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YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP) GRANT REVIEW BOARD

CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET

HUMAN RESOURCES, 1st FLOOR, TRAINING ROOMS 4 & 5

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MINUTES

January 19, 2016

3:30 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

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CHAIR RODRIGUEZ called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR RODRIGUEZ and MEMBERS HERRERA, DAVIS, JOHNS, KILPONEN, LOPEZ, REYES (excused until 4:26 p.m.), SKILBRED, SKOUSON, VEGA (excused until 3:57 p.m.), WATKINS and WILLIAMS (excused until 4:21 p.m.)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS CLANTON, KRAMAR and RICHARD

ALSO PRESENT: LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, and ASHLEY FOSTER, 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](#)

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None.

4. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program applications submitted by ASMT Team Galaxy, Galaxy Cheer Team, Arbor View High School DECA, No Place for Hate at WestCare, Faith Lutheran High School Students, Rainbow Dreams Academy Ambassador Leadership Program, John C. Fremont PDMS, Blueprinting the United States, Desert Pines High School Math Club, Vegas Verdes Elementary School Operation Green-UP Vegas Verdes, Northwest Youth Empowerment Council, Fair for the Future, CSNHS West National Honor Society, Operation School Bell and Youth Bringing Change To Our Community, Lifting Heads and](#)

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Giving Life

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LISA CAMPBELL, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist distributed and submitted as backup a list of presentations and project descriptions.

As applicants made their presentations, CHAIR RODRIGUEZ explained to each of them that they would be given 10 minutes to make their presentation, and the Board members would be given 10 minutes to ask questions. Each group would be advised regarding the Board's recommendations, which would be presented to the City Council at the February 17, 2016 meeting.

ASMT Team Galaxy Galaxy Cheer Team - SARAH RICHARD, ALIYA EPSTEIN and ROLLO LUCERO shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup. MS. RICHARD discussed the vision of Team Galaxy to be a community-based special needs cheer team that enhances the life of their cheerleaders. After MR. LUCERO and MS. EPSTEIN used the PowerPoint presentation to introduce the Team Galaxy members and coaching staff, MS. RICHARD explained that Team Galaxy is a cheer team for youth and adults with special needs. The team is inspired through physical activity and friendships, and the members are taught choreographies to perform throughout the community. MS. RICHARD developed the team in order to continue cheerleading after attending a magnet school and to help those with special needs. With help of MS. EPSTEIN, MS. RICHARD continued to discuss the benefits of the team. MS. RICHARD gave an overview of the budget sheet presented to the Board but was not submitted as backup. MR. LUCERO noted that more information about the team could be found on their Facebook page and a video demonstrating one of the team's performances was played for the Board.

MS. RICHARD answered for MEMBER DAVIS that the team practices at ASMT Cheer ACADEMY and described for MEMBER HERRERA a team building activity.

In response to a question from MEMBER SKOUSON, MS. RICHARD replied that the choreography in the video was performed at Desert Oasis High School, and their next performance would be February 13, 2016 at the Cox Pavilion.

CHAIR RODRIGUEZ gave a compliment, and MEMBER DAVIS asked about the scheduling of performances. MS. EPSTEIN answered that the team performs at local cheer competitions and works with ASMT Cheer ACADEMY to schedule times for practices and performances.

MEMBER SKILBRED queried about the location of the competitions. MS. RICHARD stated that 2015 was the first year of Team Galaxy and it is being determined if a competition in California has a division that allows for special needs performances.

Arbor View High School DECA No Place for Hate at WestCare - BRETT JOHNSON, STEPHANIE LUCIA, ALEXIS DULIN and GABRIELLE PERKINS shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup. MR. JOHNSON gave a brief synopsis on the Arbor View High School DECA's project to create care packages to deliver to the patients of WestCare. He explained that the Chapter seeks to gain an understanding of those who are perceived as being different, and members have signed the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate Resolution of Respect in preparation to accomplish the project. The goal is to reach out to the patients of WestCare in an effort to strengthen the patients' support system. MS. LUCIA gave an overview of the project's budget and detailed the contents of the care packages and the retail stores the applicants have partnered with. MS. DULIN discussed how the project will help to satisfy the material needs of the patients and the organization of WestCare. The project will give the women a sense of hope and encourage a better lifestyle and future for them and their children. Arbor View High School DECA will also be promoting the No Place for Hate program which encourages communities and citizens to create a respectable community and society. MS. PERKINS gave an overview of the items that will be purchased for the care packages.

