Crossroads I HOA - \$4,500; Crossroads III HOA - \$4,300; Cultural Corridor Coalition - \$3,500; Desert Shores Community Association - \$1,900; Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association - \$3,500; Four Winds HOA - \$2,500; Huntridge Neighborhood Association - \$3,100; La Mancha Summerlin - \$1,200; Mello Lane Neighborhood Association - \$0; Quail Ridge Drive HOA - \$4,200; Stupak Neighborhood Success Teams/PALS - \$5,000; Summercrest Estates - \$4,500; The Greens HOA - \$4,000; Westchester Manor HOA - \$4,000 and Willowdale HOA - \$1,000

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

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

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Motion made by GREG TOUSSAINT to Approve additional funding in the following recommended amounts in the event La Mancha Summerlin cannot proceed with their project due to lack of funding: Crossroads I HOA - \$400; Crossroads III HOA - \$400 and Cultural Corridor Coalition - \$400

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

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

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, stated that typically at this point, the Board would start organizing the applicants, starting with those they rated the highest. This is the time for dialogue; motions should not be made until the funding amounts are finalized, as they may need to be adjusted throughout the process.

MEMBER KRAMAR wished to re-open the discussion on the Mello Lane application and have ROB LEVRANT, Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, provide a report on the history of how the grant request came about. Since this item was not agendaized for this application alone, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO reminded the Members that only general discussion could take place; the application could not be entirely opened.

MEMBER REID expressed that she did not wish to fund this application at all because the community was not in 100 percent agreement. MEMBER BORYSEWICH mentioned the wildlife element in the area and whether this was considered a rural area. With one-third of the residents opposed to the gate, MEMBER SKILBRED reversed her original position of support to not funding the application at all. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER also changed her initial support to not funding the project. MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that the information presented by the residents at the meetings was conflicting but pointed out that the goal of this program is to build a sense of community, community development and community improvement, and he did not feel that this project would do that. MEMBER KRAMAR recommended zero funding, as the constituents she dealt with were opposed to blocking off Mello Avenue. MEMBER SCHULTZ asked for staffs input. MR. LEVRANT provided the Board with some history, as he had been working with the neighborhood since December or January. Believed to have a consensus of support from the residents, direction was requested from COUNCILMAN ROSS and Public Works was consulted to get feedback on installing the gate. At the neighborhood meeting that was held, three-fourths of the homeowners attended and of those, two-thirds to three-fourths supported the installation of a gate. It was expressed through Public Works that there needed to be a very strong consensus, and other alternatives would need to be considered.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT inquired if it was determined that a problem did actually exist. MR. LEVRANT replied that a traffic study revealed speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour in a 25 miles per hour zone, but the traffic volume was significantly below what warrants gating off a street, which is why installation of the gate cannot be done by Public Works. When asked by MEMBER BASTIAN if Metro had done any speed control, MR. LEVRANT indicated that he was unaware of what had been done in terms of enforcement. He noted, however, that the City was reluctant to install speed radar signs because sometimes those backfire because people will see how fast they can go.

MR. LEVRANT confirmed for MEMBER BORYSEWICH that there are horses in this area, with an unpaved right-of-way on each side of the street where the horses walk. MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked why the City has not progressed with improving the street. MR. LEVRANT explained that there is pavement down the middle of the right-of-way and then dirt but no curb and gutter. If the City puts in speed bumps, traffic will veer off the street into the dirt area on either side of the street to try to avoid them, which could create an additional safety concern with people walking and riding bikes and horses there. MEMBER SKOUSON stated that Public Works indicated that the road was not engineered correctly relating to the slurry. MR. LEVRANT stated that the biggest issue was the curb and gutter.

To move this agenda item forward, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO suggested opening discussion on all of the applicants to determine a recommended funding amount, since it is a work in progress and the numbers will be shifted around, and then making a motion at the end of the dialogue that would include the final funding amounts. The applications would be discussed in alphabetical order.

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CHAIR HOLMES opened discussion on Casa de Luz. MEMBER SCHULTZ felt that this was a persuasive project, was meaningful to the residents of the community and deserved the entire funding amount requested. MEMBER KIRK concurred, stating that he gave this project his highest ranking and recommended full funding in the amount of \$5,000. MEMBERS TOUSSAINT and SKILBRED also agreed.

