

City of Las Vegas

YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP) GRANT REVIEW BOARD

CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET

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MINUTES

January 5, 2015

3:30 P.M.

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR FIGUEROA (seated after Item 7) and MEMBERS RODRIGUEZ (seated as Vice Chair after Item 7), LOPEZ, ZIER, DAVIS, SKILBRED, SALAZAR, MITCHELL, SKOUSON, N. WINSLOW, KRAMAR, A. WINSLOW, R. REYES, RICHARD (excused at 5:00 p.m.) and JOHNS

EXCUSED: MEMBERS REID and D. REYES

ALSO PRESENT: LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, and JACQUIE MILLER, 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, 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. [Introduction of Board Members and City Staff](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, introduced herself as the Program Administrator for the YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) Grant Review Board. The YNAPP Board members introduced themselves as well.

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5. [Review of By-Laws and Responsibilities for the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program pertaining to the project selection process and agenda items](#)

Minutes:

This item was heard subsequent to hearing Item 7.

LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, briefly reviewed portions of the bylaws and stressed the importance of attending the meetings in order to establish a quorum and hear the presentations.

6. [Report on the FY2014-2015 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet \(evaluation\) criteria and scoring report](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, stated that the scoring process is to guide the Board members during final deliberations when determining award amounts. She explained that each applicant would have a 10-minute presentation and encouraged the Board members to ask the applicants questions and make any suggestions they may be able to provide.

CHAIR FIGUEROA stated that the presentations are fun, and the applicants usually have a great plan to help the community.

In response to MEMBER N. WINSLOW'S inquiry, MS. CAMPBELL explained that the scoring the Board members do on the website will be visible to the Program Administrator and City staff but not to the applicants. Each Board member will also be able to see their own scoring, which is useful during the deliberations and will take place after the final presentation.

MS. CAMPBELL stated that this Board will hold meetings at 3:30 p.m. on January 5th, 12th and 14th. The Board members will make recommendations for funding and will present those recommendations to the City Council for approval in February. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO stressed the importance of attending each meeting in order to establish a quorum.

MEMBER JOHNS wondered what types of questions the Board members should ask the applicants. MS. CAMPBELL explained that they could ask about anything they did not understand about the presentation or application, how the project will affect the community as well as make helpful recommendations to the applicants.

In response to ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO'S inquiry, MS. CAMPBELL stated that 26 applications have been received, but there is less than \$26,000 grant money available so each project will not be fully funded.

7. [Discussion for possible action regarding election of Chair and Vice Chair](#)

Minutes:

This item was heard prior to hearing Item 5.

KWIESI DAVIS, who previously served as Chair, and KIMBERLY FIGUEROA, who previously served as Vice Chair, spoke of their experiences, and both enjoyed serving on the Board and appearing before the City Council.

LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, explained the procedure for the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO explained the duties of the Chair and Vice Chair. The majority of the members opted to vote for the Chair, and the person who received the second highest number of votes would be the Vice Chair.

MEMBERS RODRIGUEZ, DAVIS and RICHARD initially expressed interest in serving as Chair. After a short break, MS. CAMPBELL announced that MEMBER RICHARD would not be running for Chair, and that MEMBER FIGUEROA

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was interested in serving. Each member explained their reasons for wishing to serve as Chair, which included serving the community and gaining experience speaking. MEMBER DAVIS preferred to serve as Vice Chair to allow someone else the opportunity to experience serving as Chair.

After the members voted on paper, MS. CAMPBELL and MARTY TOLEDO, Neighborhood Resources Supervisor, tallied the votes. MS. CAMPBELL announced that there was a tie vote between MEMBERS RODRIGUEZ and FIGUEROA. Votes were cast again for the two members, and MS. CAMPBELL announced that MEMBER FIGUEROA was voted as Chair and MEMBER RODRIGUEZ was voted as Vice Chair.

8. [Discussion for possible action regarding Youth Neighborhood Partnership Program Youth Presentations Schedule for January 5, 12, 14 and possibly 20, 2015](#)

Minutes:

Please see Item 6 for related discussion.

9. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program applications submitted by the Mirabelli Teen Council, Lexie's Little Gestures, Doolittle Leaders of Tomorrow, Jalen's Gifts Kids Grief Group, LV Academy Teen Council, Quiet Storm Youth Advisory Council and Boy Scouts of America](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, distributed and submitted as backup a list of presentations and project descriptions. She also announced that the presentation for the Mirabelli Teen Council would be rescheduled to January 12th, and the Boy Scouts of America presentation would be rescheduled to January 14th.