MEMBER DAVIS asked whether Arbor View High School DECA has participated in any other YNAPP project in the past. MR. JOHNSON denied that they had but stated that Arbor View High School has.

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In response to a question posed by MEMBER JOHNS, MR. JOHNSON replied that the event will have around 30 volunteers.

MEMBER LOPEZ commended the applicant team's pursuit of the No Place for Hate campaign and wished the team luck as they move forward with the project.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked about a discount from KMART as a retail store partner. MR. JOHNSON did not state if a discount would be received but noted that the applicant team has chosen to purchase from KMART because of cost efficiency.

Faith Lutheran High School Students Rainbow Dreams Academy Ambassador Leadership Program - BRAILEY PARKER, MEGAN BURNS and OLIVIA COUMOU described their proposed project of tutoring elementary school children at Rainbow Dreams Academy in homework and leadership skills. Students who have developed the strongest leadership skills by the end of the school year will be awarded a trophy. MS. BURNS and MS. PARKER noted that Rainbow Dreams Academy is a charter school in an 'at-risk' neighborhood and serves many children from underserved families. The applicants believed that the project will establish leadership qualities that will benefit the children throughout their lives.

MEMBER SKILBRED complimented the program and the idea of kids teaching leadership skills to other kids.

In response to a question from MEMBER WILLIAMS on what is the most challenging about tutoring, MS. PARKER replied that some students may be more stubborn than others, but she encourages the students to continue trying to the best of their abilities.

MEMBER WATKINS asked where the grant money would be distributed. MS. PARKER advised that last time the grant was awarded the funds were used toward trophies and extra supplies.

MEMBER JOHNS questioned how many students help the applicants help amongst the three of them. MS. PARKER estimated 50 to 60 children.

John C. Fremont PDMS Blueprinting the United States - VANESSA HENRIQUEZ, NAYELI MARTINEZ and YURELIS VALDES described their proposed project of family math night by blueprinting the United States using math equations. The project helps to teach the student math skills while bringing the family together.

MEMBER JOHNS asked how the idea of creating a map of the United States with math was inceptioned. MS. RODRIGUEZ compared the United States to a family in that all of the states come together to make a family.

CHAIR RODRIGUEZ understood how many children need help with math and asked the applicants when the family math night would be held. MS. RODRIGUEZ replied in the spring. MEMBER SKILBRED liked the inclusion of the parents in the project so that the children feel supported.

Desert Pines High School Desert Pines High School Math Club - IVAN VILLA, President, CYNTHIA RAMIREZ, Vice President, ANA OLIVARES, Secretary, VICTOR MARTINEZ and IVETTE GUTIERREZ, Historian of Desert Pines High School Math Club shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup. MR. VILLA summarized the purpose of Math Club and noted that the club is made up of students helping students and is an environment where students feel comfortable to learn amongst their peers. MS. RAMIREZ stated that the Math Club is a no judging zone. The applicants are the tutors for each Math Club meeting and tutor based upon their strengths. MS. OLIVARES noted how Math Club makes learning fun by playing games and has improved students' grades. MR. MARTINEZ discussed how math is a universal language and is used throughout life. Lastly, MS. GUTIERREZ provided a summary of how the grant funds would be used. The grant would help to provide food for students so that the student would not have to learn on an empty stomach. MR. VILLA acknowledged the three adult advisors of the Math Club and mentioned that there are currently 60 members of the club. Lessons last about one and a half hours. MS. RAMIREZ concluded that with the help from the YNAPP grant, the Math Club is able to help more students which increase the

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graduation rates.

MEMBER REYES complimented the presentation and asked what the applicants attribute to the success of the increase in membership to 60. MR. VILLA attributed the success to word of mouth and advertising on school TV channel.

MEMBER WATKINS believed Math Club is a great idea and complimented the peer to peer tutoring.