Out of respect for the residents time who were present, MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER asked if the Mello Lane Neighborhood Association application could be pulled forward. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO did not recommend this because in the end, the recommended funding amounts may need to be adjusted to fit within the total available grant funding amount.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated that the process moves pretty quickly.

The Board members supported funding Casa de Luz in the amount of \$5,000.

Crestwood Neighborhood Association MEMBER KIRK ranked this applicant towards the top, recommending funding for \$2,400. He did go a little lower because he thought that the residents could have donated some money towards the project. MEMBER SCHULTZ agreed, as there was not as much neighborhood participation. MEMBER TOUSSAINT thought this was a great project and recommended \$2,800. MEMBER SKOUSON wished to fund the full minimum amount requested of \$2,900 due to the project being so iconic and the pride in the neighborhood. MEMBER BORYSEWICH also recommended \$2,900 due to the historic neighborhood and the long-term monument, as did CHAIR HOLMES. The members agreed to recommend funding in the amount of \$2,800 for this project.

Crossroads I Homeowners Association (HOA) MEMBER TOUSSAINT suggested funding \$4,400, as both Crossroads projects were needed and would change the community. MEMBER SKILBRED recommended funding above the minimum amount requested for both Crossroads associations because this project is exactly what this program is about, which is changing lives, building community and making people feel safe. If she had to, she would recommend more funding for Crossroads III simply because Crossroads I has been before the Board a number of times before, and she wants to give new applicants a little more of a chance. While MEMBER BORYSEWICH recommended funding in the amount of \$4,500 because of everything they are doing with the lighting, MEMBER KIRK rated them on the lower end, recommending only \$3,000. MEMBER SKOUSON agreed with MEMBERS TOUSSAINT, SKILBRED and BORYSEWICH as to the importance of safety and the benefit to the entire neighborhood. The members agreed on a recommendation of \$4,500.

Crossroads III HOA MEMBER BORYSEWICH thought that the applicant needed to do more research and was concerned with the choice of utilizing fluorescent lighting instead of LED lighting in the carport area as well as the placement of lighting in a front sidewalk area instead of in the back of the residential area, which she did not believe would be as beneficial. As such, she recommended \$3,800. MEMBER SKILBRED recommended funding this project at \$4,750 because of the safety issue it addresses. She was comfortable with the applicant deciding where there was the greatest risk to safety and where they needed the most lighting. MEMBER SKOUSON proposed \$4,000 because this was the minimum amount the applicant requested. MEMBER TOUSSAINT thought they deserved more and said he would support \$4,300. The members decided upon a recommendation of \$4,300.

Cultural Corridor Coalition MEMBER POWELL ranked this applicant at the very top and recommended full funding for \$5,000 because this is one of only two projects that have to do with children and this project affects everyone. MEMBER SKILBRED stated that she was torn because the funds are desperately needed, but she was also concerned that almost \$1,300 that would be paid from another funding source was included to bump up the grant request. Additionally, this applicant has received funds every year since 2007, so it is almost no longer a grant fund, but rather a part of their annual budget. She was okay funding \$2,000, knowing that with the play in the numbers, she could bump it up to \$3,000. MEMBER BORYSEWICH thought this was much needed in this area and recommended \$3,500 but was concerned that the design selected would promote more tagging, and the applicant would have to come back to request more money to maintain it. MEMBER SCHULTZ also recommended \$3,500, stating that this was a good project which would enhance the corridor. He agreed with MEMBER SKILBRED in that their numbers were soft, and he questioned if the project could get done for a lesser amount. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER supported this project. It is public art, and she pointed out that

