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

June 6, 2016

2:00 PM

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, CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITYS WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present: CHAIR HOLMES (seated after Item 4), and MEMBERS BORYSEWICH (seated as Vice Chair after Item 4), SCHULTZ, TOUSSAINT, KIRK, SKILBRED, KNUDSEN (excused at 5:04 p.m.), CHRISTENSEN, KILPONEN, NORERO and MITCHELL (excused until 3:19 p.m.)

Excused: MEMBERS POWELL and KRAMAR

Also Present: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, and ANGELA CROLLI, 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.

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

Motion made by VICKY SKILBRED to Approve Sherese Holmes as Chair

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

GREG TOUSSAINT, SHERESE HOLMES, LANCE KIRK, VICKY SKILBRED, BETH BORYSEWICH, LARRY SCHULTZ, ANNE KILPONEN, BRIAN KNUDSEN, MARIA NORERO, SALLY CHRISTENSEN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-AJ POWELL, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, JOE MITCHELL

Motion made by BRIAN KNUDSEN to Approve Beth Borysewich as Vice Chair

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

GREG TOUSSAINT, SHERESE HOLMES, LANCE KIRK, VICKY SKILBRED, BETH BORYSEWICH, LARRY SCHULTZ, ANNE KILPONEN, BRIAN KNUDSEN, MARIA NORERO, SALLY CHRISTENSEN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-AJ POWELL, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, JOE MITCHELL

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TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, explained the roles of the Chair and Vice Chair, and they will be presenting the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board's recommendations at the July 20, 2016 City Council meeting.

MEMBER SKILBRED nominated SHERESE HOLMES as Chair. MEMBER KNUDSEN nominated BETH BORYSEWICH as Vice Chair.

5. [Review of By-Laws and Responsibilities for the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board pertaining to the project selection process and agenda items](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, explained that the By-Laws were sent to the Board for their review, and the final version will be approved at the June 20, 2016 Neighborhood Partners Fund Board meeting. The revised and clean version was submitted for the record.

6. [Discussion for possible action regarding the updated Neighborhood Partners Fund Board By-Laws](#)

Minutes:

TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, explained that the By-Laws were sent to the Board members on May 31, 2016. By-Laws require a 20-day prior to making changes. Therefore, on June 20, 2016, the Board members will be able to approve any changes to the By-Laws.

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

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, stated that minor changes were made to the Program Guidelines, which she submitted for the record.

8. [Report on the Fiscal Year 2016-17 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet \(evaluation\) criteria](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, referred to the two versions of the Summary Worksheet; one in alphabetic order and one by wards. The Summary Sheets list the project name and description, project contacts, the amount being requested, the minimum request and the applicant match. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH pointed out the total monetary requests, the total minimum requests and the total available grant funding. Typically, at the beginning of the process, she is able to assess if an applicant is going to qualify or not; in this case, one applicant removed their application after the process began, and she was unable to assess that applicant.

MEMBER KIRK asked how the multiple requests from one ward works. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained

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that business associations are trying to organize in that ward, thus the large number of requests.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT asked for clarification about the Board not considering projects if the project is already going to happen. MEMBER NORERO interjected that the Program Guidelines state that if the activity or project is going to happen anyway, and the applicant is trying to pay for it through the grant, the Board is being asked to not consider that project. Wards 2 and 4 are newer areas, and there are not many ways to attract them to be part of the process. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained that she does not have information about projects already in progress, with the exception of the big associations. MEMBER SCHULTZ stated that last year's projects were contingent upon some stimulus from the Board and would not necessarily have begun without the funds. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH added that staff is looking at making changes to the process to make it easier for the Board to make a decision and not rely only on the applications score.

9. [Discussion for possible action regarding Neighborhood Leaders' Presentation Schedule for June 6, 2016 and June 13, 2016](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, referred to the schedules for today's meeting and for the June 13, 2016 meeting.

10. [Report on Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Grant Program Applications submitted by the Charleston Village HOA, Crossroads III HOA, Four Winds HOA, Crossroads I, Cultural Corridor, Rulon Earl Mobile Home, Crestwood Neighborhood Association, Five Points Business Association, El Camino Community Association, Canyon Mist Estates, Glen Heather Estates, Huntridge Neighborhood Association and La Mancha Summerlin Property](#)

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SHERRY TALSETH, Charleston Village HOA, stated that the request is for dusk-to-dawn lighting for the homeowners as the neighborhood is experiencing a high homeless population causing safety issues for residents walking from their assigned parking to their homes. The requested grant would enable the association to offer 47 lights, and the homeowner can choose where to position the lighting. If the response is positive, the association will be looking at a second phase. They want to create a safe neighborhood, and the association will send out notification to all homeowners informing them that the lighting is available to the first 47 people who apply.