The applicants confirmed for MEMBER SKOUSON that anyone can join Math Club, but they must maintain a 75 percent or higher grade percentage in math.

MEMBER SKILBRED admitted she was impressed by the applicants' volunteer hours and agreed with MEMBER WATKINS - it is easier to learn with peers.

MS. RAMIREZ confirmed for MEMBER JOHNS that a student may join the club with any grade percentage but must maintain a 75 percent or higher grade percentage thereafter.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if the applicants have been able to track the success of the students after time in Math Club. MR. VILLA confirmed, and MS. RAMIREZ added that the club asks for report cards but do not keep them every year. JORGE ALVARADO, an adult advisor to the project, clarified that they do check report cards but do not have a tracking system, as of yet.

Vegas Verdes Elementary School Operation Green-UP Vegas Verdes - MIGUEL VICTORIA, Vice President of Vegas Verdes Elementary School, narrated a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted as backup, on a future edible garden at Vegas Verdes Elementary School. He discussed the elementary school and a plan to plant an edible garden from non-GMO seeds. The garden will help to bring farm to fork by educating the students on food and nutrition; it will beautify the school, create healthy eating habits and bring awareness of GMOs. He provided an overview on the cost of supplies and mentioned how teachers and students would be working together and the student would be educated throughout the process. Chefs throughout the community would provide demonstrations allowing students to take home what they have learned to teach their friends and family. MR. VICTORIA emphasized that the school does not have a budget for the garden and will rely on grants for help.

MEMBER DAVIS questioned MR. VICTORIA'S age. MR. VICTORIA confirmed he was 11.

MEMBER WILLIAMS complimented MR. VICTORIA on his presentation and MEMBER HERRERA asked what non-GMO seeds are. MR. VICTORIA stated that they are seeds that are organic.

MR. VICTORIA, in response to a question from MEMBER JOHNS, believed the seeds for the garden would be donated and that the garden would help prevent the wasting of food at the school.

CHAIR RODRIGUEZ also complimented the project idea and the chefs and farmers that would be assisting in the garden.

MEMBER REYES asked what MR. VICTORIA is looking forward to within the project. MR. VICTORIA stated he is looking forward to teaching children how to garden so that in the future they will be encouraged to teach other kids. He said he is looking forward to growing radishes.

CSNHS West National Honor Society Operation School Bell - ROBERT BUONO narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the Las Vegas Assistance League and the Operation School Bell Organization. The Las Vegas Assistance League is an all-volunteer program with no staff is paid. He described the Operation School Bell Organization as providing school supplies and clothing to children from families with extreme need. With the donations, the children gain a renewed self-esteem and gain improved school attendance and performance. MR. BUONO explained that through Operation School Bell, the College of Southern Nevada High School-West National Honor Society students will help thousands of people get the school supplies needed to succeed. He provided an overview of the project's timeline, explained how the students and the adult members of the Las Vegas Assistance League will work together to complete the project and detailed the contents of the hygiene kits that will be made to donate. Lastly, he provided reasons as to why the Board should fund the grant request.

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MR. BUONO explained for MEMBER WILLIAMS that based on funds provided by the grant, past funds granted, and depending upon where the group shops from, between 600 to 700 hygiene kits could be made. MEMBER WILLIAMS followed up by asking if there have been items already donated. MR. BUONO answered MEMBER WILLIAMS question by stating students can seek donations from retail stores and Las Vegas Assistance League members. Members can also donate volunteer hours.

MEMBER HERRERA complimented MR. BUONO on his presentation.