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the utility boxes in Ward 5 are not being tagged frequently. She thought funding this project for \$5,000 would bring some type of hope to the area which is underserved.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT asked for staffs input since this project appeared to have many funding sources and many budgets, and it seemed as though money was available to complete these projects regardless of this grant. MEMBER POWELL could not confirm whether the money would be there or not, but she did comment that art can add something to this area that has been deprived. She also confirmed that the utility boxes in Ward 5 have not been tagged. MEMBER BASTIAN commented that the public art project should be supported and recommended funding at the minimum amount of \$4,000. She was okay with the applicant coming back year after year because they have done what they said they would do with the funding. The proposed project is more far reaching than just the neighborhood. It affects tourism sustainability in downtown. She would have recommended more than the minimum if the applicant did not have the other funding sources to help support the project. MEMBER REID concurred with funding the minimum amount, stating that this is a project with a lasting effect that will benefit many. MEMBERS KIRK and TOUSSAINT both recommended \$3,500 since the project reaches out beyond the community. MEMBER TOUSSAINT had in his notes that the applicant stated that they could complete the project with this amount, but if there was money left over after all the recommendations were made, then the amount could be revisited. The Members agreed to recommend funding in the amount of \$3,500 and then consider adjusting that amount if there were funds available after all recommendations were made.

Desert Shores Community Association MEMBER TOUSSAINT stated that he lives in the Desert Shores Community and asked ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO if he needed to refrain from commenting or voting on this application. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO asked him to make a full disclosure. MEMBER TOUSSAINT stated that he is not on the Board and that living in the Desert Shores Community does not change his views as far as this grant. MEMBER BORYSEWICH disclosed that she is on the Desert Shores Community Association Board. She confirmed for ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO that she does not receive any compensation from the Board and has had nothing to do with this application; however, she was not sure she wished to vote on this application.

With no offense intended to the other Board members, MEMBER SCHULTZ stated that he declined funding for this applicant, as he sensed that this was more of a party and there was not any lasting social benefit when compared to the other projects being considered. MEMBER KRAMAR agreed with MEMBER SCHULTZ position in that essentially the money would be used to fund a party, and that was not the intent of the grant. MEMBER KIRK got the same impression and questioned what the grant application allowed as far as the amount that could be used towards food and drinks. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH responded that 25 percent could be used towards food and drinks. She further explained that grant monies have been used to fund other parties; different neighborhoods have different needs. Wards 2, 4 and 6 fund different projects that can be considered a celebration. Thousands of people come to this event which generates spirit. MEMBER TOUSSAINT stated that he is torn on this type of social event because a problem is not being fixed, but he also pointed out that through his personal experience as Chair of a committee for 12 years, he found that social activities change a community. Bringing people together has lots of value. CHAIR HOLMES suggested \$2,800. MEMBER SKOUSON represents this area and stated that the project should not be underestimated; memories are priceless and being out with neighbors provides a sense of community and belonging. Even though the residents may not be in desperate financial straits, this still resonates with the community. The demographics are different, and every neighborhoods needs are different. Although initially MEMBER REID did not wish to fund this project, she remarked that getting people together should always be encouraged. She agreed with the comments about funding a party, but she did not want to discourage the applicant from coming back another year with a more valuable project. She and MEMBER TOUSSAINT recommended \$2,500. MEMBER KRAMAR thought \$2,500 was still pretty high when compared to what is spent on the Movie in the Park event in her ward and suggested \$1,500. When adding the \$4,500 in cash donations to the \$5,000 requested through this grant, MEMBER KIRK agreed that the event could be done for less with community members volunteering and securing donated meat. For these reasons, he recommended \$1,800. MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that some added value would also help, such as an educational aspect. It was agreed to recommend funding for \$2,200.

Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association As this is a historic area and the applicant wished to install a monument, MEMBER BORYSEWICH supported funding the entire amount. MEMBER BASTIAN concurred with recommending the full amount, further stating that the applicant did a good job of being very succinct in what they were presenting. Creating legacy projects in the citys urban core is very important. This is a historic neighborhood, and she believes that it will be a