MS. TALSETH verified for MEMBERS TOUSSAINT and SCHULTZ that the lights will be placed on the homeowners' property, and once the lights are installed, the homeowner is responsible for the electricity and maintenance of the lights. The cost-effective lights are high output and will remain on continuously.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked if the homeowner association has identified darker areas throughout the neighborhood and given those homeowners first choice instead of on a first-come first-served basis. MS. TALSETH responded that the homeowner association wants to be equitable to every resident; most homeowners have already expressed the desire to have the lights.

CHAIR HOLMES verified with MS. TALSETH that if the Board is unable to fund the minimum amount, the association would continue with the project and accept whatever amount is granted. MS. TALSETH discussed with MEMBER KIRK that the homeowners association wants to provide additional lighting, and this is a good start in providing a safe environment. She is confident that they will get funding, but in the event they should not, they will have to reduce the number of lights.

DOROTHY CHAVEZ and ED RECTOR, Crossroads III HOA, were present. MS. CHAVEZ explained that the grant would allow for improvement of the current lighting, which is 25 years old and no longer provides adequate lighting for the community. They would like to install the new Cree LEDway 274-watt fixture to replace the old 150-watt light fixtures. The new lighting will be a crime deterrent as it provides increased illumination near the surveillance cameras that capture questionable activity. The increased illumination will provide a safer community for the residents, composed of young and senior families. MR. RECTOR clarified for MEMBER NORERO that currently they do not have cameras set up at the entrance. MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified with MS. CHAVEZ that they are not a gated community, and they own the

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lighting. At one time, there were two entrances to the community and once they closed one, it became private property of the homeowners association. MEMBER NORERO asked what types of crime issues they are experiencing. MS. CHAVEZ replied that vehicles have been vandalized and stolen, and in one instance, the cameras captured the burglar, but the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department was unable to identify the person.

CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. RECTOR that if the Board is unable to fund the minimum grant request, they can still continue with the project because the lack of proper lighting is a safety issue. MS. CHAVEZ added that they would look at the same type of lighting but less wattage. MEMBER SCHULTZ verified with MR. RECTOR that the request is solely for the installation of the lights, and that the operating expense for electricity is part of their normal budget. He was told that the new lights would be cheaper, but he did not know by how much. Additionally, MR. RECTOR explained that their community is close to the Crossroads I Community, which put in the same type of lighting, and the same company will be installing the lights; that company offered a two-year warranty and the products are made in the United States.

MARVIN MINUSHKIN, Vice President, and JERRY SHANER, President of Four Winds HOA, were present. MR. MINUSHKIN submitted his written comments for the record regarding the proposed multi-use casita/storage project. MR. SHANER showed photos of completed projects from 2009 to 2015, and MR. MINUSHKIN outlined those projects, which have positively impacted the members of this community. He then explained that the current casita project is because of a need for multi-use events, as well as storage for lawn maintenance equipment, tables, chairs and barbeque equipment. The maintenance committee and neighborhood watch block captains will work with hired companies to prepare the site for the casita. The roofing, stucco, installation of a portable air conditioner and painting will be done by the project team volunteers. The total project cost is \$32,730.33.

MR. MINUSHKIN discussed with MEMBER BORYSEWICH that the equipment is currently being stored at his house. To ensure the equipment is not vandalized or stolen, security cameras will be placed around the perimeter of the neighborhood and the fence will have a lock.

CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. SHANER that in the event the Board cannot fund the minimum request, they would still move forward with the project.

JOANNA TACON and VICTORIA BRIDGES, Crossroads I, were present. MS. TACON showed photos for the clubhouse expansion that will provide a larger space for neighborhood meet-and-greets. The expansion will reuse space from the spa room, which currently is not accessible to the community.

MEMBER NORERO verified with MS. TACON that the main objective is to generate more interest in homeowners association monthly meetings; the larger space would accommodate larger groups, and in turn, protect and make the community safer. MS. BRIDGES added that it would provide a social aspect for the community. She confirmed for MEMBERS BORYSEWICH and NORERO that the community has 128 homes, comprised of retired seniors and young couples with children; they are trying to make the community more family-friendly.