Northwest Youth Empowerment Council Fair for the Future - GUNNER MYERS, ALYSSA SIQUEIROS, CASEY HYATT, HANNAH LESSNICK, BRIGG MYERS, DAISA WESTBAY, DALLIN LUTH, MIYAH CEASER, ASHLYN MYERS, CAMERON BARNES, BRANDON SULLIVAN, HANNAH HUNTER, RACHEL JONES and KARA OZUNA shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation which was submitted as backup. MR. G. MYERS discussed a film for the Board where the Council interviewed parent volunteers asking why they enjoy volunteering and asked teachers why they enjoy having parent volunteers. MR. B. MYERS noted that the Northwest Youth Empowerment Council was founded by Councilman Steven D. Ross and explained his mission was to get students more involved with their community. He discussed past projects completed by the Council that were funded by YNAPP grants. MR. G. MYERS explained that this year's project was to put on a parent volunteer breakfast. The breakfast will benefit over 200 parent volunteers. MS. HYATT stated that the breakfast will be held at Kay Carl Elementary School which is a Title 1 school that relies on volunteers and help from the community. MS. LESSNICK explained why the applicants wanted to shift their focus on whom they are helping within the community. MR. B. MYERS mentioned that the applicants were inspired by the elementary school students and MRS. SWANN'S, Principal, excitement for a parent volunteer breakfast. MS. WESTBAY gave an overview on additional fundraising plans for the event. MR. LUTH stated that the desired effect of the project is to affect the parents, students and the community. He mentioned that half of the students who attend Kay Carl Elementary School come from single parent homes and that the applicants want to show their appreciation to the parent volunteers. MS. CEASER discussed the applicants' plan to work with the Elementary School to determine supplies and costs for the breakfast. MS. MYERS asserted that as a reflection for the project, the applicants will ask the parent volunteers how it feels to be recognized and will ask the students how it feels to have the parents' help.

MEMBER REYES thanked the applicants for their enthusiasm and commitment toward the community. She appreciated the applicants looking at where there is a need. She stated it shows maturity within their organizational development.

Youth Bringing Change To Our Community Lifting Heads and Giving Life - KEIONTE SCOTT, MARTAI RUTTEDGE, KISHAYLA LESSIER and ALESHA LESSIER shared in discussing their project Youth Lending a Helping Hand to help people in need. MS. K. LESSIER mentioned that the project is to help people who are in the midst of a crisis. MR. RUTTEDGE and MS. A. LESSIER discussed the types of items that would be provided to the people in need. MR. SCOTT pointed out that the project came from the desire to help those who are less fortunate. MS. K. LESSIER added that resume help would be provided to those in search of a job and bus passes given to those in need of transportation to a job interview or a doctor appointment. Starter and food kits would also be given to those in need that include canned goods, granola bars and other products that would not spoil. MR. RUTTEDGE added that dental and eye care would also be provided.

MEMBER WILLIAMS and MEMBER REYES commended the applicants on their project as they both believed the project was a big one to take on.

MEMBER JOHNS questioned who the partners were for the dental and eye care. MR. SCOTT stated that the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has partnered with them in the past. MS. K. LESSIER added that EyeCare 4 Kids has provided assistance in the past. MARCUS RUTTEDGE, an adult advisor to the project, clarified for the Board various partners the applicants would be working with.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked if the event was only for one day. MR. SCOTT replied that the event would be held one time, and business cards for the partners would be distributed for additional assistance.

MEMBER LOPEZ complimented the applicants' project.

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MEMBER HERRERA asked whose idea was the project. MR. SCOTT affirmed it was all of the applicants' idea as they have all witnessed those who are less fortunate and desired to help those in need. MARCUS RUTTEDGE stated that the applicants are all part of a non-profit organization known as STARS CDC Striving to Achieve Real Success Community Development Corporation and as board meetings are conducted, each member comes up with ideas to help the community and this was one that needed attention.

LEKISHA HAYES, Founder of STARS CDC Striving to Achieve Real Success Community Development Corporation, emphasized that the applicants want to bring the community. She noted that the applicant group is special as they are all related and are trying to partner with community partners to provide services to the needy for a one day event known as Day of Hope.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

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None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was recessed several times between applicant presentations as follows: Recessed at 4:08 p.m., reconvened at 4:27 p.m., recessed at 4:42 p.m., reconvened at 4:55 p.m., recessed at 5:06 p.m., reconvened at 5:21 p.m., recessed at 5:29 p.m., reconvened at 6:05 p.m., recessed at 6:25 p.m., reconvened at 6:27 p.m., recessed at 6:35 p.m., reconvened at 6:07 p.m., recessed at 6:35 p.m., reconvened at 6:40 p.m. and was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Campbell, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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