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tourist attraction. MEMBER SKILBRED felt bad that the applicant was approved two years ago but could not complete the project due to circumstances beyond their control. She recommended funding the minimum amount since she felt the applicant could come up with the \$200 difference between the minimum and maximum amounts. MEMBER SKOUSON agreed with everything said, but it left a bad taste in her mouth when the applicant indicated they would not be able to do the project if they did not get the requested funding. She thought the neighbors could have contributed some amount, as was seen with some of the other applications. As such, she recommended funding in the amount of \$3,300. MEMBER SCHULTZ recommended the same amount for the same reason.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT asked when this applicant had originally been approved and questioned whether they qualified for funding based on the guidelines which state an applicant must wait two years to request funding if the project was not completed. Since the problem was beyond the applicants control, MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained that the applicant still qualified. MEMBER TOUSSAINT read the guidelines for MEMBER BORYSEWICH. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO further explained that there are always act-of-God issues that are beyond the applicant's control; this applicant had submitted evidence to City staff that they could not complete the project due to issues beyond their control. Based on that, the applicant was able to apply again. MEMBER SKILBRED noted that this applicant was not in the 2014 meeting minutes that were just approved, so it must have been two years since they applied. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated that ERIK KING, Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association, had indicated the homeowners were approached for donations, so there is additional funding outside of the grant. MEMBER REID expressed that these neighbors are very proactive and engaged and often go out of their way to do projects on their own. They have City-owned medians within their community that they often purchase plants for. They take the time and effort to beautify a property that technically the City should be taking care of. She believed they would do the needed upkeep, and the full amount should be funded. MEMBER KIRK voiced his recommendation of \$3,600. CHAIR HOLMES provided the various amounts recommended and suggested an average of \$4,000, to which the members agreed.

Four Winds HOA MEMBERS KIRK and BORYSEWICH recommended funding in the amount of \$2,800 and 2,500, respectively. MEMBER BORYSEWICH commented that this appeared to be more of a beautification project and not that much money would be saved by removing the grass. CHAIR HOLMES recommendation of going with the average of \$2,800 was agreed to.

Huntridge Neighborhood Association After MEMBERS SKOUSON, KIRK, JACKSON-RENTER and BORYSEWICH provided their recommended funding amounts, \$3,100 was agreed upon. MEMBER SKOUSON noted that she was impressed with this project and scored this applicant high because it is important for the neighborhood to have an identity, and there seemed to be a lot of buy-in. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER felt that older neighborhoods are not considered for funding, and this neighborhood seems engaged. MEMBER BORYSEWICH expressed concern that the City should be responsible for maintaining certain areas but is not following through so some neighborhoods are deteriorating. She wondered if the applicant had talked with the City, because trucking water in would be a lot of work for the residents. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained that the older neighborhoods never have had City irrigation, so it is difficult to do any type of planting in those areas due to the cost that would be involved, so it is her understanding that the City has never been responsible for those streets. That may have changed, but it would take an enormous amount of engineering to start setting up the irrigation, water and trees, plus the added manpower that would be involved. The Members agreed to the recommended funding amount of \$3,100.

La Mancha Summerlin MEMBERS BORYSEWICH, KIRK, SKILBRED and TOUSSAINT provided their recommendations based on the fact that the funds were only requested because the community had exceeded their budget by completing other projects and could work this project into next years budget. It was recommended to provide funding in the amount of \$1,200.

Mello Lane Neighborhood Association MEMBERS BORYSEWICH, TOUSSAINT, REID, SKILBRED, KIRK, JACKSON-RENTER and BASTIAN voiced their recommendation of zero funding for this applicant, as the City is already looking at doing something with this street, and the project would pit neighbor against neighbor, which is not in line with the intent of the grant. All the Members were in agreement not to fund this project.

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Quail Ridge Drive HOA MEMBERS SCHULTZ, SKOUSON and TOUSSAINT recommended funding in the amount of \$4,000 based on the safety hazard and this being an older, retirement community. MEMBER BORYSEWICH recommended approving \$4,200 since this is an elderly neighborhood, and this project should have been done properly to begin with. Based on MEMBER BORYSEWICH statement, MEMBERS SCHULTZ, REID and TOUSSAINT were all fine with recommending \$4,200.