MEMBER KIRK asked how they came up with the \$2,000 minimum, to which MS. BRIDGES replied that many homeowners volunteer, and they work hard to get things done. They appreciate the Neighborhood Partners Fund Board for their support in the past, and they will accept whatever amount is granted. MEMBER NORERO verified that the area has been run down for a long time, and a lot of work is needed to restore it to its original condition. CHAIR HOLMES also verified that they will do their best to continue with the project in the event they should receive only the minimum request because they have come so far; to stop the project at this point would be devastating. MEMBER SKILBRED asked if the spa area is being kept locked, as it seems like a serious safety hazard for children in the community. MS. TACON replied that the area is currently boarded, and a security gate will be installed once the club house is expanded.

PAM THOMAS, Cultural Corridor Coalition, outlined the members of the Cultural Corridor Coalition, including the Neon Museum, Cashman Center, Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort, Las Vegas Library and Anderson Dairy. They meet monthly to discuss neighborhood issues, events and marketing opportunities. Local and out-of-town visitors see a run-down neighborhood based on the first block of lights at the entrance of the neighborhood located at Bonanza Road and Las Vegas Boulevard. In order to improve the neighborhood's perception, they have completed many neighborhood projects with Neighborhood Partners Fund Board grants, including banners and murals; flyers and photos of the murals were submitted

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for the record. MS. THOMAS indicated that this year's project would fund the marketing of December to Remember, an annual event that celebrates free or affordable, quality and family holiday traditions from around the world. This event explores traditions from ethnic groups and world faiths by depicting their cultural and religious traditions. By sharing similarities and differences, the Cultural Corridor helps bring communities closer together. The grant will help market to local residents through local radio and Cox Communications online during the months of November and December 2016. They hope to reach approximately 156,600 people by radio advertising and approximately 70,000 through the Cox online banner advertising.

MEMBER SCHULTZ verified the promotional budget would help the entire community, and that the selected radio stations are 100.5 FM, 95.1 FM and 98.5 FM, and they are looking into AM radio stations. Cox online banner is on the internet site, and they have worked with the aforementioned radio stations in the past. MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified with MS. THOMAS that they will be advertising events held at different locations, such as concerts in the library, traditional and cultural displays at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, activities for kids by the Neon Museum and the Mormon Fort Pioneer Christmas; they would like to promote these events as one package. He verified that this marketing strategy brings events during the month of December for the entire neighborhood. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified that last year's grant was used for the murals and the same project; however, the two locations they had selected did not happen, and the mural project is not part of this request. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MS. THOMAS that they will do some of the programming if they do not receive the entire funding request.

RICK ROSEN, Rulon Earl Mobile Home Park, stated that homeowners have lived here for 30 years, and there is a good sense of community. The requested funds would allow the purchase of 41 portable air conditioning units to help the health and comfort of the seniors. MR. ROSEN indicated that he has spearheaded this effort and has been pleasantly surprised by the willingness of neighbors who offered their service supporting this project, as well as educating the residents on the proper use of the air conditioner units. WalMart at Boulder Highway agreed to supply 42 portable air coolers, including delivery and set up at each individual mobile home.

MEMBER SCHULTZ asked who would own the portable units once installed. MR. ROSEN replied that the resident would own the unit and should the unit fail, the supplier will come out to repair it. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified with MR. ROSEN that these are portable units that can be set in a 15-foot area and placed wherever the residents need it the most. MEMBER SKILBRED remarked that these portable units are great during the day but asked if the units are mobile enough to be moved into the bedroom. MR. ROSEN replied that the unit is similar to a space heater and is easy to move.

MR. ROSEN informed MEMBER BORYSEWICH that they have not determined who will receive the units first, but probably do it on a need basis and for those most at risk, especially those who are home-bound. MEMBER MITCHELL recognized the need for these types of units, and asked if a homeowners association board would make the decision on who would receive the units. MR. ROSEN replied that a board was created that would vote on who needs the units first. MEMBER CHRISTENSEN wondered the cost involved in operating the units 24-7, to which MR. ROSEN indicated that these units would only cool a portion of the home and are much more effective to cool a small area rather than the entire home. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH informed the Board that this is a Housing Authority Mobile Home Park, and her understanding is that mobile homes are owned by some of the seniors and the land is owned by the Housing Authority.

CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. ROSEN that the units come with a warranty, and in the event the Board is unable to fund the minimum request, they will buy what they can afford with the funding they receive.

ASHLEY LEE, President, and ROSALIE NEIDHARDT, Crestwood Neighborhood Association, were present. MS. LEE indicated that last year's grant was used for the Crestwood Neighborhood sign, which gives the residents a sense of identity. This year's request is for the National Night Out/block party to encourage people to get to know one another and create a sense of community. MS. NEIDHARDT commented that crime has increased, and she referred to crime reports suggesting establishing a neighborhood watch. Their goal is to reach the entire community on the neighborhood Facebook group. Different vendors will be at the National Night Out to attract residents, and there will be a shaved ice cart, children's characters, face painting and a live band. The idea is to engage the entire community and to make it a fun and collaborative event. National Night Out is a collaboration between neighborhoods and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) to promote community partnerships to make the community safer. This event will not be exclusive to Crestwood, as adjacent communities are invited.

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MEMBER SCHULTZ liked the project and believed that this National Night Out event is the right thing to do, but he asked what their long-term goal is. MS. LEE replied that during National Night Out, information will be available about joining the Facebook group informing the residents about scheduled community meetings. Her goal is to have murals installed on the easement alley-way because it is an eyesore and have this event every year. MEMBER MITCHELL asked how they plan to engage the neighborhood. MS. LEE replied that part of the grant process is to advertise with a banner on Facebook, a press release, television, as well as engaging and informing the residents of other neighborhood associations. MS. NEIDHARDT indicated that they are working on blocking off a three-block area.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT commented that he has fond memories of this particular community because he lived in the nearby area, and National Night Out is an amazing event that brings people together. MS. LEE explained that they work with Metro's safety liaison for this event. MEMBER KIRK commended them for the community outreach and for reaching out to residents who live in the adjacent communities.

CHAIR HOLMES verified with MS. LEE that if the Board is unable to fund the minimum request, they will go forward with the project and will continue to build the partnership with the City of Las Vegas. MS. LEE is proud of this community; the neighborhood entered a float in the Helldorado Parade, which won first place for the Most Creative category.

ADAM FOULAD, RODY YOUSIF, PAUL MACULASO, SHARON PETERSON and JODIE HOOVER, Five Points Business Association, were present. MR. FOULAD indicated that their goal is to address the immediate needs of the downtown area. They meet to discuss how to mitigate those needs with the help of small businesses, investors, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the Health District, Code Enforcement and the Fire Department. The two-part project consists of a mural at Hollingsworth Elementary School and a community barbeque social. MR. MACULASO referred to the photographs he submitted for the record depicting the graffiti on the school walls. They want to give the school the excitement and life it deserves.

MS. PETERSON added that the barbeque social would bring the community, students, parents, volunteers, city authorities and agencies together to inform people about available resources. The community wants to give the Downtown Area Command the credit they deserve, and this will help to communicate with the residents. Volunteers, faculty and staff from Hollingsworth Elementary School and officers from the Downtown Area Command will assist as well. Some volunteers will work on the mural, some will be in charge of beverages for the barbeque and staff will clean-up. Students attending Hollingsworth Elementary School will participate in painting the mural to give them a sense of pride and leave a lasting mark on their school. MR. YOUSIF explained that the grant will help pay for the mural and supplies; it is a costly project due to the added guidance of a muralist. The goal is to establish a stronger community network between the residents and the community resources. If given the opportunity, Five Points Business Association will ensure that the dilapidated facade of Hollingsworth Elementary School will become something the community can be proud of for years to come.

MR. FOULAD referred to the photographs he submitted stating that the actual mural will be located inside the school, and the outside walls will be painted a solid color. MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked if the Clark County School District approved having the walls painted, how graffiti would be mitigated and how students would be selected to participate in the painting the mural. MR. FOULAD responded that they have permission from the school district to paint the interior and outside walls. In the event the outside walls are retagged, the remaining solid color will be used to retouch the wall. Every student is invited to participate.

MR. FOULAD explained for MEMBER SCHULTZ that they have not decided what will be on the mural, but they will try to match the butterfly murals painted in the past. MR. FOULAD explained for MEMBERS KIRK and NORERO that they are business owners trying to improve the neighborhood and bringing the community together to address graffiti and homeless issues. He owns property near the school, and problems near the main focal point should be taken care of; painting the outside walls would beautify the school.