As applicants made their presentations, CHAIR FIGUEROA explained to each of them that they would be given five minutes to make their presentation, and the Board members would be given five minutes to ask questions. Each group would be advised regarding the Board's recommendations, which will be presented to the City Council at the February 4, 2015 meeting.

Lexie's Little Gestures - Mr. Bow Wow and Mrs. Meow - LEXIE WILDER and HANNA ASAY shared in narrating a presentation describing their proposed project, which is to make blankets and donate them to the animal shelter for the abused, neglected, lost and/or unwanted animals. They came up with this idea after visiting the animal shelter, seeing the animals lying on the floor and looking cold. In addition to making blankets, they will work with their school to help collect old blankets, bath mats and towels to donate to the shelters to help them care for the animals. To help raise awareness regarding the animals available for adoption, they would like to create adopt-a-pet buttons. The \$1,000 request is to purchase materials to make the blankets and a button machine, noting that they would be able to work with a little less money while still making the animals a little more comfortable.

In response to MEMBER DAVIS' inquiry, MS. WILDER explained that her cousins taught her to make the blankets.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ asked how many blankets would be made, and CHAIR FIGUEROA wondered where the applicants would purchase the materials. MS. WILDER stated that there are 300-400 dogs in the shelter, and materials would probably be purchased from Jo-Ann Fabrics, WalMart or Michaels.

MEMBER SKOUSON wondered who would be responsible to clean the blankets, and MS. WILDER replied that the shelter would wash them; they even considered placing puppy mats in between the layers of the blankets.

Doolittle Leaders of Tomorrow - T.E.E.N. Awareness Fair - CHAUNTI WEBB, Adult Ambassador and members of the Teen Council MAYA KEELES, NIA WATSON, AMANI GLORY and BREZHANE JOHNSON shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup, describing their proposed project to hold a fair with workshops for teenagers regarding education, sex, smoking/drinking, gun play, gangs, hygiene as well as providing information regarding community partners who help promote healthy lifestyles. This is their second year participating in the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program; this year they requested \$1,000 and reviewed the items they would

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purchase for their event which included snacks, decorations, music, V.I.P. badges and t-shirts.

In response to MEMBER SKOUSON'S inquiry, MS. WEBB stated that she felt that last year's event went well; approximately 50 children attended, and 15 teens helped with the project.

MEMBER DAVIS wondered how the teens and adults would work together on this proposed project, and MS. WEBB said that the vendors they work with are adults.

MEMBER KRAMAR asked what vendors the group intended to use to provide the gun play education and sex education and if information would be given regarding prenatal care and preeclampsia. MS. WEBB explained that they hoped for the police to provide education regarding weapons, for medical personnel to provide education regarding safe sex and indicated that there would be information regarding prenatal care and preeclampsia as well. MEMBER KRAMAR asked if this youth fair would address sexual health issues for the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and/or questioning) teen community, and MS. WEBB said it would.

MEMBER N. WINSLOW wondered what the concern is regarding hygiene in the teen age group, and MS. WEBB stated that some teens do not wear deodorant or brush their teeth.

Jalen's Gift Kids Grief Group - Healing Through Creativity Project - ARIANNA VALDEZ, JASMINE ORTEGA, STEPHANIE ROSALES, ANGELICA GILBERT, ISABELLA MENDEZ, CELINE BROWN, JENNIFER GONZALEZ, COREY and LEVY MONTES shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup. The presentation described the vision of their proposed project to provide a safe and loving place where youth can come together and grieve for the loss of a loved baby, and to provide a show for the community where they will display art, photographs, music, poetry and other artistic outlets used to show their grief. The \$1,000 request is to purchase materials, cameras, journals and other supplies to create their artwork.

In response to MEMBER KRAMAR'S inquiry, MS. GONZALEZ stated that at this time, they do not have a mental health professional working with the group.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how the group came up with the idea for this project, and MS. GONZALEZ said that they are part of the Jalen's Gift Foundation, started by GABRIELA FOSTER, and they work together to make care packages for those who have lost their child. As a group, they do different memory events including walks and vigils, and they get together every month to grieve the loss and celebrate the lives of babies. MS. GONZALEZ confirmed for MEMBER SKOUSON that each member of this group has experienced the loss of a loved one, and the children of the families who are involved with Jaden's Gift Foundation will participate in this event.

MEMBER N. WINSLOW asked where the donated materials came from, and MS. GONZALEZ replied that the members donate the materials themselves. MEMBER N. WINSLOW commended the group for doing that.