Stupak Neighborhood Success Teams MEMBER SCHULTZ recommended approving funding in the amount of \$5,000. The group, which included students, made an extremely compelling presentation, and this is what the grant is all about. MEMBERS TOUSSAINT, SKILBRED, REID, SKOUSON, KIRK and JACKSON-RENTER all supported the \$5,000 recommendation. MEMBER BORYSEWICH felt this was an extremely good project but had concerns with only the kids participating in the program receiving the curtains, instead of other very low-income families or elderly in the area. She made a recommendation of \$4,000. MEMBER SKOUSON took that to mean that a need existed in that area. Because they are familiar with the kids participating in the program, they know what their needs are. It gives something back to them. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER liked that Metro is also involved in working with the kids. MEMBER SKILBRED commented on the impact on these kids and their siblings, as well as the number of volunteer hours involved. Its a small amount of money with a huge trickle-down effect. MS. BORYSEWICH stated that the applicant indicated that there were 20 families in this area, but nothing was going to be done for any family other than those in the club, and asked if the purpose of the grant was to reward individuals participating in a club, whether low income or not. MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that that was not what he heard from the applicant and thought this program had served thousands of kids over the years. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained that what happens is because this is a transient, low-income area with families moving in and out all of the time, the low-income families are hesitant to participate. This club provides one way to make a connection to these families to find out what their needs are. She stated that there will be approximately 200 kids that rotate through the program this year. The Members agreed to recommend funding in the amount of \$5,000.

Summercrest Estates MEMBER SCHULTZ recognized the need and recommended funding in the amount of \$4,000 but was concerned that there was no official organization in charge of the project and suggested a condition be added that 100 percent homeowner approval be obtained prior to any wall modification. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated that this neighborhood does not have an HOA, so there is no official organization in charge. These neighborhoods without HOAs have to go looking for funding. The property owner approval form the Board recommended at the previous meeting has already been developed and emailed to the key leader. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER was impressed with the applicants energy during the presentation and the neighbors show of support. MEMBER REID commented that this was a wonderful project and worth the money. Water damage affects every ward in the City and is not something the typical homeowner will repair themselves. MEMBER KIRK recommended \$4,500 because most people are looking for a handout, and this community has already procured two-thirds of the funds needed in cash. The Members agreed to recommend \$4,500.

The Greens HOA MEMBER SCHULTZ felt this was a compelling project with the estimated one million gallons of water estimated to be saved annually based on the irrigation timers, but he felt the project could be accomplished for less than the maximum amount requested, so he recommended \$4,500. MEMBER BORYSEWICH commented that the clocks will save a lot of money, but she thought a better price could be negotiated for them. As such, she recommended approving \$3,900. MEMBER SKOUSON recommended \$4,000. She thought the project was a great idea that would result in water savings and a decrease in HOA fees, which never happens. The Members agreed to \$4,000.

Westchester Manor HOA MEMBER SCHULTZ stated that this was another strong project that addressed a security issue and made a recommendation of \$4,000. MEMBER BORYSEWICH recommended funding the full amount requested due to security reasons and the gangs coming into communities. Brightening a community is a benefit to all. MEMBER JACKSON-RENTER remarked that COUNCILMAN BARLOW has been working closely with Westchester Manor. He has gone out to the community several times, and they are very proactive. She recommended the full amount of \$5,000 because the community is working with the City to see how it can help. MEMBER KIRK recommended the minimum amount requested of \$3,000. A recommendation of \$3,500 was made by MEMBER KRAMAR based on the amount of funds remaining and the feasibility of going through other means, such as Metro. MEMBER SKILBRED recommended approving funding for \$4,000 due to the importance of public safety. Although this would exceed the total available grant funds, adjustments could be made to some of the previously recommended amounts. MEMBER TOUSSAINT concurred

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with the \$4,000 recommended. CHAIR HOLMES recommended going with \$4,000 for now, noting that the amount could be adjusted as needed.