MEMBER SKILBRED was enthusiastic about the project because not only it will improve the school and the community, but they are positively teaching and impacting the students; the school was a great site to select. CHAIR HOLMES asked MR. FOULAD if the Board is unable to fund the minimum amount, would they still move forward with the project. MR. FOULAD replied that if that happens, they might have to regroup because they have already asked for donations; the most

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they have received is \$500.00.

KEITH THOMAS and KEN TRUMAN, El Camino Community Association, were present. MR. THOMAS referred to information and photographs to describe the Provident Community Garden (PCG). The PCG was created in 2011 and was originally located near the intersection of Jones Boulevard and Sahara Avenue and was created in 2011. The PCG lost its lease when the property owner decided to sell the land, and the PCG found a new location, which needs more plants and fruits. The PCG provides general members gardening skills to grow their own food. The new garden will have a similar layout and 93 existing boxes will be moved from the old garden to the new garden; 40 boxes have already been moved. MR. TRUMAN added that the new garden is two and a half acres located across from the Mountain View Baptist Church. MR. THOMAS stated that the irrigation system is installed to every box. Half of the grant would be used to complete the shade structure to use as storage for gardening tools, and the other half for the purchase of fruit trees and plants. A \$75 fee will be charged for anyone wanting a gardening box, and they have use of the box for as long as they want; a \$10 quarterly fee will cover the water usage. Master Gardeners come to the garden on a daily basis to teach basic gardening classes for those interested in using a planting box. MR. TRUMAN pointed out that the difficulty was lifting and bringing the boxes from the previous garden due to their size; they had to rent equipment from Ahern to lift the boxes. MR. THOMAS stated that all boxes are filled with dirt.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified with MR. TRUMAN that they have a five-year lease with an additional five-year renewal, and he did not believe this vacant lot would be sold. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified that residents will make themselves available to help with the planting. MR. TRUMAN added that the community garden will provide volunteer opportunities for the Eagle Scouts. MEMBER SCHULTZ was impressed with what they are doing with the vacant land. He also verified that they will have winter, fall, spring and summer gardens; families come out with their children to work in the garden. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. THOMAS that if the Board cannot fund even the minimum amount, they will limit the trees that require more water.

MIKE GRIFFIN, Secretary, and RAY MITCHELL, Treasurer, Canyon Mist Estates, were present. MR. GRIFFIN explained that the project will remove dying plants and shrubs to enhance the front entry and the center island along Jones Boulevard and Elkhorn Way. In addition, new lighting would be installed to improve security and personal safety, and fixtures on the pillars at the gated entryway will be replaced. Bender boards would be replaced around the parks and walkways with concrete curbing. They have been proactive in maintaining the property at the highest level, and they have negotiated the best prices; they received multiple bids and have chosen the one they consider the best value for the money. These updates were put on hold because of flooding as a result of the Kyle Canyon fire, which caused damages to the existing landscaping. Over the last two years, they focused on the repair and replacement of that landscaping, and they would like to continue to upgrade the community now that the work has been completed.

MEMBER MITCHELL verified with MR. GRIFFIN that they contacted several vendors who have done landscaping for them in the past and asked for bids. The design was a collaborative effort with the vendors. MEMBER SCHULTZ discussed with MR. GRIFFIN that the 100 members pay a \$105 homeowners association monthly fee. MEMBER MITCHELL added that the proposed project was not budgeted as that money was spent to replace the landscaping damaged by flooding. In response to MEMBER BORYSEWICH'S inquiry about insurance to cover damages caused by the flooding, MR. GRIFFIN responded that the deductible was extensive and did not cover the damages. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. GRIFFIN that in the event the Board could not fund the minimum amount, they will still move forward with the project, although it might take longer to complete the project.

SHELLY WALTERS, President of the Glen Heather Estates Neighborhood Association, distributed information regarding their project to repair and repaint the discolored wall on Rancho Drive starting at Oakey Boulevard and ending at Glen Heather Way. They received two bids of \$2,500 to repaint the wall, and in addition, the neighborhood would like to have a block party to celebrate the sign completion and wall beautification; the cost would be \$1,600.