MEMBER SKILBRED stated that she was impressed by the ratio of volunteer hours and cash donations and wondered how many people the group expects to assist with the artwork outreach. MS. GONZALEZ replied that their goal is to help their own families by showing the older members of the families that the younger children do feel the pain of the loss as much as their parents do.

Las Vegas Academy Teen Council - Born To Be Wild Prom - KAREN LONGORIA, President, COURTNEY JONES, Vice President, and FREDDY MOCTEZUMA, Secretary of Batteries Included at the Las Vegas Academy (LVA), and JACOB SPENCER, President, and ANDREA ANGULAIR, Vice President of the Cimarron Memorial High School Teen Council, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup, describing their proposed project to host a 1950s themed prom for approximately 60 senior citizens. They hope that bringing the youth, adults and seniors together will help to alleviate depression that is felt by some senior citizens, while providing an opportunity for the youth to gain life and work experience. The \$1,000 request is to purchase items including food, decorations, raffle tickets and prizes; also noted was that donations have been received for this event. They wish to purchase costumes for each group member so they are recognized as event personnel.

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MEMBER DAVIS wondered about the members being recognizable by wearing nametags instead of costumes, and MS. LONGORIA explained that they would like to wear costumes to make the seniors feel that they are actually in that time/era.

MS. JONES and MS. LONGORIA clarified for MEMBER SKILBRED that 60 youth will be working on this prom, but not all of them will attend.

Quiet Storm Youth Advisory Council - Young Outspoken Voices - CHELSEA JONES, President, JA'KARDA (phonetic), Secretary, COURTNEY JONES, Vice President, JA'KAYLA BOWDEN, Treasurer, DEJA DIXON, Historian, TERRELL DAVIS, Member, and DENZEL DIXON, Sergeant At Arms of the Quiet Storm Youth Advisory Council, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup, describing their project that is an event where Las Vegas youth can participate in the 5th Annual Young Outspoken Voices Slam Competition. Auditions for the competition will take place at the Doolittle Recreational Center; 20 performers will be selected as well as two MCs who will announce the performers as they go on stage. The show will be directed and produced by youth who are a part of the Quiet Storm Advisory Youth Council, and all performers will range in age from 13 to 19 years old. The youth will use this platform to express their feelings, and the community will benefit by allowing youth to develop leadership skills. This idea is based on the television show "Brave New Voices" founded by Russell Simmons, which started in Chicago when a lot of gang violence was taking place, and the youth used poetry to express how that violence was affecting their daily lives. There are no fees to audition for this event, and social media will be used to promote it as well as a newsletter and KCEP FM 88.11. To reflect on the event, they will make a scrapbook, put photos on Facebook, an article will be in the Quiet Storm Chronicle Newsletter and a post event meeting will be held.

In response to MEMBER DAVIS' inquiry, MS. COURTNEY JONES stated that the Quiet Storm office is located at 618 South 7th Street.

MEMBER N. WINSLOW wondered if the group had a partnership with the library district, and MS. CHELSEA JONES replied that the Library District helps to promote the event. MEMBER N. WINSLOW commented that renting a theater and paying for graphics would be expensive and suggested that the group list those items as donated items from the Library. She added that the Library is particular with whom they partner, so it says a lot about what this group is doing.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked the group to discuss the success they had with their previous events and what they had learned. MS. CHELSEA JONES stated that last year, they partnered their poets with artists, and when the poet was speaking on stage, the artist was painting alongside of them. A meeting was held after the event so they could reflect on the show, and they had an opportunity to eat and have a good time together.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought that there were going to be far more people involved in this event than what was reflected in the application. She said that this group had one of the most impressive budgets, and this was a fabulous program.

CHAIR FIGUEROA thought this was a beautiful way to enforce leadership and bring the community together.

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

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None.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was recessed several times between applicant presentations as follows: Recessed at 4:02 p.m., reconvened at 4:11 p.m., recessed at 4:14 p.m., reconvened at 4:18 p.m., recessed at 4:19 p.m., reconvened at 4:22 p.m., recessed at 4:33 p.m., reconvened at 4:47 p.m., recessed at 5:01 p.m., reconvened at 5:17 p.m., recessed at 5:34 p.m., reconvened at 6:07 p.m., recessed at 6:17 p.m., reconvened at 6:23 p.m., recessed at 6:33 p.m., reconvened at 6:34 p.m. and was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jacquie Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Campbell, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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