Willowdale HOA As this is not a huge event, MEMBER BORYSEWICH recommended \$900 in funding, as the safety printouts could probably be printed for less. MEMBER TOUSSAINT thought this was a good project and recommended \$1,000. MEMBERS SKOUSON and KIRK agreed with the \$1,000 amount. MEMBER REID originally did not wish to fund this project at all but changed her recommendation to \$500 after seeing the safety information that would be distributed. This is temporary when compared to the other projects they have seen that are more permanent. MEMBER SCHULTZ suggested reviewing Desert Shores Community Association and Willowdale HOA as a package since their events were similar. MEMBER BORYSEWICH commented that Willowdale HOA did a similar presentation last year. It was a small group party with information handed out. This year is basically the same; the handouts will probably be thrown away, and the project provides no long-term solution. She reiterated that with Desert Shores, the event will get the residents out of their houses and talking to each other. MEMBER KRAMAR agreed with MEMBER REID'S suggestion of \$500. A lot of the printed material that the City receives for its community events comes free of charge from Metro and other organizations. MEMBER REID commented that none of the vendor quotes listed on the application relate to safety. She listed for MEMBER TOUSSAINT what the grant would be paying for, which was entertainment. MEMBER SKOUSON commented that every community knows its audience, and this may be how they are going to get people out and talking to each other; they need a draw. She thought the applicant should be awarded some funding to encourage them to keep doing events in order to get to know their neighbors. MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that this applicant only asked for \$1,500, and no other applicant was even close to that, with most asking for \$4,000-\$5,000. Cutting \$1,000 from a \$1,500 budget is a lot. This project is worthy, and he would like to see it get funded. MEMBER KIRK pointed out that this applicant is bringing a lot to the table with \$2,000 in cash and recommended that everything be looked at in aggregate. They are not asking for a lot and are still bringing the community together. MEMBER REID clarified that she believes this to be an important project, but with the many needs this year, the Board cannot fund everyone. After CHAIR HOLMES asked for a show of hands from the members as to who supported \$900 versus \$1,000, the majority vote was to recommend \$1,000.

With the total recommended amount for all of the applicants exceeding the total available grant funds, MEMBER SKILBRED pointed out that with the knowledge that the Four Winds HOA would receive a rebate of \$750 after completion of the turf replacement project, the Board could consider reducing their funding. MEMBER TOUSSAINT suggested reducing the funding amount by \$300. The recommended funding amount for this organization was reduced to \$2,500.

After MEMBERS REID, SCHULTZ and JACKSON-RENTNER suggested reducing the funding amount for Desert Shores Community Association to \$2,000, \$1,800 and \$1,900; respectively, the Board decided to reduce the recommended funding amount to \$1,900.

MEMBER SKILBRED suggested that the Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association monument be made smaller in order to reduce expenses or donations could be requested by knocking on doors. MEMBER BORYSEWICH agreed that a smaller monument could be considered and recommended reducing the funded amount to between \$3,500 and \$3,700. MEMBER SKOUSON thought that the applicant stated that they could not do the project if the minimum amount requested was not funded and noted that if the project could not be done, the money would be returned to the City. MEMBER REID noted that the applicant has been working on this project a long time and was skeptical that the applicant could not move forward with the project. She would like the project funded and could agree to the \$3,500. MEMBER TOUSSAINT supported this amount as well. With the Board's agreement, CHAIR HOLMES directed MS. CASTILLO-COUCH to change the recommended funding amount for this applicant to \$3,500.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH remarked that if the two applicants, La Mancha Summerlin and Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association, that stated they could not move forward with their projects if the minimum amount requested was not received, could truly not proceed, there would need to be a redistribution of those funds amongst the other applicants. Instead of holding another meeting in the event the funds needed to be redistributed, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO suggested confirming this information with the applicants. MEMBER SCHULTZ suggested coming up with Plan B for redistribution of the funds. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH recommended that the Board go into recess while she tried to contact the two applicants.

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MS. CASTILLO-COUCH was able to contact MICHAEL McDONALD, Equestrian Estates Neighborhood Association, who was grateful and would make the \$3,500 amount recommended for funding work. As MS. CASTILLO-COUCH was unable to contact a La Mancha Summerlin representative, the Members discussed how to divide the \$1,200 in case the project could not be completed with that amount of money. It was determined to divide the \$1,200 equally amongst Crossroads I HOA, Crossroads III HOA and the Cultural Corridor Coalition.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO instructed MEMBER TOUSSAINT to read the entire motion into the record.

7. [Discussion for possible action on recommendations to amend the application process or documents used for the annual Neighborhood Partners Fund Program cycle](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER POWELL suggested requiring the applicants to provide various options with dollar amounts attached so that the Board had something to go by if the entire amount requested could not be funded.