MEMBER KIRK wondered if the neighbors were asked to volunteer to keep the cost down. MS. WALTERS replied in the affirmative, and she further explained that extra paint would be stored to use for graffiti removal. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified that the walls are owned by different property owners. MS. WALTERS indicated that she would need to notify the owners and get their approval; she did not foresee any opposition. CHAIR HOLMES verified that if the Board is unable to fund the minimum amount, they would probably continue with the project. However, they would need more donations from the neighborhood and possibly save some money on the block party event.

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MELISSA CLARY, President of the Huntridge Neighborhood Association, referred to the information submitted for the record and gave a brief overview of the project. The Huntridge neighborhood has not officially been designated as an historic neighborhood, but they are working with the Planning Department to get national recognition. There are approximately 330 homes in the neighborhood with professional and commercial developments along Charleston Boulevard and Maryland Parkway. The project request is to plant and replace trees as there is lack of vegetation. MS. CLARY stated that the minimum amount would fund up to three breezeways, which entails three desert native trees, redressing the area topsoil and planting desert shrubs or adding rock for variety. They will work with other neighborhoods on this project, as well as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and will utilize Crestwood Elementary Schools hand tools for digging.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT referred to last years questions about ownership of the breezeways and right-of-ways. MS. CLARY replied that there were no issues as far as who owns the property. The homeowners have agreed to water the plants and the trees, and for elderly residents, an adjacent neighbor is willing to take care of the plants. After seeing last years results, residents are excited about getting involved. MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified with MS. CLARY that trees planted last year are desert native and do not require much watering; those are still alive. There is a monetary value that increases with the planting of trees, and studies show that neighborhoods with mature trees tend to have higher property values; a tree benefit guide is distributed at the neighborhood association meetings and to each new tree owner. In response to MEMBER BORYSEWICH'S inquiry about photographs of trees planted last year, MS. CLARY indicated that photographs can be found on the Huntridge Neighborhood Blog spot page. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, stated that she will ask neighborhood associations to provide updates on their projects. MEMBER KIRK stated that he lives in the neighborhood and is familiar with the project, and he confirmed that all trees are still alive and this helps to improve the community.

MEMBER NORERO verified that the trees are strategically placed near the entryway to the community, and this has also spurred interest in planting trees in other residents' yards. MEMBER SKILBRED remarked that this project is the same as last years, and this concerns her because the point of the grant is to get something started that takes off on its own. MS. CLARY responded that it is not exactly the same because they have selected new sites, and a barbeque event will be held at the completion of the project. They are working to get the City's attention to try to extend this for a possible capital improvement. MS. CLARY further explained that the Spencer Greenway Trail Alignment is an NV Energy easement and is undergoing a possible design study with the help of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. This project is helping them

master plan for the neighborhood, which does not have the resources outside of these grants. They want to invest in the neighborhood, and the trees will be there for years to come.

MEMBER MITCHELL verified with MS. CLARY that this project was a collaborative effort, and as President of the neighborhood association, she wrote the grant. If they get the grant, they will work with Star Nursery on purchasing the trees, contingent upon resources, canvass the neighborhood and schedule planting dates with the assistance of the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MS. CLARY that if the Board should be unable to fund the minimum amount, they will dwindle down the resources and the scope would be decreased. MEMBER TOUSSAINT asked if the homeowners were asked to contribute, to which MS. CLARY replied they cannot financially help at this time, but they are required to assist with the planting. The neighborhood gives in-kind donations, such as tools, and residents are using their water from their property. The neighborhood association has looked at Star Nursery discounts and has encouraged neighbors to buy plants from the state nursery at Floyd Lamb, and some residents purchased their own plants.

JEAN PERRY, resident and member of the Board of Directors of the La Mancha Summerlin Neighborhood Association, and DOUG VAN GILDER, President, were present. MS. PERRY stated that past funding was used to enhance the front entryway and improved the value of the homes. The current clubhouse has no furniture, and the requested grant would help

fund indoor/outdoor seating and a dining table set with folding chairs. The goal is to develop a calendar of events, and residents have volunteered to clean and set up the clubhouse. Residents are encouraged to provide input, get to know each other and create a sense of community.

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MEMBER MITCHELL verified with MS. PERRY that the homeowner association will also be contributing, and half of the 44 homeowners in the community are interested in participating. MEMBER NORERO was pleased that events will be scheduled to bring the elderly together with the younger people and to make them feel valuable. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MS. PERRY that if the Board is unable to fund the minimum amount, the association would have to look at their budget to see how much they could contribute.

11. [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:

None.

12. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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