MEMBER SCHULTZ asked how the Board could be assured that there was a strong neighborhood consensus and not just a select group within the neighborhood supporting a project. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, explained that normally the City asks for, especially with homeowner associations (HOA), the last meeting approval, but in the case of the Mellow Lane Neighborhood Association, a City neighborhood planner worked with this applicant. She confirmed for MEMBER SCHULTZ that an affirmation by the applicant was already part of the application and that she was under the impression that everything was okay with this applicant. This was a unique case. MEMBER TOUSSAINT pointed out that what happened is not exclusive to neighborhood associations; the same thing could happen with an HOA. MEMBER SCHULTZ pointed out that the difference with an HOA is that it is a legal entity, and they have their due process to make decisions in accordance with their CC&Rs (covenants, conditions and restrictions). The lesson learned for him is to be more diligent in his questions in drawing the information out. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated that she was willing to add a question to the application.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH indicated that next year, an agenda item would be added at the end of each meeting informing the Board what would be happening at the following meeting.

In order to avoid what happened with Mello Lane, MEMBER KRAMAR suggested adding a question to the application process as to how the neighbors were noticed that a grant was being applied for. In this case, the neighbors were noticed as to the application for Planning but were not noticed as to the application for grant money. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH indicated that she would work with MEMBER KRAMAR on adding language that a general layperson could understand. MEMBER SCHULTZ agreed that some sort of written document attesting to the notification being done should be obtained. MEMBER KIRK pointed out that the Huntridge Neighborhood Association includes 600 homes and businesses, and it would be impossible for a group without funds to do a mailing noticing everyone. He stated that the Board members of the neighborhood associations should be held responsible. MEMBER REID pointed out that Ward 1 has a lot of neighborhood associations that are not a formal board. She played the devil's advocate stating that if an applicant is going to provide incorrect information, then they will do so regardless; the Board needs to be more diligent in asking the necessary questions. This may have been a fluke. MEMBER TOUSSAINT thought the presenter did say some of the neighbors were not in support of installing the crash gate, so maybe the Board should have asked better questions. MEMBER SKOUSON stated that she asked the applicant specifically if the majority of the neighbors supported the project, and the applicant indicated that they did. When looking at what this Board is about, which is bringing communities together, MEMBER BORYSEWICH commented that with so many neighbors opposed, the Board made the right decision. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH pointed out that ROBERTA JONES, Mello Lane Neighborhood Association, was very genuine and had no clue this grant existed until the City mentioned it to her.

MEMBER SKILBRED stated additional information relating to the timers for The Greens HOA and the \$1,300 budgeted for the artist for the Cultural Corridor Coalition was found out because the Board asked questions. This is an evolving process, and she thinks the Board did a good job and asked really good questions. The size of the Board and the variety of the members on the Board brought a lot to the table, and there is very little that slipped through.

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The Board members confirmed for MS. CASTILLO-COUCH that the modification made to their Excel worksheet was helpful. This worksheet modification included a new column, listing the ZoomGrants program Average Amount.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH asked if the Board members would like anything in the process changed for next year. MEMBER BASTIAN thanked MS. CASTILLO-COUCH for putting together the worksheet; it was very helpful to have an overview. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained that she would be entering the final amounts in ZoomGrants as soon as she verified with La Mancha Summerlin if they would be able to proceed with their project.

Since the June 8th meeting ran 40 minutes behind schedule, MS. CASTILLO-COUCH asked if the 10-minute timeline should be extended next year. MEMBER SKOUSON commented that meeting ran longer because it was more controversial than the first. The members agreed to leave the timeline at 10 minutes. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH thanked the Board members for their time.

8. [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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MEMBER TOUSSAINT commended MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, on the job she does every year. It is a lot of work compiling, coordinating and analyzing the material and working with the applicants that do not know how to fill out the application. MEMBER SCHULTZ seconded that thought and also thanked staff from the City Attorneys Office and the City Clerks Office for providing support as well. MEMBER TOUSSAINT thanked CHAIR HOLMES, who in turn thanked VICE CHAIR SCHULTZ.

9. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting recessed at 4:02 p.m., reconvened at 4:16 p.m. and was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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